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A Vision of the Future

**2021-2026
Town of Blue River**

Blue River Comprehensive Plan

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Introduction

Definition: *Comprehensive Planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The result is called a Comprehensive Plan or general plan that offers recommendations to the municipal governing body regarding public policies on a wide range of issues including transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing. Comprehensive Plans typically encompass large geographical areas, a broad range of topics, and cover long-term time horizon. In Colorado, the Comprehensive Plan is advisory in nature but serves an important and critical role in the formation of public policies and future laws.*

The Town of Blue River's Comprehensive Plan is an officially adopted policy document that establishes the Town's goals and vision for the future. It provides direction for decisions affecting the use and development of land, recreation, preservation of open space, transportation systems, partnerships with other organizations, economic growth, the expansion and maintenance of public facilities and services, and the relationship between land use patterns and fiscal policies.

The original Comprehensive Plan was adopted in August 2015. This is an update and revision of that previously /adopted plan. The Comprehensive Plan Committee provided direction for the updated plan by reviewing and retaining relevant sections, public outreach through citizen Town Hall events, surveys from 2017 and 2019 conducted by the Citizen Advisory Committee as well as input from the Open Space and Trails Committee. The Comprehensive Plan Committee was challenged with preparing the plan during a pandemic which precluded meeting in person.

The Comprehensive Plan will serve as a general guide to property owners and developers to understand the community's vision and potential uses of existing land in and around the Town. The plan articulates the expectations about the physical form of development and assists developers in making informed land use decisions.

The Plan may be used to protect the unique qualities that brought residents to Blue River, the small rural, residential mountain town, close proximity to outdoor recreational opportunities, a pristine environment for residents and wildlife, and living in a healthy state of nature.

The Comprehensive Plan is not the land use code. It does not change existing regulation, nor does it create new regulations. It is an advisory document providing guidance to the governing body and commissions for future decision making on land use. The Comprehensive Plan is written to provide general policy direction while also providing recommended priorities and suggestions.

Plan Summary

Mission Statement

The Town of Blue River endeavors to nurture our serene mountain community by conserving our natural residential environment, promoting unity with our neighbors and surroundings, channeling the voice of our residents, and enhancing the quality of life for all.

Recreation

The Recreation Chapter provides goals and suggestions for planning to guide the future development and planning for recreation including open space, trails, parks, and the Goose Pasture Tarn. It focuses on the physical improvements and ways to improve the use and recreations within the Town. The Recreation Chapter focuses on the Goose Pasture Tarn, trails, recreation and connectivity, and open space.

Land Use

The Land Use Chapter provides recommendations for future development. The chapter focuses on landscaping, berms, signage, and architectural design. In addition, the chapter provides recommendations to address short-term rental regulations and housing.

Future Vision

The Future Vision Chapter outlines suggestions and recommendations for Town facilities, utilities, transportation, and potential economic development. The chapter addressed the desired vision of the future of the community and potential growth.

Statistics & Use

The final two chapters of the Comprehensive Plan provide a snapshot of the current demographics and state of the Town as well as future projection. Strategies are provided as a tool to achieving goals and visions outlined throughout the plan.

Parks, Trails, Open Space & Recreation



The Town of Blue River is a residential community located on the south end of the Ten Mile Range within the White River National Forest. Access to recreation and recreational opportunities is an important community asset to residents of the Town of Blue River. These land uses provide both passive and active recreation opportunities for residents and reinforce the outdoor lifestyle and connection to the mountain environment.

The Town has identified four areas of focus and future recreational opportunities: Goose Pasture Tarn, Trails, Parks/Recreation and Connectivity. The Comprehensive Plan Development Committee reviewed the focus areas, conducted a citizen Town Hall and a resident survey to gather input and ideas. In addition, input was sought from the Blue River Open Space & Trails Committee. The recommendations in this chapter are a compilation and consensus for the future of recreation in Blue River.

Focus Area I: Goose Pasture Tarn

Constructed in the early 1960's, the Goose Pasture Tarn, or "Tarn", is a key recreational asset for the Town of Blue River. The Tarn is a 771-acre-foot reservoir serving as the primary water source for the Town of Breckenridge and is part of the Upper Blue River watershed. Land around the Tarn is privately owned, while the Town of Blue River owns a portion of wetlands to the south of the Tarn. The Tarn is a recreational resource for fishing, canoes, kayaks, standup paddleboard, rowboats, and boats with electric trolling motors. Use and access to the Tarn is restricted for Blue River residents.

The 2015 Blue River Comprehensive Plan recommended minor improvements such as signage, trails, a dock, and improved parking.



Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
<p>Future Vision</p>	<p>Obtain ownership of land around the Tarn to preserve use and character while enhancing services and recreation. The Tarn Dam will be under construction until fall 2023. This provides a unique opportunity to address future ideas.</p> <p>Winter activity should be reviewed in the future depending on access and interest. Activities not offered in other areas of Summit County should be considered. Signage is necessary to illustrate winter use at own risk.</p> <p>The Tarn should remain natural and without structure or organization for Town resident use only.</p>
<p>Interpretive Signage & Natural Trails</p>	<p>Provide educational signage on the Tarn, history, natural habitat, and surrounding area.</p> <p>Signage constructed of natural materials, and which is unobtrusive or blends into the environment is encouraged.</p> <p>Trails should remain natural in character and new trails constructed to avoid significant disruption of the environment. It is encouraged to establish a sustainable trail around the Tarn connecting into the Blue River Trail system.</p>
<p>Future Facilities & Access</p>	<p>Enhance the resident's use of the Tarn with minimal impacts through an improved boat launch, picnic area and eco-friendly restroom facilities. Improvements should meet all applicable federal and state accessibility requirements.</p> <p>Small boats with electric motors, rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and standup paddleboards should be allowed for use and recreation on the Tarn subject to Town permitting.</p> <p>Enhancements to the boat ramp and parking area are needed to accommodate an increase in use at the Tarn. The Town is encouraged to review and improve the existing layout, parking, and safety access to the Tarn. Access should include natural/native vegetation to address erosion and restoration of the disturbed use.</p> <p>Access to the Tarn should continue to be restricted to Blue River residents. The current vehicular access to the Tarn at State Highway 9 should be redesigned and improved to ensure safe ingress and egress. Any improvement should preserve and enhance the surrounding natural environment. The Town is encouraged to work in cooperation with CDOT for improved access.</p> <p>To provide secure access to the Tarn, develop a restricted entry pass system. With limited area for parking and use, the Town is encouraged to develop messaging to residents to utilize trail connectivity from neighborhoods.</p> <p>Improved signage is encouraged to educate on restrictions and use.</p>

Focus Area II: Trails

Trails located in the surrounding National Forest provide Town of Blue River residents access to their favored activities of hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and Nordic skiing. With the establishment of the Blue River Open Space and Trails Committee, the Town of Blue River has an opportunity to evaluate and pursue enhancements to access for residents and provide for local connectivity. The developed trail system should focus on conservation acknowledging public and private access while being mindful of property rights.



Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
Open Space & Trails Documents	<p>In 2018, the Town of Blue River established the Blue River Trails Committee now known as Blue River Open Space & Trails Committee. The Committee has dedicated time and resources towards the establishment of guiding documents to provide a vision and plan for trails in the future.</p>
Open Space & Trails	<p>Prior to the incorporation of the Town of Blue River in 1964, much of the area was privately owned, subdivided, managed, and sold for real estate development. Many of the privately recorded subdivision maps reference easements for pedestrian use. Town use of many easements have not been available to Town residents. As the Town of Blue River approaches build out, the ability to create open space and new trails will be further restricted.</p> <p>Potential trail route easements may cross private property. It will be necessary to secure new easements. There should be careful planning to minimize impacts on private property.</p> <p>Open space and safe passages should be considered.</p> <p>Funding should be appropriated for the acquisition of trail easements.</p>
Signage	<p>As trails are established, across private property, clear signage is necessary to ensure trail users remain on the trails. This will provide a level of comfort to property owners providing easements.</p> <p>Signage should be consistent throughout Town.</p> <p>Trail signage should be constructed to natural materials and should be unobtrusive or blend into the environment to provide direction as well as educational points of interest.</p> <p>Directional signage through neighborhoods to trail heads or activities is discouraged.</p>
Trail Heads	<p>The Town of Blue River seeks to mitigate neighborhood impacts and to preserve trails for residential use. Trailheads or other organized parking areas that provide access to trails should be discouraged to limit impact. Where trailheads are necessary, they should be limited in area and restricted in access. Proper signage should be established for parking restrictions.</p> <p>Trail connectivity, through Town neighborhoods, is encouraged utilizing existing parking. The Town is encouraged to promote trail connectivity from residences.</p>

Focus Area III: Parks

Parks are an asset to the residents of the Town of Blue River. The Town of Blue River established the Robert A. Theobald Memorial Park in 2012 with the assistance of a grant from the Greater Outdoors Colorado funding program. The “Town Park” provides picnic tables, playground equipment and interpretive/educational signage along the Pennsylvania Creek. As the Town population grows, there is interest to expand use and activities via parks within the Town of Blue River.



Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
<p>Establish Neighborhood Parks</p>	<p>The Committee encourages the creation of additional neighborhood parks throughout Town. Parks provide residents an opportunity to gather for community and recreation. The Town is encouraged to develop parks as an additional amenity. The Town should explore the purchase of land for open space and park use. The development of smaller neighborhood parks is encouraged to allow for expanded activities and safe spaces for residents to enjoy without the need to leave the community.</p> <p>Land and area to allow for the for other recreational opportunities is desired by the residents.</p>
<p>Existing Park Expansion</p>	<p>The existing Town Park provides an array of activities primarily focused on young children. Expansion of the existing park should allow for additional recreational features and activities desired by the residents.</p>

Focus Area IV: Recreation & Connectivity

State Highway 9 bisects the Town of Blue River. The highway is a narrow two-lane highway with limited shoulders and a speed limit of 50 mph. Safe multimodal transportation from Blue River to other communities within Summit County is a high priority.

Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
<p>Hoosier Recreation Path</p>	<p>Two studies and plans exist to create a safe path along the State Highway 9 corridor Hoosier Pass Recreation Path Feasibility Study as well as a CDOT Access Plan. These plans provide tools for the creation of a safe recreation path for the corridor.</p> <p>Funding for the establishment of the recreational path should be considered on an annual basis. Recommendations for possible funding include setting aside a percentage of taxes and fees collected or establishing a special tax as funding allows. It is also recommended to consider a community fundraising campaign.</p> <p>The Town of Blue River is encouraged to continue to work in partnership with Summit County, the Town of Breckenridge, CDOT and other partners to achieve this goal.</p>
<p>Subdivision Connectivity</p>	<p>Connectivity is viewed by the Committee as providing the ability for our residents to access outdoor recreation without the use of a motorized vehicle. Development of trail access to outdoor recreation without the use of automobiles or vehicles through the neighborhoods is encouraged.</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Non-motorized, winter activities are encouraged on trails and open space. Use of the Tarn, during winter months, is at the users own risks.</p> <p>The Town is encouraged to promote recreation consistent with the character of Town and the preservation of open space and to protect areas for wildlife corridors preserving the rural mountain experience. This goal may be accomplished through the purchase, preservation, and designation of areas to serve as open space and trails, and to protect the natural watercourse of the Blue River, as well as the creations of zone districts and regulations that will reasonably limit development of areas more suited for the purposes of recreation and connectivity.</p>

Land Use

Future Land Use Plan is a geographic and thematic representation of the future direction for physical planning called for in this chapter. This is a critical component of the Comprehensive Plan is a physical planning tool to assist in ensuring the future vision of the Town. It is advisory in nature, laying the foundation with recommendations for possible regulation and planning. It is neither zoning nor a zoning map. The land use plan does not restrict existing or lawfully established uses.

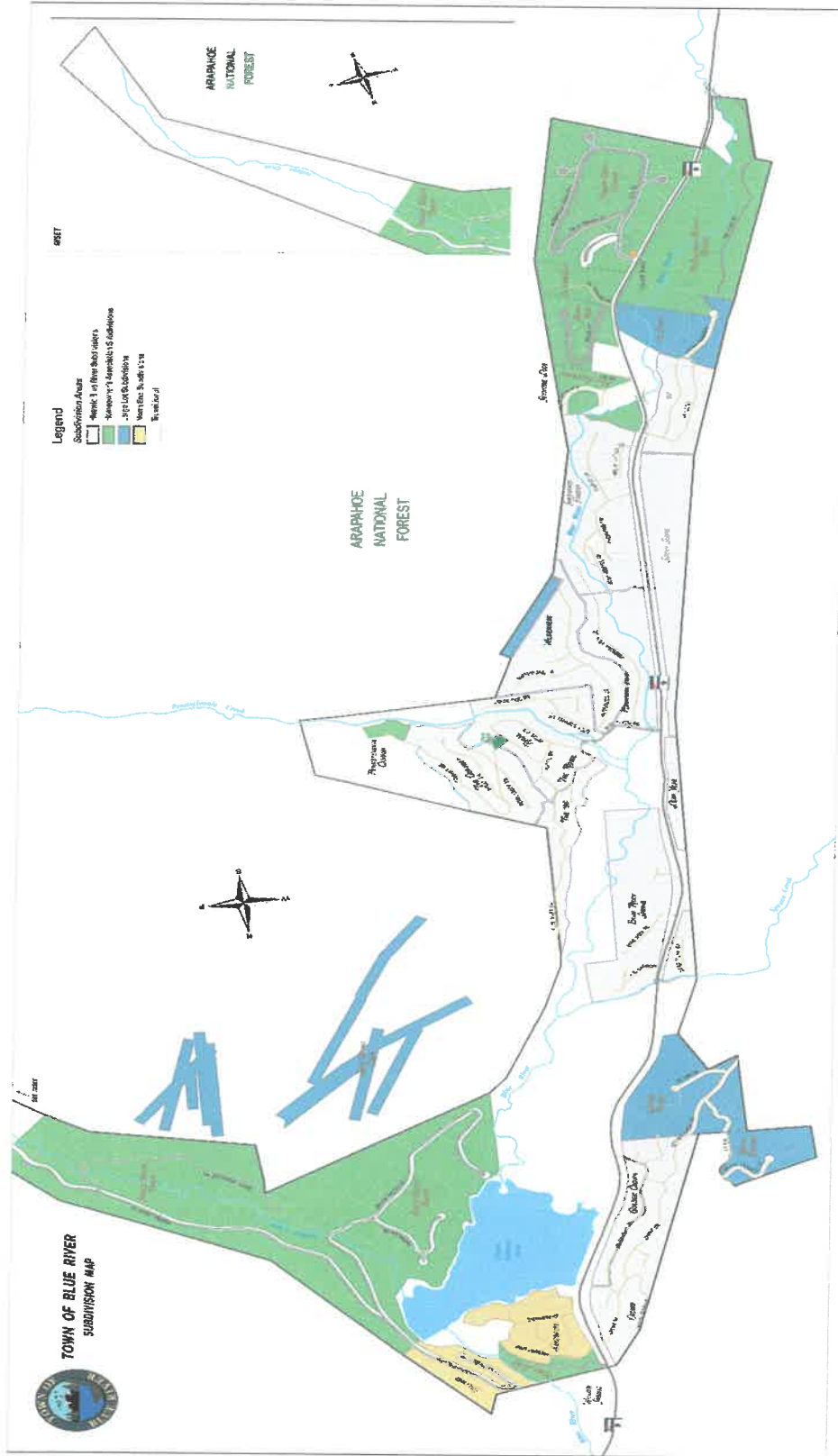
The Land Use Chapter provides goals and recommendations by identifying future development standards. The Town is comprised of platted subdivisions and are designated as developed neighborhoods. It is acknowledged that these areas will continue to build out and existing structures will be renovated or replaced.

The Town of Blue River is situated in the Upper Blue River Basin and Summit County's Upper Blue Master Plan calls for a transition from urban land use patterns in Breckenridge to a rural, mountain setting. Densities in Blue River are mixed, with some attached residential development mostly situated into landscape in such a way that the visual impacts are reduced, and the vistas are maintained. Future development in the Town of Blue River should continue to be sensitive to visual impacts and should encourage site design to blend the architecture into the landscape and to minimize impacts to wildlife while considering good stewardship of the environment.

Areas addressed in the Land Use Chapter consists of landscaping, berms, and architectural design. In addition, discussion and recommendations for short-term rentals and future housing is addressed. In reviewing the different components of this chapter, the Committee sectioned the Town into four key neighborhood areas. When considering regulations, it is recommended to consider the neighborhood character and location within the Town.

Neighborhood Areas:

- **North End:** Lakeshore; Spillway
- **Historic Blue River:** 96 Subdivision; 97 Circle Subdivision; Blue Rock Springs; Coronet; Crown; Golden Crown; Leap Year; Mountain View; Regal; Royal; Sherwood Forest; Sunny Slope; Wilderness.
- **Larger Lots:** 97 Sub South; Bryce Estates; Clyde Lode; Louise Placer; Smith Mining Claim.
- **HOA Areas:** Aspen View; DOT; McCullough Gulch Reserve; New Eldorado; Pennsylvania Canyon; Rivershore; Silverheels; Spruce Valley Ranch; Timber Creek Estates.



Regulations



Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
Regulations	<p>The character of Blue River is rural residential nestled within the White River National Forest. Regulations should be established to protect the character and not be inconsistent with the mission. The Town should ensure that regulations do not permit the construction of residences or structures that are inconsistent with the existing character within the same neighborhood. Inconsistency may result from building size (too large or too small), colors, materials, amount of glass surfaces; lot coverage, ridgeline, parking, driveway, garage, significant modification of the natural features of a building site including natural features or vegetation, and impacts associated with short-term rentals and home occupations.</p> <p>The Plan encourages flexible regulations to allow owners the reasonable opportunity to design residences provided that the character of the neighborhood is preserved and maintained.</p> <p>It is recommended to require open space and trail dedications as part of any annexation and to consider limiting annexations to larger lots.</p> <p>The Town is encouraged to acquire vacant lots or properties that are suitable for open space or trail use.</p>
Signage	<p>The Town should develop sign regulations as part of the Town Code.</p> <p>Regulations should provide for a reasonable ability for owners to convey messages permitted by the state and federal constitutions, but which discourage the proliferation of signs in size or number that would adversely impact the natural character of neighborhoods.</p> <p>Subdivision entry signs should be reasonably sized and designed to ensure that the color and materials reflect the natural character of the community. These signs should be appropriately located to minimize conflicts with vehicles and snow removal while preserving sight lines for turning vehicles. All entry signs shall be permanently maintained by a homeowner association or other entity.</p>
Landscaping	<p>The Town should encourage indigenous landscaping and establish landscaping guidelines.</p> <p>It is recognized that certain activities or conditions greatly impact the character of the Town including the creation and maintenance of berms, dead trees, and the lack of compliance of landscaping requirements by developers. The Town is encouraged to dedicate resources and enforcement to address issues that degrade or impair the quality and character of the community. Residents are encouraged to practice defensible space for wildfire mitigation.</p>

Architectural Design



Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
Lighting	<p>The Town is encouraged to continue progress towards full dark sky requirements. Focus should begin with new construction and development with changes in existing lighting taking place over time as renovations and improvements are made.</p>
Land Development	<p>The Town should consider measures to best balance the reasonable right to development of property with the protection of the natural environment and specifically wetlands, river and riparian areas and easements, floodway and floodplains, and wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Ensure consideration of the expectations of development and character of the community as expressed in the original covenants and other land use documents governing subdivisions that were created prior to contemporaneously with the Town's incorporation.</p> <p>Measures may include a means of limitation on the construction of residential homes that are inconsistent in size and mass with the existing development pattern.</p> <p>Encourage regulations that will promote consistency in development of new residential homes with the character of the Town, such as using regulations that require minimum and maximum square footage based on size of lot for the floor area ratio. The Town should consider open space ratios with building ratios and to limit homes greatly larger than the surrounding area. Regulations should allow the ability to increase the size of an existing home with consideration of the total lot size.</p>

Short-term Rentals/Housing

Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
<p>Short-term Rentals</p>	<p>Short-term rentals are the rental of a room or residence for a period of less than 30-days and absent a signed lease. The Town is encouraged to monitor the number of short-term rental permits and ensure a reasonable balance between different types of housing opportunities as well as ensuring protection of the community character.</p> <p>It is encouraged to develop messaging to reach short-term renters and visitors regarding requirements for managing trash and for reducing fire risks. Messaging should include QR codes with links to information on rules, and Town alerts.</p> <p>It is encouraged to review the possibility of central trash collections in the Town to reduce the negative impacts with wildlife.</p> <p>A cost-benefit analysis should be conducted to evaluate the overall impact of short-term rentals on the community, the administrative staff, the road, and public infrastructure.</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<p>The Town should monitor the forms occupancy of residences (e.g., short and long-term rentals, full-time residents, and second homeowners) to best track and measure the community character. This information could be used in designing regulatory and other tools to best preserve the desired community character.</p> <p>Accessory dwelling units should be considered as a tool to address long-term rental housing shortages. A review of the existing code and potential impacts should be conducted. Preserving the community character should be an important consideration when evaluating the potential for accessory dwelling units. Accessory dwelling units should not be allowed for short-term rental.</p> <p>Encourage the Town to explore all factors that contribute to housing challenges within the Town. The Town should consider creating a mix and balance of full-time residents, second homeowners, short and long-term renters, and visitors to maintain the community character of Blue River.</p>

Future Vision

In reviewing this chapter, the Comprehensive Plan Committee reviewed surveys conducted by the Citizen Advisory Committee in 2017 and 2019. The committee also reviewed and retained much of the language used in the 2015 adopted plan.



Trend/Issue	Key Strategies & Priority Actions
Transportation	<p>The Town is encouraged to work with Summit County Government and the Summit Stage to continue bus service along the Highway 9 corridor.</p> <p>Additional and better-defined bus stops along the State Highway 9 corridor should be explored with an increase in the frequency of bus availability as well as development of a park-n-ride facility serving Blue River residents.</p> <p>It is encouraged to work with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for increased safety and speed reduction along the Highway 9 corridor.</p> <p>The Town should refer to the CDOT Access Control Plan for guidance and direction on future improvements including a recreation path to encourage bike use along the corridor.</p> <p>The Town is encouraged to seek funding opportunities to fund future transportation possibilities and improvements.</p> <p>Where the paving of roads is desired, cost effective and feasible, the Town should explore situations where the paving of roads is feasible. New subdivisions should be required to provide for paved roads. When making improvements to the roads, the Town should refer to the adopted Capital Improvement Plan.</p>
Community Vision	<p>It is recommended for the Town to develop a Town Center for community gatherings, a park, and a pavilion. The Town Center area should consider a residential focused located or a setting near Town Hall and potentially incorporate open space areas or be located along Blue River Road.</p> <p>The Town should identify parcels centrally located and appropriate for a community pavilion, park and community gathering or community event area for resident use in a Town Park setting while maintaining the natural community character.</p> <p>The Town should research opportunities for conservation easements and acquire wetlands to preserve the Town's natural attributes, possibly utilizing a third-party land trust for the conservation of the land.</p> <p>It is recommended to research opportunities for conservation easements and wetlands for open space opportunities to preserve community character and preservation of the residential community.</p> <p>The Town should evaluate the appropriate housing mix for the Town that will best maintain the desired community character. This may be accomplished by exploring limits and regulations for short-term rentals to ensure the future of the community character. A review of the cost/benefit of short-term rentals should be conducted to ensure a community balance.</p>
Economic Development	<p>Ensure regulations for homebased businesses that will promote compatibility of these businesses with the desired residential community character.</p>

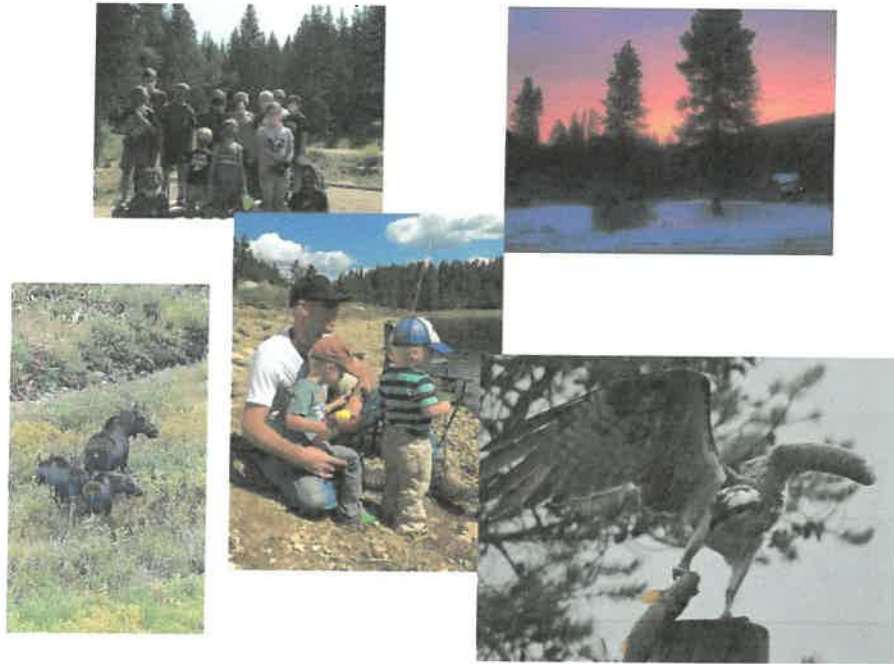
	<p>Develop additional funding sources for the funding of desired community amenities, improvements, and needs.</p> <p>Where possible, the Town is encouraged to annex areas that will enhance the community's character while providing for a local source of desired goods and services.</p> <p>The Town should assess attitudes towards short-term rentals to determine potential regulations. The Town should consider increasing the short-term rental tax to provide funding for community impacts.</p>
<p>Facilities & Utilities</p>	<p>The Town should coordinate with special districts for sewer, infrastructure, and utility improvements to provide for greater uniformity in the availability of such serves to residents, improved access to technology and enhanced livability while being sensitive to the environment, as appropriate, guided through public outreach.</p> <p>Encourage the expansion of telecommunications and to review improvements and expansion to existing facilities as needed.</p> <p>The Town should encourage the burying of utilities as improvements are conducted. The Town is encouraged to require new, major subdivisions to pave roads and bury all utilities.</p>

What is Our Future?

The Town of Blue River is a special place. Clean air and water, spectacular mountain vistas, abundant open spaces, diverse wildlife and vegetation, easy access to outdoor recreation and a small-town atmosphere are some of the attributes which define the community. It is the value of these intangibles that defines the physical character of the community. The Town's high alpine setting and pristine natural environment are the mainstay which attracts residents and visitors to this area and defines the community for what it is today.

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The Town is encouraged to consider surrounding area plans where they align with community values guided by Town resident input.

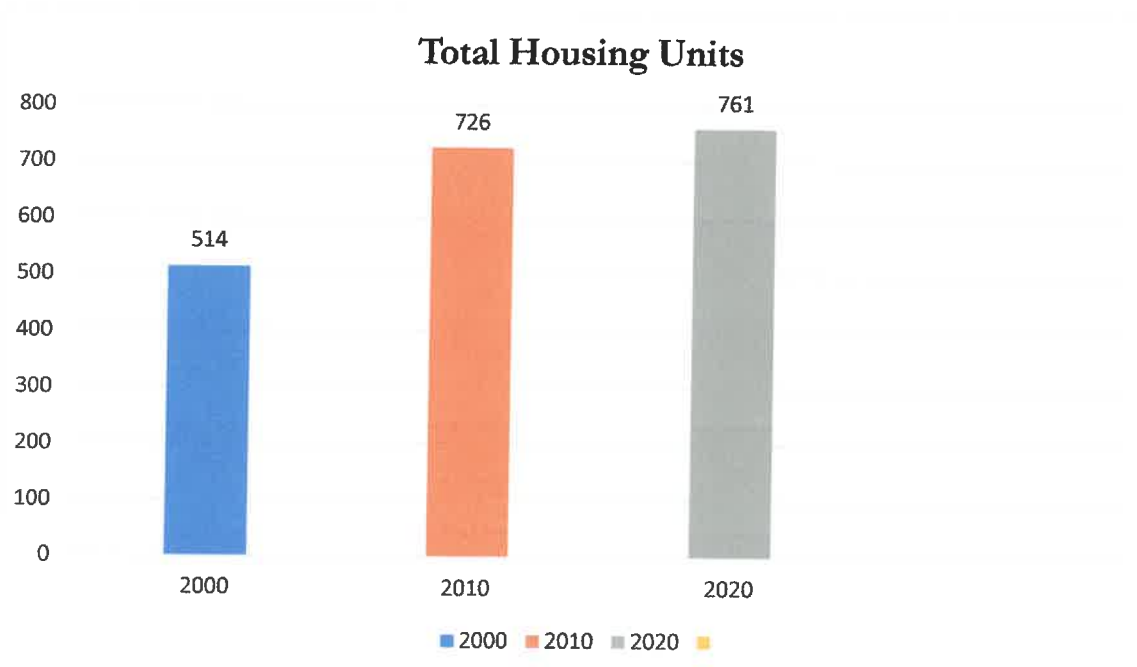
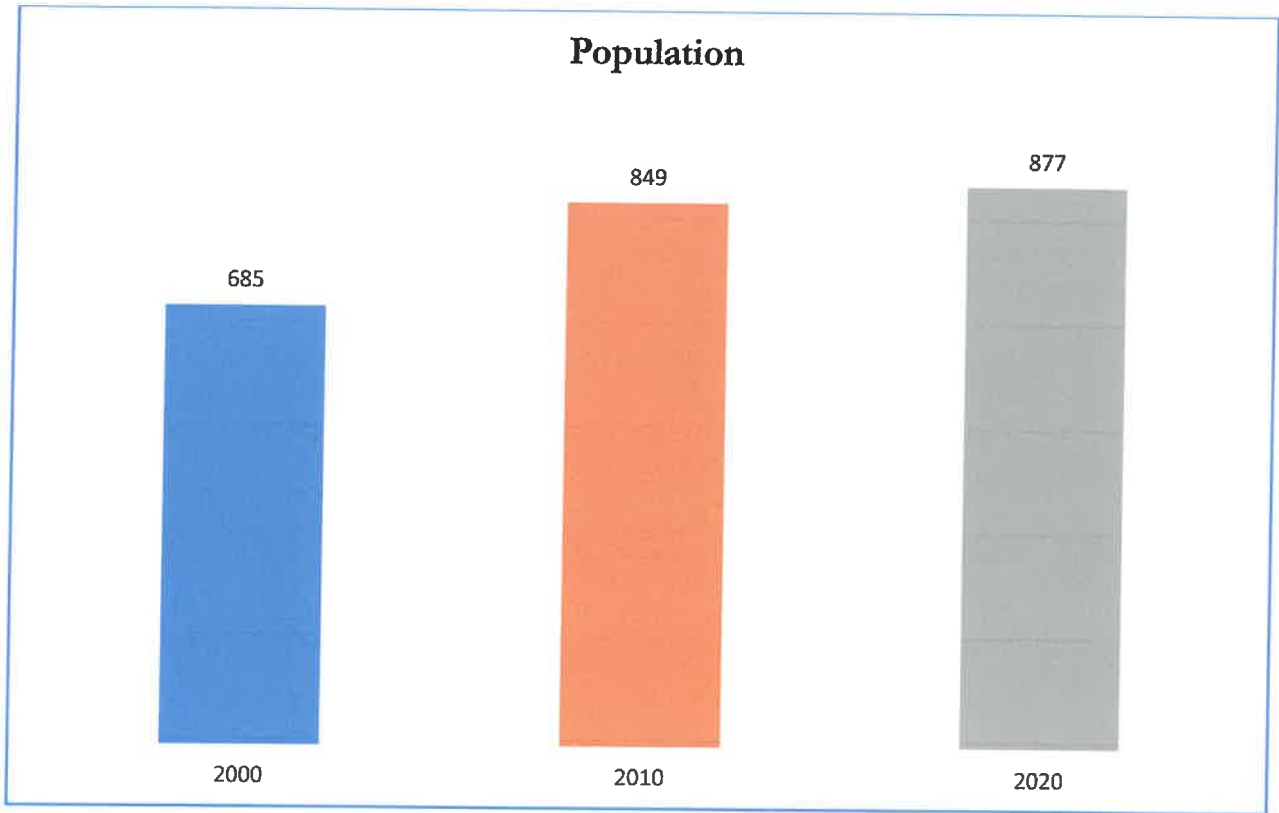


In 2017, the Citizen Advisory Committee conducted a resident survey. Below is information from the survey considered to be a consistent community feeling and vision for the future.

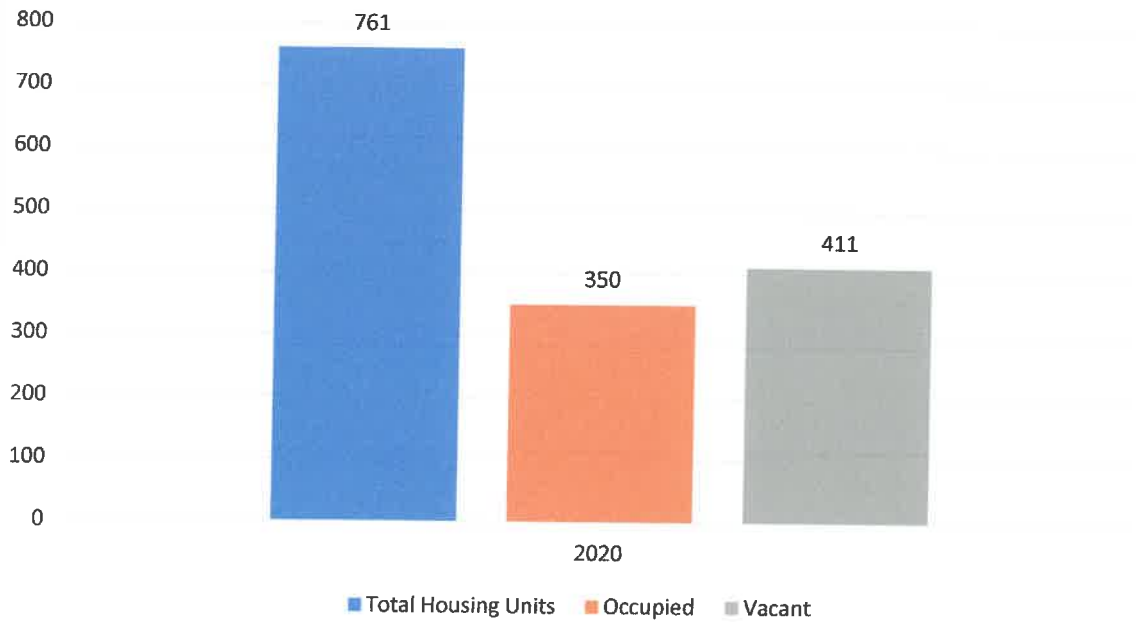
What is your Blue River?

- Private and peaceful residential living.
- A rural community where people can live in a natural environment.
- A place to escape the concrete jungle and create memories for our family.
- My home.
- A place where neighbors can feel safe.
- Relaxing Town close to the action but a respite from it at the same time with nature and beauty.
- Idyllic, serene setting in the woods shared with abundant wildlife.
- A Town that is looking forward.
- Relaxation, great outdoor activities, great neighbors.
- Peaceful haven.
- A beautiful and quiet place to live and raise a family.

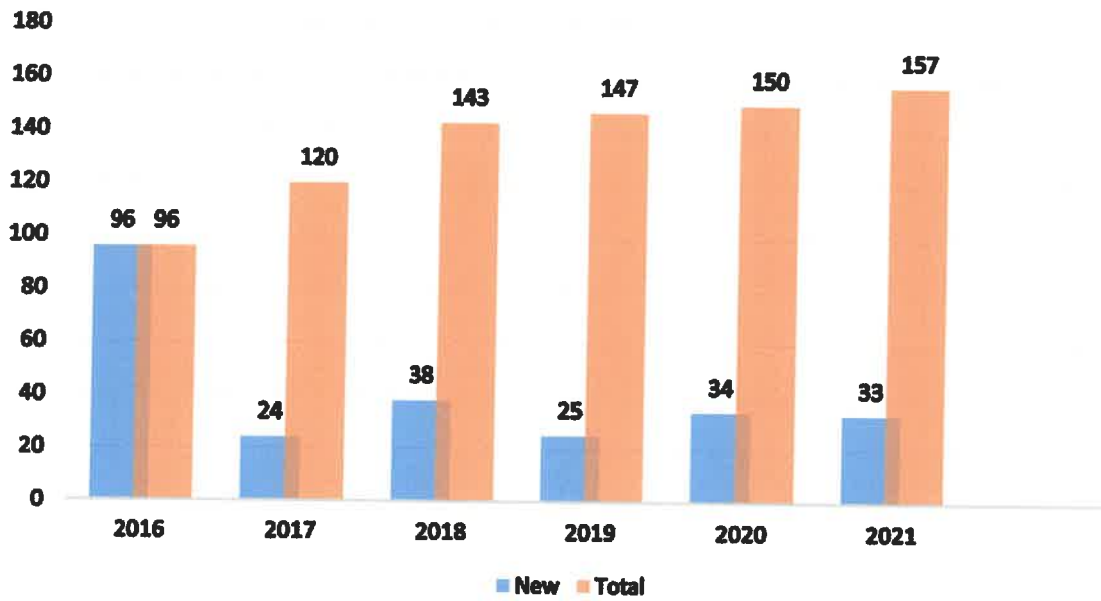
Statistics



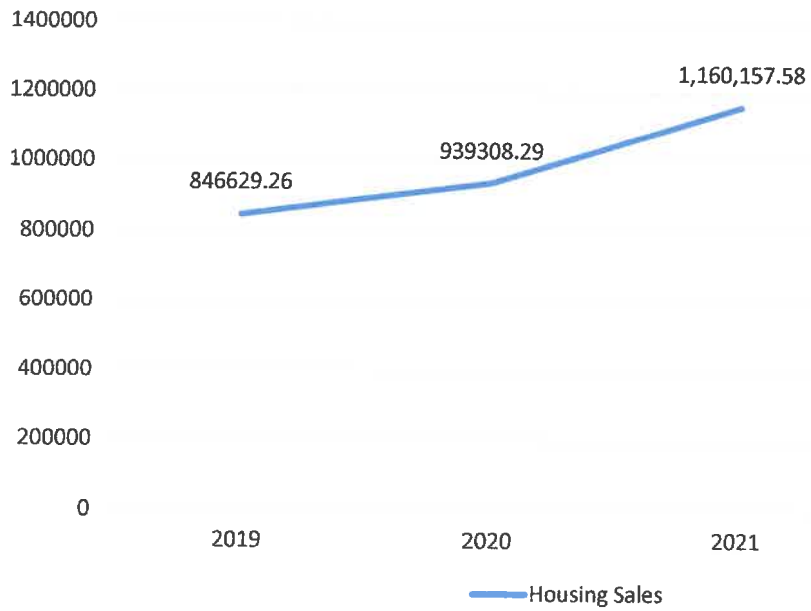
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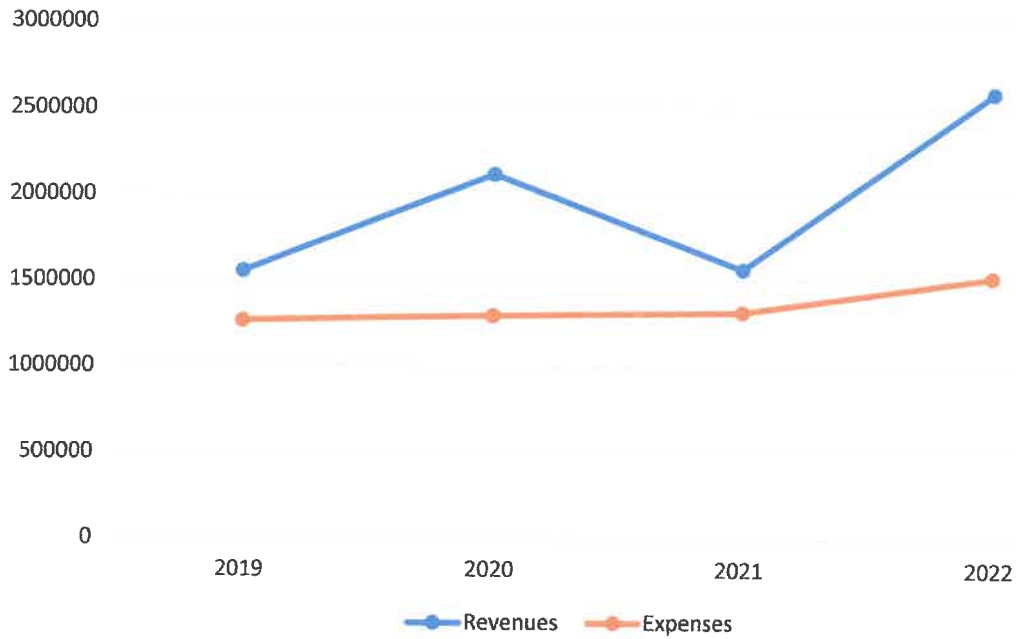
Short-term Rentals



Average Home Sales



Revenues vs. Expenses



Use of the Comprehensive Plan

Each chapter of the Comprehensive Plan contains a distinct type of planning guidance so the intended decision making varies between chapters. The following provides the Town a brief use description specific for the intended user for each chapter of the plan.

By Town Officials

The plan helps Town Officials to support the Town's mission statement. Many of the goals and strategies are intended to be accomplished by the Town alone, such as updating the zoning code. However, many of the goals and strategies will require partnerships with other entities and through the existing committees and commissions. The plan lays out the purpose and projects for those partnerships.

In addressing land use, the plan is to provide physical planning guidance for future zoning code updates and development regulations. It should be used as an advisory guide in reviewing specific development projects as directed by Town ordinances.

By Developers

The plan alerts developers to the outcomes toward which the community strives. The intent is to provide guidance to assist developers in understanding the Town's strategic direction. Development proposals should be generally consistent with the plan to generate public support for the proposal. Land use design projects should align with the community's values to maintain and enhance the characteristics of the Town.

By Citizens

The plan represents the community's vision for the future. It depicts the areas of Blue River for residents to consider the desired future conditions for each part and the relationships between the citizens and the Town as a whole.



Appendices



Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Blue River Citizen Advisory Committee Survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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What services do you feel are missing in Blue River?

71 Response(s)

Rate from 1-6 with 1 being the highest priority, projects you would like to see the town develop.

1 = Highest

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	6	Number of Response(s)	Ranking Score*
Trail system							103	2.3
Centrally located park							103	3.7
Dedicated sledding hill							103	4.4
Paving of roads							103	2.7
Bus park and ride areas							103	2.9
Workforce Housing							103	5.0

*The Ranking Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted rankings by the number of total responses.

Do you use the bus service?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			30	27.7 %
No			78	72.2 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
Totals			108	100%

How can the bus service be improved?

78 Response(s)

Please rank the following services with 1 being most important and 4 being least important.
1 = Most Important

Answer	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Ranking Score*
Road Maintenance					107	1.6
Snow Removal					107	1.7
Tam Stocking					107	3.3
Park Maintenance					107	3.4

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Describe in one or two sentences "What is your Blue River?"

88 Response(s)

What can be improved in Blue River?

85 Response(s)

What would you like to see in Blue River's Future?

76 Response(s)

*What subdivision do you live in?

108 Response(s)

*Please select one of the following.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Full-time resident/homeowner			63	58.3 %
Part-time seasonal homeowner			44	40.7 %
Full-time renter			2	1.8 %
Totals			108	100%

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Feb 14, 2017 10:23:59 AM

1. What services do you feel are missing in Blue River? - Responses

Answer

My only feedback is the Tarn. It was drained and I have heard nothing about when it will be returned to normal levels, not why it has remained that way for so long. Same curiosity applies to restocking the tar. When is it done? Why? How is it decided?
Bike path to Breck.
- A bike path to/from Breckenridge - would like to see Blue River residents have access to the Breck gym / pool at Boreas Pass Rd (fair trade for water from the Tarn)
More dirt road upkeep -wash boarding
Additional paved roads
Better bus service to town. More hours.
Communal spaces (pavilion, fire pit, community garden, etc...) and more PO Boxes.
Paved roads
None really. A bar and restaurant would be nice, but it seems like the Myla Rose Saloon will fill that void. A little more trail access to established USFS trails/recreation zones would also be nice, but I think we have it pretty good!
Parking for the bus!
Community center
Better maintenance of roads off rte 9.
Better bus system.
Good cellular service! Allow them to install more towers and collect money from the carriers and apply it to the good of Blue River.
A bike/walking path between Breck and Blue River. The bike traffic is dangerous and a path would reduce cars/pollution/congestion.
CITY WATER
None. I feel like the town's doing a great job. Amenities like a bike path (cost dependent) might be nice.
Trash Removal
More bus services, more times throughout the day and evening
Something to make it feel more like a Town. Not a suburb of Breck.
I am comfortable with the level of services in the TOBR. Being so close to Breck there is not much that is needed.
City water
More bus hours
Adequate road maintenance. This has been a big snow year...but the roads are being poorly maintained and has required notes to get dangerous situations resolved. We have the highest (or near the highest) tax rate in the county and we cannot keep our roads cleared.
extended bus service and access to recreation path to get to Breck, paved roads and water and sewage

<p>Everything but the houses. Plenty of those with all the construction always going on. There's just nothing else here, like coffee shops, bike paths, normal town-like gathering places. Blue River is nothing more than a Breck suburb.</p> <p>Turning lanes on the hwy, a bike path, even a widened shoulder would be a start. Expanding bus pickup/drop off times.</p>
<p>Enforcement of existing laws concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leash Law - Excess stored wood on properties - abandoned vehicles on properties - equipment stored on lots/lawns - construction/re-construction time frame - storage of sofas, toilets, washer/dryers etc. on front porches or lawns - limit the number of vehicles per residence as per code
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter road clearing 2. Traffic control 3. Parking for bus
<p>No opinion</p>
<p>Winter - excessive snow removal. Berms are too high and are unsafe.</p>
<p>Spring/Summer - potholes on Blue River Road</p>
<p>A paved road</p>
<p>Excess snow removal.</p>
<p>Road bike trails.</p>
<p>Bike path. The leash law is kind of a joke. As it is now I just throw the dogs poop back in the street where their owners walk and hope they step in it. A bathroom at the Tarn would be awesome for the ladies. Also planting a bunch of trees along Hwy 9 by the tarn would rock.</p>
<p>Dedicated mountain bike/hiking trails. Public park with pavilion & BBQ, similar to Carter Park in Breckenridge.</p>
<p>Better road maintenance. Summer and winter.</p>
<p>Storage facilities rental</p>
<p>Fueling station/minimart</p>
<p>atv and utv trails...</p>
<p>I don't live in BR full time, so the current services are adequate</p>
<p>We don't need new services, just consistent delivery and enforcement of existing services.</p>
<p>Would like to see more competition for internet and cable services, paved roads, sewer connectivity and buried utilities. Also need to plow out Fire Dept Cisterns. There is a problem on Lake shore Loop with deep snow this year.</p>
<p>coffee shop, grocery store, gas station, shops</p>
<p>Super high speed internet.</p>
<p>None. We like it how it is today.</p>
<p>None. Keep taxes low.</p>
<p>Not sure. We are currently land owners in Blue River. Once we live there, we will probably have suggestions.</p>
<p>A decent police officer.</p>
<p>Trail systems to town, speed control on Spruce Creek Road.</p>
<p>Trash pick up. Or at least a place to dump trash.</p>
<p>Better road maintenance.</p>
<p>Currently adequate for what the town is.</p>
<p>A small convenience store near town hall would be great! Somewhere to grab milk, a 6-pack of beer and other essentials without having to drive all the way into Breckenridge. A small store like this would improve the quality of life for residence and also generate tax revenue for the town.</p>
<p>None</p>

More summit stage drop points and times.
Trails that make biking and walking around town easier.
Groceries, Post Office, gas station
Animal control. People let their dogs out without supervision. A neighbor told me her dog "owns the place" and it runs wild, barking at people in a threatening manner.
Don't think anything is missing
None
Mail delivery, recycling, traffic control on local roads-there is excessive speeding on Wilderness Drive, code change updates to residents are buried in very brief meeting minutes and never discussed in the newsletter.
More comprehensive Summit Stage Services. Stops and times are not adequate.
1.Snowmobile Access up Pennsylvania Gulch
2.Bike trail to town (breckenridge)
Parking for bus stops. Bike/walking lane along highway 9.
None
We have services that give comfort and provide access to town. Just a little tweaking.
Keeping the roads graded during early summer, summer and early fall. Terrible conditions except when they oil and grade and maybe 30 days of good conditions. They need to slope the grade from high in the center to low on both sides to promote water drainage off the road to have a crown on the road.
Additional bus service would be great. The current times restrict me from riding more often.
Recreational for the most part, stuff like ice skating, sledding, stuff for families. Also a rec path connection to Breck.
Better recreation services
Not sure any are missing. Just they need to be better, eg, road maintenance, code enforcement.
Snow plowing this year is horrible! Exits from subdivisions and driveways to highway 9 are DANGEROUS with no line of site for oncoming traffic flying at 60 mph on highway 9. This is not our first big snow year! We live at 10,000 ft snow is common here and a snow removal service should know how to deal with snow!
Bicycle path
A paved bike path that connects from Hoosier Pass to the Breck, Frisco, Vail path system.
Better road maintenance
2. Rate from 1-6 with 1 being the highest priority, projects you would like to see the town develop. - Co Answer
No desire for workforce housing
If by workforce housing you mean allowing ADUs, then it is my highest priority, but if you mean a new development to accommodate workers, then it is my lowest priority.
I don't think I should be forced to rank 4-6. want to leave those blank as not a priority. Same with question 5 3-4.
Are we allowed to add additional projects? For example: a shed for boat/paddle board storage like Spruce Valley Ranch has, dedicated access to the river, more community social events & center? Just a suggestion but please don't pave the roads! It would change the ambiance of the whole place!
More road grating over the summer. Once in the spring and once in the fall are not enough
Would like to see a paved hiking and biking trail connecting to Breckenridge
Sorry, but the question above doesn't allow for an answer that shows that some residents don't support paving, workforce housing, sledding hill, another park, etc. The park we have is central already, and workforce housing is not something I feel improves Blue River.
Paving the roads would be the best long term investment for the town.
Only the paving is really critical to me on this list
The paving of roads could help with overall maintenance. I do not want Blue River to become the workforce housing location for Breck.

also need access to Water AND sewage in all neighborhoods...not just sewage. At minimum we need a clear plan and timetable for all neighborhoods
Enough of the home construction. If you want to build something, fix/expand roads, trails and gathering places. Pave dirt roads that constantly get destroyed by heavy construction machinery and keep crews under a deadline to complete all jobs.
Because all residents would "benefit" directly or indirectly from a town-wide road paving project (in terms of property value increasing for all), then all residents should be required to contribute to having the roads paved.
This was not the case in the past.
*BR is not a "Workforce Housing" area.
*A new park is unnecessary (the one it has is not being maintained and is in disrepair)
*Trail, Yes for connecting bike path from Breck to Hoosier
Believe that paving would lead to continued expenses speeding and drainage issues
Definitely need to work on the roads
Bike path would be sweet. If you made a sledding hill, it would be awesome to have a rope tow. Also, if your'e building a sledding hill with a rope tow, you might as well add a T-bar and some extreme tree skiing.
Paving of roads should include burial of utility lines.
I don't think that paving roads is a necessity I think that better maintenance of the dirt roads makes more sense. Paved roads cost a lot more to maintain over time than dirt roads do. A town of size of blue river is better off keeping dirt roads maintained than paving them. I suggest the recently hired public works official looks into LTAP classes, they are very helpful. I work for the Town of Breckenridge and I have taken many of them.
Need to pave roads and plow better
We don't need parks, community center or sledding hill. We live near open space and towns that have already developed these amenities.
I don't think that the town's tax payers should pay for subsidized housing.
Again... all these are new services that I feel we don't need. The one thing that is missing is an extension of the Summit County Bike path. Trail System? we are surrounded with trails. Park? we live in a giant park. Sledding? World Class ski/sledding one mile downhill. Paving? maybe better road base but ROW and drainage issues are complex. and we don't plow for paved roads. WF Housing - we need infrastructure before we add density. Cooperate with other towns & County? YES YES
Please do not pave the roads! Blue River is a treasure.
Spruce Creek Road is in desperate need of paving from the highway to the intersection of Crown Dr.
A place to dump trash!
I would like to see the County Rec Path extended to the Quandary Trail Head or perhaps to the top of Hoosier Pass. The Rec Path would serve multiple functions: commute by bike to work, easier access to bus stops along HWY 9, safer for cyclist on HWY 9, cross country skiing path in winter; overall improve quality of life in Blue River.
Most of these are a small consequence
I would not prioritize some of these items at all. We are not at all responsible for Breckenridge workforce housing. Sledding hills, Central Park, and other than a bike path to allow safe access to town we should cherish and preserve the our unique access to the national forest and not exploit it .
I'm not interested in workforce housing if that equates to low income housing. The transient nature would lead to undesirable events in Blue River - crime etc. I strongly believe that for Blue River to be a desirable place to live it must maintain a upscale environment. Let's improve our infrastructure. More houses will be built, tax revenues will thus increase thereby funding the continued promotion of a wonderful mountain community lifestyle.
Trail system being a bike and walk lane along Highway 9
With so many dogs in the area, would like trails to walk dogs and a space to let dogs play.
Would love a bike trail into Breck, as well as additional bus options

Workforce housing is a hoax....a realtor's wet dream The city owes nothing to the ski industry

A sledding hill?? Relly?? The entire county is a snow recreation site...we need a sledding hill like Dolly Parton needs breast augmentation. Who comes up with these ideas

A rec path along Hwy 9 would be great

Park and sledding could be the same it seems?

Until the roads are paved, the others are just fluff.

Don't think the roads should be paved but can't they be treated with some other product besides mag chloride that turns into goo, kills trees.

4. How can the bus service be improved? - Responses

Answer

Parking

I do not use it now because the online info is a little hard to understand. It's also not very convenient. When we lived Mt. Baldy we used it all the time because it was so convenient and easy to use.

Car parking at bus stop

The schedule is very limited. I would like to see a morning, mid-morning, afternoon, late afternoon, and evening route. The present schedule isn't practical for recreational residents, it seems to cater to low-income workforce residents which I believe only represent a small minority portion of Blue River.

Run later hours.

Park and ride areas

More hours, running later at night.

Increase frequency. Add route so that activity bus kids can take home from Breck.

by having a park and ride lot, and also a late-night route instead of the 4pm or 6pm route.

Have a place to park a vehicle.

Have parking at the stops - no one uses because you cant walk to every stop - especially in ski season

More busses

Later times for pickup in the mornings. We don't race to the hill at 8:30 AM. We would like to catch the bus around 9:30-10. But above all we need a place to park. It's too far to walk with equipment. All that dead space at the end of Blue River Road (next to the newspaper box) is trashy looking and a junk pile of large equipment. That would be a perfect parking area and only Blue River residents could park there (we have our stickers on our cars already!). That would be ideal!

More frequent hours

Come up Crown dr.

More Runs during the day.

Need a mid day schedule. The schedule we currently have does not work for me, so I rarely take the bus. I do not want to wait until late afternoon to return.

More routes and later evening routes so you can drink in town and NOT drive home to Blue River.

I do not use the bus service because it doesn't run past 6 pm!!!

More frequent

The times do not work with our schedule.

More stops

More times for example: mid day, evening

More hours? I don't commute for work so I don't use it for that purpose. I would use it to access the Town of Breck for Skiing or night life however, it is too infrequent or poorly timed for those purposes.

A bus service with stops that don't offer parking is very limiting in ski season. Even a short walk to a stop with ski gear is not feasible so that affects ridership tremendously.

A middle day pick-up/dropoff

No where to park, too dangerous to walk along Highway 9 with no shoulder (snow covered) to/from the bus stop. Provide a place to park next to the bus stops.

More times
Adding one more route each way and/or a mid day route. I am a proponent of the bus service for the town. frequency of service
More pick up / drop off times. Personally, I'd love to use it if it would one, get me to work on time, which at its current timing wouldn't, and two, drop me off after without waiting around for hours. So I just drive every single time because the timing is off. Having mid-day and nighttime stops would almost make it worth while. The more the better basically, which I realize costs money, but so does driving my personal vehicle all the time. The addition of Breck's paid parking and the increase of traffic this has caused has really made travel in this region a nightmare. Having a late-night stop or two would also cut down on the drunk people driving on the highway. It's not exactaly safe driving out there at night as is.
Parking at/near the bus stops would make them more usable.
Furnish parking
Add more times if possible
More stops
Buses need to run more frequently. Need parking near the bus stops
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By creating parking near the bus stops
Evening hours so that folks heading to Breckenridge for a evening of fun, and perhaps alcohol, do not have to drive their car.
It would be nice to have Northbound AND Southbound stops available to get off the bus. Also, a run around 10PM or so would be great for all the boozehounds. If there were a late night run, it would boost ridership on the 6:30 run I think.
Having bus service in Blue River is an asset, but the service is unusable for many residents who do not live within reasonable walking distance of bus stops, especially in winter time. Park and rides would help, as would an expanded schedule, but I'm not sure that the additional cost posed by an expanded schedule would increase ridership enough to justify the expense.
More times. Maybe a mid day time and a later evening time. In this area a "commuter" isn't that helpful at the times they are using now. In my opinion most people in this area don't work the standard 9 to 5. And that is how the "commuter" bus service is set up.
More pics k up and drop off times
service Alma and Fairplay
Midday service and one around 8 or 9 pm
I would use it if it was more regular,
i personally think that Blue River needs to be stops on a Park County service that serves the workforce.
More frequent ! Better drop off locations in Breck!
Park and ride areas need to be built. Not all residents can walk to the bus stops.
More stops off of HWY 9
More ride times.
More frequent trips.
More times
It would be helpful if it had a few more times out in Blue River.
More runs.
Parking near stops
add a route during the middle of the day or later in the evening.
n/a
Full schedule
Easier access to the bus stops. Two ideas:
1) Provide bike racks and small car parking areas near bus stops.
2) Extend county recreation path along Hwy 9 allowing for easier access to bus stops.

More bus times
It's really pretty good right now
More bus stop sights and more times.
More times it is available. It currently only runs 4 times a day. An area to park and ride would be great especially because of the limited free parking in Breck.
I can't use it due to the pick up locations. I'd have to walk on the highway to get to the stop. If there was a trail to use, I might use the bus.
A mid-day service would be helpful.
If there were more times available I would ride it. As it is though it doesn't fit my schedule.
Dedicated parking and covered bus stops with heaters
There is no convenient stop for Sherwood Lane; we have to cross the highway to get to a stop nearby, and we know this is not recommended. This means the alternatives are to walk a quarter mile or more on the wrong side of the road to one of two other stops on our side of the highway. Also the times of pick up and drop off are very limited.
More frequent times
PARKING near bus stop. We cannot safely walk to a stop from our house
If I had a place to park at the bus stop, I would likely take the bus on the weekends into town or to go on the mountain.
It's probably expensive to have more times on the route and locations for pick up with so few riders. Maybe a van bus, smaller vehicle to accommodate Blue River
NA
More times. Noon and 8pm would be great
A clear path along Hwy 9 would help a bunch and a lunch time run of the bus would help us half day skiers.
We need sidewalks or clear paths to get us to a bus stop in the winter.
Need to have a place to park. My house is a mile away from the closest stop. Otherwise, it is only used by the few who live by 9.
By adding a place to park.
A sidewalk that is maintained along the bus route in the winter. Walking to the bus stop is currently quite hazardous.

6. Describe in one or two sentences "What is your Blue River?" - Responses

Answer

My little Switzerland - my future retirement home -the best place to be in the whole wide world.
small, exclusive, laid back, away from the Breck crowds
A family experience for all seasons from fishing the Tarn with my daughter at dusk in July, to hiking Quandary in early September, to cold evenings by the fire in late fall, to snowshoeing Blue Lakes in January & skiing nearby Breckenridge until spring runoff when we float the Tarn and begin the cycle anew ;)
Peaceful, remote feel, starting to feel exclusive compared to town of Breck which is unique to Blue River.
Private and peaceful residential living.
A rural community where people can live in a natural environment. A place where members of the community engage to create a happy and healthy environment for all residents.
A place where I can raise a family and feel safe, surrounded by people who appreciate the outdoors like we do, with access to public land serving as one of the prime amenities.
Friendly community with appreciation for preserving natural surroundings.
Blue River is our place to escape the concrete jungle and create memories for our family. What makes it so great are the dirt roads, trails and wildlife out the back door and a complete sense of serenity.
A great place to live with minimal government intervention.
I love living away for hectic Breckenridge.
One without an marshal harassing people walking their dogs off leash. Verbal leash should be allowed.
far enough away and just close enough to Breckenridge

My escape, my future.
A PLACE WHERE I GREW UP AS A CHILD AND AM NOW BRINGING MY KIDS & GRANDKIDS TO.....A PLACE WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE.
Blue River is my home. It's serenity and peace compared to the chaos that Breckenridge can be at the peak times throughout the year. I feel like I'm entering the bat cave when I roll across the Blue River heading south from Breck.
A collection of neighborhoods that when driven through by a visitor is a esthetically appealing and welcoming with the thought "I would like to live here".
My Blue River is a place where neighbors can feel safe and not over regulated by the local government.
Quiet Wilderness.
Being in the Rockies and enjoying the clean air, peace.
Relaxing town close to the action but a respite from it at the same time with nature and beauty that are accessible and preserved.
Not sure I understand the question. I like Blue River since we are outside of Breck city limits and can be governed as a small residential community with its great resources.
A place that I can upgrade my property with trees and burns to quiet the Highway 9 traffic noise and provide some privacy.
Natural beauty
Blue River is a mountain town (without a town center) that allows you to get away from the destination (and hustle and bustle) of Breckenridge, but you are only minutes away.
Residential community that provides access to the recreational facilities of Summit County without the crowding of Breckenridge
Family friendly community where I can walk my dog and my family in a small secluded neighborhood
My Blue River is getting woken up by the rumbling of heavy machinery driving up and down the roads to various construction sites, then getting serenaded by hammering all day long. If I would have known I'd be living between Lowe's and Home Depot, rather than the peaceful, quiet town that was advertised, I would have never moved to Blue River. But I'm stuck here with that, as well as neighbor's unleashed, untrained barking dogs using my yard as a toilet and vehicles using my driveway as a turn-around or public parking lot on a daily basis. I'm not the neighborhood watch or anyone's parent over here and I'm trying to avoid contacting the sheriff and/or animal control, but some people need to be educated and/or for some of the younger renters around here, need to grow up and have some respect for other people's space when they've overcrowded their own. At least Blue River feels like a relatively safe place to live and noise/trespassing issues aside, that's the most important part.
My Blue River is a nice, friendly neighborhood where owners/renters respect the rules of the neighborhood (especially the leash laws)
A neighborhood where the current rules are enforced so that lawns are not storage areas for abandoned cars, downed trees, toilets and washers on porches, household debris in yards, plywood stacked against trees, etc.
I would love to drive to my house and say "what a beautiful neighborhood"
Quiet town to come to and get away from bigger city
Our Blue River is a sanctuary from the craziness of Breck.
As second home owners we enjoy the quiet and relaxing natural environment. We are interested in the recreational aspects of Blue River but very much appreciate the increased Town government services to keep it a great place to be
Idyllic, serene setting in the woods shared with abundant wildlife .
Safe/beautiful/clean
My Blue River is a town that is looking forward. Long term, getting the town on a centralized water and sewer system. Short term, getting the roads paved so we don't look like a muddy, one-horse backwoods burg.
A nice place, devoid of idiot tourists.

A rural environment that offers peace & quiet and fewer rules and regulations. Probably the main reason we live in Blue River rather than say The Highlands is we don't want covenants, etc.
Ask better questions of your residents, please.
My blue river is a place to get away from the busy tourist traffic in the town of Breckenridge and live a calm quiet mountain lifestyle.
My Home, a quiet peaceful get away.Life in the woods, living wjth Wildlife and nature.
A quiet residential neighborhood with less traffic than Breck.
Relaxation, great outdoor activities, great neighbors
BR is a quiet, beautiful retreat close to the great amenities in Breckenridge.
A place in Summit County you can afford to live, know your neighbors and their dogs. A place which is not overregulated, where people can 'live and let live'.
A collection of neighborhoods each respected for their own values relying on a minimum core set of town, county and state regulations, consistently enforced, that protect the health, safety, and welfare (In that order) of all their inhabitants.
A tranquil place to refresh and escape too no matter what your situation is!
Quiet High Mountain Residential Community, close to all season outdoor activities.
Blue River is a relaxed community that invites citizens to be in community. There is too much traffic on HWY 9, and additional lanes should be considered.
a place to get away from the hustle and bustle of lifbut close to Breckenridge. somewhere I can walk out my front door for a hike or snow shoe/cross country ski and catch my breath.
My Blue River is a quiet nature preserve where neighbors are friendly. It is rural, but close to town.
A break from the hustle of Breck and the rest of Summit. Go home, relax, no problems.
Uncommercialized. Serene. Nature.
My Blue River is a quiet, peaceful place where all residents respect their neighbors. A place where dwelling standards are maintained while encouraging building of the remaining locations in the town.
My Blue River is my home, a neighborhood, with actual neighbors and not all second homes/rental properties.
Blue River for me is a quiet place to live with other locals that is close to Breckenridge for skiing and community services. It's small with lots of access to National Forests and the Tarn which is fantastic!
Fresh air, snowflakes, mountain streams.
Quiet and rural,set in the natural environment that it currently exist
A beautiful, quiet, rustic, natural place where humans can live / vacation to in harmany with wildlife.
Home. Where we have lived and raised our children. So close to Breckenridge but far enough away.
It was dark quiet peaceful nights that are getting brighter and louder all the time. The traffic on nine is growing at an out rages pace. The truck traffic is really out of hand.
Not giving away the goose who lays the golden egg. Blue River is still pristine and shouldn't be promoted to every tourist visiting Breckenridge.
Home
A place where there are not a lot of restrictions and rules like the Highlands or other new subdivisions.
A place to get away and enjoy the beauty of the high country.
A mountain retreat in a safe and friendly surrounding.
Blue River is the last Bastian of quiet ,overpopulation and enjoyment of sharing space with wildlife.
A small residential mountain town with mostly homes and not really any store fronts.
Peaceful haven
A beautiful and quiet place to live and raise my family.

We love the quiet and beauty of town. Just around bend of Breck town. Envision Blue river with paved roads, better parking and turn off to town, better signs and more controlled speeds as those leave Breck toward Blue River, signs for national park and hiking up thru Crown needs better posting. Better housing for Breck workers with bus routes (would love to see more kindness from locals to those who own 2nd homes)... Where the division and anger began worries our family.. We are screamed at, honked at, sent letter of fines with new regulations when we don't even rent and have to send letters and make calls, emails of more and more regulation or tax, building, landscape, ect.... so many now.

Would like to see vision of harmonious community. Maybe Blue river winter and summer festivals...

Would be nice to have beautiful sign for Blue river as you drive in town limits.

A Town so close to the hustle and bustle of Breck but tranquil!

A peaceful place in the woods and on the river, with world class skiing and hiking nearby.

Freedom

A beautiful place in the unspoiled wilderness to live, close to Breckenridge town and skiing.

Quiet, peaceful, beautiful, small town just a few miles away from the busy and lively tourist town of Breckenridge.

My Blue river is a cabin set in the mountains where a river flows through, a friendly community, with access to trails and parks and paved roads.

Easily accessible roads that we can be proud of when people visit.

A neighborhood without abandoned vehicles, heavy equipment and junky yards.

I love Blue River because it is close to Breckenridge and the amenities that offers but feels quiet and like we are in the wilderness.

Blue river as intended was to be a quiet place to enjoy nature and solitude. It remains that for the most part.

Blue river should remain as untouched as it can possibly be...so to resist the crush of the surrounding areas.

A nice quiet town outside Breck that prioritizes local families with some great future amenities.

A cute little town just outside of the busiest ski area in North America. We have some of our own great amenities?

A beautiful natural mountain community, close to one of the most awesome resort towns in America. But like so many rural places, it now has real town needs.

A quiet and peaceful place to live and enjoy.

My Blue River is a safe and attractive town where both guests and residents are welcome.

A town that lets residents live in a respectful, responsible way without over-policing them.

A place my family can enjoy all year (winter and summer). The ability to walk or ride back and forth to downtown breck or local trails.

Quiet, idyllic mountain community

7. What can be improved in Blue River? - Responses

Answer

The roads

Enforce building codes.

- bike trail to/from Breckenridge

- improve the curb appeal of the Tarn with a trail system and sustained water levels (and perhaps enforcing Blue River residents only usage)

- a passing lane near north and south side of town for ski traffic and turning onto city streets

- improved bus schedule

Roads.

Additional open space for Blue River Residents.

Roads and infrastructure.
Better communication from town council to residents, allowance of ADUs for long-term rentals, more community spaces and events.
Less crackdown by the town marshal on trivial things.
Road maintenance.
Bike path on hwy 9.
More community gatherings to get to know our neighbors. Also perhaps putting regulations around junking up yards with old cars, boats, and other yard junk.
Enforcement of speeding, enforcement of getting all trailers out of view (such an eyesore- devalues property), tightening rules for number of renters per dwelling.
Better road maintenance on side roads.
Speed Limit enforcement on Hwy 9. 4pm to 7pm. I can't count the number of times I have been passed or almost run off of the road in the evening regardless of conditions. The Town Marshall seems to be present from 10 to 3 when the least traffic is on the Hwy.
The roads!!! Would love to have paved roads.
Adding a pizza place or bar. Better bus stops and a place where the bus can actually pull off of hwy 9 and not stop traffic.
More snow push backs by the front end loaders so the streets are not one car wide. Push backs were more frequent back in the day!
More defensible space is needed along Hwy 9 it is the only way in and out of Blue River. More defensible space is needed in general and less permitting should be enforced as motivation.
BETTER CODE ENFORCEMENT OF PEOPLE RENTING OUT HOMES. LOTS OF STRAY CARS & TRASH AROUND RENTAL UNITS.
The town is on the right track. Stay the course and keep communications flowing. Keep reserves stocked because this boom cannot last forever.
Traffic (speed) enforcement on Hwy 9.
Road maintenance/snow removal.
All codes being enforced to insure neighborhoods are maintained.
A bike trail would be a great advantage so when you want to ride into Breck or Frisco you don't have to put your life at risk by riding on the side of 9.
I live directly on Highway 9 and the CDOT plowing has left it so I cant see traffic travelling South before I pull out. There are many places like this and I am sure there will be an accident or fatality at some point.
People really need to take more pride in their property and not leave so much junk outside.
Looks in some areas like a trailer park. The snow plowing is too narrow in some area near Royal subdivision.
Recycling and some form of more established trash pickup.
I believe the fees for using the Tarn are not appropriate (every craft needs a license such as paddle boards). I would prefer that any moneys earned are absorbed in the budget. I can't believe there is much meaningful revenue.
Enforcement of all regulations on short term rentals is needed (parking on streets, occupancy outside of town regulations, etc.)
Open-mindedly consider requests for improvement to properties.
The overall conditions of the road and infrastructure. The availability of sewers can further enhance the town.

Paved Roads

Paved recreational trail to hook into Breck/Frisco system

Sewage - please provide schedule

Public water

Maybe let homeowners owners fence and gate their entire yards to keep out people who can't respect private property. Also, strict deadlines on construction lengths and hefty fines if those deadlines are not met to ensure the sanity of the rest of us who have to sit here and listen to all this noise year after year. It calms down a bit for the winter, but I'm considering renting out my house and moving elsewhere within the county for the summer when things ramp up again. Make the highway safer by adding turning lanes, passing lanes, as well as a bike/running path to get to and from town. Build trail systems instead of more and more gigantic houses. With all the money Blue River makes on construction permits, I know you can do it!

Rule/Code enforcement and.....

Could the town rent a huge dumpster and allow residents to clean up their yards and properties.

I hope the reason people don't clean up is because they cannot afford to pay the dump; not because they really don't care how the neighborhood looks.

There is currently a property that cut many live, large trees in the name of "fire mitigation" (under the old board); only to stack those cut logs in several large but separate piles so that they did not meet the maximum wood storage limit per lot in blue river. The wood on this property exceeds that limit and is more of a fire hazard now than the live trees they cut.

Treat all property owners with respect whether they live in Blue River full time or not. If we pay our taxes for services, we should get them.

Roads

At this time no suggestions but again we are not there on a full time basis so we should defer to others.

The Law Enforcement guy not to be such an Ass.

The roads are in awful condition. Blue River Road is a main thoroughfare that should be paved. It needs to be graded correctly so that runoff, drainage and potholes are not a problem

Enforced restrictions

The roads. The roads. The roads. The roads.

Snow removal.

The tarn fish population is infected with gill lice. They attribute that to warmer water temperatures, which is in part thanks to low water levels. The only way I know of to combat this is to keep the water as high as possible, and to let the current fish population die, either through harvest or attrition. To re-stock that body of water now would be a waste of resources. Please work with the DNR of either Colorado, or another agency that has dealt with this problem before throwing money down the drain.

A bathroom at the Tarn would be great, as well as maybe a grill. I would like to see more trees planted along HWY 9 between it and the Tarn, probably a fast growing root spreading tree like Aspens.

The marshal is too hard core. He acts like a big city cop. I have lived in my subdivision with dogs for 25 years & have always walked my dogs in my subdivision off leash but under voice command. They don't stray very far away. Plus we rarely encounter anyone else or another dog on the walk.

The marshal has patrolled our area & I was told it is "mandatory" to have my dog on a leash when we aren't bothering anyone or thing. This isn't the city with city rules & a small walk around the block shouldn't be a reason for a violation.

We are losing that "small town feel" that we moved here for.

The board of trustees still needs to address the issue of lock offs. Choosing to ignore illegally built units while not permitting future units that would be in compliance feels like a cop out and a refusal to deal with the actual issue.

Additionally, the town needs to update its code to allow for more modern building design/color palates/roof lines, etc. Reading through Blue River architectural guidelines, it's disappointingly clear that the guidelines are going to keep this area looking as though it's the 1990's, which will suppress our property values in the long run.

The town should also do away with unnecessary permit fees such as "same color re-staining," which is clearly nickel and diming its residents.

Road maintenance is my biggest problem. I would have to say drainage and winter maintenance specifically. I think that the private sector is not a good option for winter road maintenance. They are going to do minimal work to cover their agreement. In Blue River we get a lot of snow and having someone do the minimal amount of work to maintain it does not provide safe road conditions. A lot of the winter you cannot pass a car going the other direction without either getting stuck on the side of the road or having to pull into a driveway to let them pass. The drainage issue is probably just because of where I live. Every spring the road drains, from a long way, into my driveway/ then into my yard which then muddies my well and I can't use the water in my house. Again this is somewhat created by the private contract for plowing. The snow doesn't get pushed back enough so the water can't get into the ditches where it is supposed to flow, not down the road.

ROADS!!!!

enforcement of building code violations. Enforcement of leash laws. Enforcement for all equally. Limit the number of weekly rentals.

Slow down the drivers!

Roads.

1. Be clear-eyed about what we are today - a rural community on well and septic, with narrow mountain roads, and a good sized fire threat. and, in very close proximity to a growing urban environment.
2. Respect and accept the point of view of all citizens and agencies especially those you disagree with. Respect and actively collaborate with all the other jurisdictions active in the town's well being - County, Breckenridge, RWB, San District, NWCOG, etc. Embrace the Upper Blue compact.
3. First things First. Before taking on new services, address the real needs of our rural community. Specifically, a community with many septic systems now 10 - 15 years beyond their engineered life - and wells that are increasingly at risk from these failed systems.
4. Think 30 years ahead in addition to the immediate situational problem solving and finger pointing that were do. If workforce housing is an issue, Create a multifam zone with all proper infrastructure. lockoffs exacerbate problems

Paved roads. A little more enforcement on resident only Tarn use. Lowering of speed limit on Highway 9.

Snow removal is important. As important is having protection that comes from Blue River, not Summit County. Should consider several officers that are in the area consistently, and revenue generated by violators.

increase density and have services like shops and not just housing

Underground the utility lines.

The Tarn parking area and adjacent land are a little run down. It could use a community improvement day where all neighbors pitch in the rebuild and replant.

Get rid of Brian Brady. He's been a problem in two other Summit communities in the past, he's not trustworthy, and we don't need him here.

Stay the way it is.

I will better know when I live there full-time after we build a home on our land in Blue River.

A decent police officer.

Management of Mohawk Lakes traffic. As "the most popular hike" in Summit County, the area is getting more and more congested. Speed control would be appreciated with support from the town...speed bumps? Presence of an officer vehicle a few times a day on the weekends (just driving up and down)? If the town makes money from speeding tickets, this would be an easy place to capitalize!

Some type of berm or trees planted between the highway and the tarn would make the area much more enjoyable. Even when you are across on the other side of the lake, the highway noise travels across the water. It's very loud if you're spending time in the parking area. Would love to help think of ideas or raise funds for some type of natural barrier that wouldn't disrupt wildlife.

Lower taxes.

Better use of the tarn, picnic bench, canoe racks that residents could lease from the town.

- 1) Connect to county recreation path.
- 2) Convenience store near town hall.
- 3) Easier access to shuttle stops.

Horse Stables.

Safe bike path to town and park and ride with more summit srage

Currently the snow is an issue. Our road is down to one lane and people are getting stuck all the time.

Trails

Parks and roads. We need a post office and grocery store.

Snow removal around intersections, especially at the Hwy

Remove permit requirements for staining/restaining

Remove restrictions on accessory dwellings

Blue River road needs to be reconstructed for drainage and new roadbed

Snow Removal and street width

Keep it non-commercial. We don't need walmart. That's for Breck and Frisco

- 1). a more friendly and understanding Code Compliance Officer, that enforces all codes (parking and dead trees etc. not just writing traffic tickets!
- 2). there is always improvement in snow removal - it has become much better but still can be improved with push backs and clearing the spring slush
- 3). compared to Breckenridge the taxes are substantially higher for Blue River but there is nothing to show for it

Traffic enforcement on local streets.

Clean it up - no trailers, snow mobiles, Rv's, construction equipment etc should not be allowed to park in driveways anytime of the year

See above... kinda blended together on 6.

On blue river road, the town continues to only plow snow to one side of the road which creates snowbanks that are double in size on one side of road. This is regarding specifically to Regal circle. Snow removal therefore is twice as much work for certain homeowners.

Parking for bus route. Bike/walking trail along highway 9

Lower the speed limit to 40mph. There are lots of wonderful wild animals in our neighborhoods as well as lots of small children, we should slow down the speed on highway 9 to reduce the incidents of accidents.

The roads and accessing trails for hiking from the neighborhood.

Again road maintenance, it is such a nuisance at times, may want to relocate out of the town due to it.

Paving, speed control, code enforcement

Options to get into town so we can avoid adding to the parking issues in town.

The true value of our property is the preserved wildness.
The population of bear, moose, deer are at an all time high...they tell us that Blue Rive is a good place to live....
LET US STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE "GOOD PLACE" status.

The Tarn is being mismanaged. With the proper treatment and regulations it could easily return to a self sustaining lake as it was from 1968 until 2000. Sadly, the ham-handed stocking and loose policing has degraded the fishing....

Rec path, trails to the tarn and a shelter with some picnic tables at the tarn.

I would love to see a rec path through Blue River. Roads. Love the tarn maybe some picnic tables, a shelter and some grills?

THE ROADS and road maintenance! Ordinance enforcement, waste water mitigation.

The roads, water and sewer and a slow down on highway 9!

I don't like that you need to get a building permit for every little home improvement you want to make...things like re-staining stairs and minor fix-up projects should NOT require a permit.

Allow people to swim in the Tarn.

Sidewalk/bike path along Hwy 9.

Roads

8. What would you like to see in Blue River's Future? - Responses

Answer

Love it as it is

See answers in 7 above

Clubhouse facility on the tarn. Potential revenue generator for the town. Weddings, rent to blue river residents.

Better access to Breckenridge. Better roads.

More community involvement, sustainable approaches to the growth we are experiencing as a town, community spaces, community classes (i.e. yoga), more biking/hiking trails.

Same as above

Our own 4th of July celebrations, a local market, and community center that we can bring the kids when it is crummy outside. It would have ping pong & foos ball tables, a few bowling lanes, a climbing wall, snack bar/restaurant & even a pool.

Areas look like trailer trash because of all the vehicles and trailers, RV's that are in full view. The clutter along Highway 9 needs to be addressed

Not a lot more people.

Paved roads and better bus schedule

I would like to see a southbound left turning lane at hwy 9 and Blue River road. It needs to be widened and a middle turning lane put in.

TO GET THE DAM FIXED SO THAT THEY CAN BRING THE LEVEL OF THE LAKE BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL LEVEL.

BIKE PATH INTO BRECKENRIDGE

Bike Path along hwy 9 if there's a way to do it without taking property and encroaching on people's property too much.

PAVED ROADS

More open space development? Clubhouse on the Tarn for Residents?

Trails and outdoor rec areas.

It would be great to have a bike trail that connects with the trails system around the rest of Summit County. Rte 9 is a hazardous road to walk or ride.

Thanks for asking for input!

see above

with focus on restrictions to lock off apartments and enforcement of current regulations so we maintain our property values

Schools or a daycare maybe if population increases enough.
See above, but overall, don't really care at this point, as I haven't seen any positive changes over the years. Just a downward quality of life as population density and traffic increases. After equity builds, I'll be cashing out and moving to a different town.
Paved roads and cleaned up yards (no abandoned vehicle storage, no dead fallen trees left to rot, no toilets on decks, no plywood leaning on trees, no debris piled up against garages, etc)
I would be happy to help seed wildflowers throughout the open spaces so that Blue River can become known as a place of beauty.
Maintain the small town atmosphere at all costs.
Paving roads
Widen highway or provide separate bike pavement because we fear that accidents will become commonplace as usage increases. We do no bike but are afraid for those who do
Community Center with activities for all ages. And a pool.
Planned growth
See above.
All the forementioned improvements. I think a park right off Blue River road would be cool, where there is sunlight most of the day. Also, it would be great if that cop's tires never left pavement. That's an easy rule to implement. It would also help by focusing his efforts on the main source of traffic violations and would help to draw money into the community from outside sources rather than residents. Or... who needs cops anyway?
Mountain bike/hiking trails through town, a bike path that connects over Hoosier to Breck, paved roads, buried power lines, modernized architectural guidelines and codes/guidelines that makes the town feel more like a town and less like an HOA.
I would like to see the utilities we have made better before we start to try to add other ones. Don't get ahead of ourselves as a town just because we are growing. If you start adding utilities it is hard to take them back if you can't maintain them in the future.
Paved roads
Bike path to Breck
Town signs at the entrance to Blue River and removal of the ones that are unsightly. It's own zip code. Mail delivery. Service directory of reputable companies to do work in a timely manner and at reasonable costs.
All roads paved
Paved roads.
a secure set of communities that serve as an alternative to the urban environment one mile downhill, not an extension of it. A community that ensures high water quality, reliable waste water treatment through OWTS or sewer. And a core set of regulations, consistently enforced, that enhance the interests, values, and home values of its residents.
A community that has deep respect and broad recognition across all local and state agencies and residents as a great collaborator that brings and defends a unique perspective while dedicated to solving the "bigger things" the larger community faces.
Protection and preserve the environment!
Discussions on uses of Dark Sky Outdoor Lighting (limit bright outdoor lighting).
4 lanes coming off Indiana Pass to Breck.
connected hiking trails, parks, bike paths, access to public transportation, connections to Breck via walking/biking vs driving
Please do not develop Blue River.
Dog park, town park, central hangout.

A bike/walking trail from the town hall connecting to Breckenridge. Somehow, encourage the renovation of older properties and maintenance of all existing properties.
A decent police officer.
This "town" to remain a quiet residential neighborhood. I understand there are those who would value more of a "community/town" feel, but those services are available minutes away in Breckenridge. I wouldn't want our taxes to go up because of added parks or facilities.
More commercial development for a larger tax base. More restaurants, etc.
Trash pick up.
A sense of community with local government and residents that currently is in place.
I would really like to see the county recreation path extended to Quandary Trail Head or to the top of Hoosier Pass.
Also, I would like to be able to snowshoe and cross county ski on the Tarn in the winter.
Improved roads.
Maintaining the quality of life we already have.
Government staying small, out of our lives
I like the recent community involvement approach. Our road maintenance is always an issue.
Maybe canoe/kayak storage at the Tarn.
A grocery store and gas station
Paved roads
Keep it as is ,just keep it maintained,so residence and visitors may enjoy this place
A summer community event...like a BBQ or something...town party...
Limited growth
Work to preserve the environment and improve amenities to residents, such as paved roads, mail delivery, parks and open space.
Lock-off approval
Bike path to town
more mountain bike trails and more ways to hook up to other trail networks
Paved Roads and no trailers, snow mobiles, RV's, construction equipment in driveways. Renters should not be able to have outdoor fires
Gas station, small market, paved roads, fixing of tarn parking and access, and steady growth..!
More snowmobile access. Better bicycle access to town during summer months.
Parking for bus route. Bike/walking trail along highway 9
More votes brought to the people regarding change.
I appreciate the surveys, allows for lots of feedback.
Paving the roads. Maintaining guidelines of homes not allowing junk to litter yards, and guidelines for short term rentals.
Some convenience stores.
More community events
a return to clean a continuation of quiet
There are so many junk yards in the city it is sad...tires, defunct autos, construction materials...
What I would like to see in Blue River is a council that can see.
Same, rec path, trails, shelter at the tarn, ice skating at the tarn.
A rec path.

Paved roads. Sewer connections for all homes. An community that people are proud of and take pride in, an end to the "mountain ghetto" look as my kids call it. I am well aware of the people who moved to this part of the county to get away from the people and rules, etc associated with Breck, Frisco, etc. But the reality, sad or otherwise, is that Blue River is no longer that place. Full time residents and even part time residents, who invest hundreds of thousands of dollars (\$1million+) in building or home renovations can no longer tolerate the junked vehicles or old kitchen appliances sitting all over properties. Positive changes need to start happening on helping create the "new" Blue River.

And regarding the road paving, I realize that the only source of funds is the property owners. But the overall benefits to paved roads will accrue to all property owners through increased property values therefore all should contribute equally, including those on Highway 9 frontage.

Better roads, water and sewer and a slowdown on highway 9.

I'd love to see a bike path going from Breckenridge all the way through Blue River.

A park and a convenient store.

Sewer & water followed by paving

9. What subdivision do you live in? - Responses

Answer

112 Wilderness
Lake Shore Loop
96
Whispering Pines
Crown
Blue River Road
Royal
Coronet
Sunnyslope
Coronet Drive
on Hwy 9
Crown
Blue River Road
Timber Creek Estates
The Crown
Timber Creek
Coronet
Blue River Estates
whispering pines
97 Circle
LAKESHORE
Crown
Blue Rock Springs
Lakeshore
Sherwood Forest
Leap Year
Royal
Royal Drive
Timber Creek Estates
Rustic Terrace--unsure of the subdivision name.
Aspenview
Lakeshore
Lakeshore
Sherwood Forest
With all the construction and dog crap

The Coronet
Spruce Valley Ranch
Lakeshore
Wilderness road
Crown
96 Sub
Wagon road
96 sub
Timber Creek Estates
Royal
97 Circle
Mountain View
End of Blue River Rd.
Royal
Aspen View
Sherwood Forest
Sherwood Forest
Royal
Blue River Estates
Lakeshore
Timber Creek Estates
Lakeshore
Spruce Valley Ranch.
Royal
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Royal
The Crown
Sherwood Forest
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Timber Creek Estates
Timber Creek
Mountainview
Louise Placer
Crown
Crown
Blue Rock Springs
Crown Subdivision
Aspen view
Sherwood Forest
Lakeshore
Crown
Sunnyside
Timber Creek
Blue Rock
The Royal
Royal
Blue river estates
SVR
Wilderness
Sunnyslope
Royal
Sherwood Forest

Crown
Coronet
Sherwood Forest
Blue River Rd
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Sherwood Forest
Wilderness.
Sherwood Forrest
Royal
The royal
96
Sunny slope
Sunnyslope
Coronet Estates
Lakeshore
Sunnyside
Sherwood Forest
n/a
Lakeshore
Timber Creek Estates

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No			18	18.7 %
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Totals			96	100%

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Clean Up Day			80	88.8 %
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Trunk or Treat (Halloween)			50	55.5 %
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Cisterns for fire protection			49	54.4 %
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Would you be interested in volunteering for any of the hosted events or on a committee? If so, please email your contact information to info@townofblueriver.org.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes				
No			26	27.0 %
No Response(s)			55	57.2 %
			15	15.6 %
		Totals	96	100%

In the past, residents were asked, "What is Your Blue River?" Please take a moment to give a brief note of "What is your FUTURE Blue River?"

63 Response(s)

Survey Responses for Committee

2. What types of conservation projects or policies would you like to see adopted by the Town of Blue River?

	Answer
	The promotion of native vegetation could cause some residents trouble with obtaining property insurance due to the current wild fire risk mitigation that insurance companies demand. If we are required to maintain any vegetation up close to the house, we could become uninsurable.
	Have quite a few neighbors who leave outdoor lights on all night that broadcast light out and not just down. I can understand maybe having flood lights on for a few minutes....but all night is awful when I am trying to sleep and there is an immense amount of light coming through my windows in every direction.
	Aquatic habitat in tarn and upper blue river.
	Trails along 9 for safety and recreation to connect
	Wildfire mitigation
	noxious weed removal is super important to promote native vegetation; these two go hand in hand.
	Conservation policies that Protect the Blue River Corridor by removing human improvements i.e. dams, zip lines, decks, human trails to insure wildlife travel patterns & access to River 2)Protect wildlife habitat (instead of fractured habitat) with access to quality water & food sources, healthy & native vegetation 3)Use eco-friendly means i.e. hand pull noxious weeds & minimize mag chloride on roads 4)Preserve & restore native vegetation & natural landscaping 5)Apply Dark-Sky Ass. strategies.
	I would like to see an effort to inform and control short term visitors in regard to litter and trash issues. When and how to deal with said issue due to wildlife and general apathy. Bears and other wildlife spread trash throughout the neighborhood leading to an increase in encounters and random garbage.
	Engage in an educational process of Blue River and unincorporated summit county residents about the importance (and requirement) of removing beetle kills from developed and undeveloped private property.
	I support conservation efforts as long as they don't interfere with what I think should be our main priorities. (Speed Limits, Road Maintenance and privacy from our neighbors noise, bright lights and barking dogs.)
	I listed Light pollution as lowest only because I don't really understand how that is a factor up here? I may not understand fully? Sorry

3. Do you have recommendations for any other conservation efforts or policies you would like to see in Blue

	Answer
	Many home owners aren't aware of "best practices" for conservation and land management, especially as it pertains to their own property. It seems like it could be easy content for your newsletter, just a thought, thanks.
	Think you should start enforcing the policies you already have before making new ones!!!
	homeowners need to be responsible for invasive plant species and remove them.
	ALL homeowners need to be responsible for defensible space. The program doesn't work if only a portion of homeowners participates...duh
	Noxious weeds and light pollution are increasing very fast.
	Planting programs along the west Tarn
	Protection of wildlife. This involves state and the feds (hwy) but minimizing conflicts between people and wildlife, vehicles and wildlife. Policing the kooks that stop in the road to get too close to moose. Our wildlife are a great resource for residents and visitors. Already try to address bear issues pretty well.
	1)Forest health 2)Town easements for conservation & trails; remove encroachments 3)Acquire lands for conservation uses 4)Restore natural landscaping & wildlife habitat with Town long-term monitoring when land is disturbed 5)Interdisciplinary teams for project designs 6)Trash/recycle on Town property 7)Retain residential zoning only.
	Increased forest fire prevention efforts

Blue River should be actively working with residents and the US forest service to create fire breaks, especially between trails and residential areas.

These fire breaks could be made equivalent to natural fires by planting aspen saplings to accelerate primary succession that normally occurs after a fire. Maintain the break by culling lodgepoles.

wildflower seeding in open space areas

Trash clean up by continuing town clean up days, needing more than one. Maybe one in May as most snow have melted and then another in the summer.

Litter issues, especially on Hwy9.

Recycling

I've seen bad behavior by visitors toward wildlife - particularly bears, fox and moose. In years past, some notices have been placed on neighborhood entrances from CO 9. Many years back...

Keeping bears out of trash, especially short term renters putting out trash early and not putting away cans.

6. What type of events or programs would you like to see offered in the Town of Blue River? - Responses

Answer

"Best Snow work" as judged by John

The Halloween Trunk or Treat was fun. Great to see the fire & police department out there!

Clear the snow from the tam for ice-skating

Town Gathering Events at the Tam, maybe a boat or paddle boarding event. Really enjoyed the Halloween event but would like more notice. Maybe town barbecue event or something like that. Would like to see our transit/multi-modal circulation updated for the town, like a safe bike path through the town and connecting to Breck and Alma.

Community outdoor activities - races/walks, build a park,

Maybe just getting some energy behind a town party type event to bring people together. Buy some BBQ for Town Clean-up day and make it more of a party?

markets, festivals? community connections, fishing competitions?

More Tam parties. Halloween at the park was great last year, but needs to be earlier in the day.

1)What everyone can do to protect our natural environment i.e. identify & remove noxious weeds 2)Protect Blue River Corridor 3)All about easements 3)International Dark-Sky Association info i.e. how to reduce light pollution & stargazing event. Include links plus other info on Town web site re: protection of natural environment.

monthly casual meet and greet not associated WITH ANY business

Like the

Clean up day dumpster

The biggest threat we face is from a wildfire and we should be working together to systematically reduce the risk posed to both homes and habitat with active programs to mitigate the risk.

neighborhood clean up projects such as

large lawn garbage removal - yard "Junk" removal

I don't see a big need for additional programs. Funding additional programs could be difficult given the limited revenue the town receives.

Bbq after clean up day so we can come together to get to know one another after a day of cleaning our town.

What we have is great but I would add starting a neighborhood watch program.

Current event are fine.

community weed pull would be awesome, by neighborhood possibly.

Continue tree chipping program and clean up days

9. In the past, residents were asked, "What is Your Blue River?" Please take a moment to give a brief note of

Answer

staying a small town community, however.... more and more owners are renting out their homes... I would like to see a restaurant or two added to our community. Possibly a gas station with a small convenience store so trips into Breck would not be necessary.

Restaurant / small boat-house on the tam. More full-time residents.

A retreat for owners and guests alike. I hope the Town of Blue River will not participate in the extreme regulation of short term rentals that other communities are forcing on their owners. Solid Town policies and HOA policies are plenty to handle parking and disrespectful renters. There is no need to impose extra fees and regulations.

The future of Blue River is more crowds, more construction, more noise, more gunshots, more fireworks, more cars speeding through neighborhoods, more noisy diesel vehicles rumbling, more heavy machinery driving by shaking homes, more dogs running loose shitting on private property, more trespassing, more dogs barking, more kids screaming, more renters abusing your maximum occupancy laws, more music blasting, more, more, more! It's not the peaceful place it once was and at this point it's too far gone, which is why I'll be happily be moving out of this town in the spring. Good riddance and have fun listening to all the god damn construction this summer and beyond!

Quiet place to be.

I like how the question is phrased, it is likely to draw ideas from your internal stakeholders, and residents about the future. I have not actually seen a 5-year or 10-year plan for the Town of Blue River. I was wondering if one exists - or if your question is meant to be the initial building blocks of a plan. I'll check the website further.

That said, my thought might be "My Blue River is a growing community, conscious of the environment, sustainable and responsible in investment while creating access to wilderness and resources for residents, guests and visitors".

A place I can continue to raise my children alongside other families...who know and look out for one another.

A place without an overwhelming amount of policies. Our conservation efforts are enough. If residents want to organize further efforts, great. Let them! But the town doesn't need to spend any more time or money figuring these out and organizing additional events.

We have had a home in Blue River since 1969 our family vacation home and it has been a joy for 3 generations. As a real estate Developer and Professional for 40 years I am hoping to see Blue River use educated, well informed, fair development and construction policies and codes. Majority rule is not democracy and leads to the taking of others rights. Leaders of the community are elected to make policy decisions that will benefit the whole while protecting the individual rights. Codes should be fair and reasonable and very easy to understand. They should be very clear so that individual Inspectors or Reviewers cant "interpret them" to fulfill personal agendas or beliefs. All City Staff should be employed to help residents as Quickly and efficiently as possible. Solve Problems not create them! A City dedicated to helping all of its residents will save the City and Residents Millions over its lifetime and foster a great Community bond based on trust and Mutually achieved success.

Small, quite, staying close to its roots.

A place to get away and relax

I would like to see Blue River be more than a small community located next to Breckenridge. I would like to see paved roads. I would like to see the town create a retail / restaurant area. Blue River should be more than just a sleepy community where people work elsewhere. It should be a destination.

Solid shoulders from Breckenridge to Hosier. Fix the dam, monitor the fish health/population. Catch and release only

Limit small town government control. Enable more freedoms to the homeowners.

I hope to not see any additional trails closed.

My future blue river is a place for my family to grow. We want to know our neighbors and have a sense of community. We want to have access to trails and eventually Breck via a bike path.

A place that is more welcoming for hikers.

One where I can get around without a car better.

Clean, free of junk outside homes, no trailers, no rv's, etc.parked on property. Pick up after your dog. Bike path friendly into Breckenridge, Sandy beach around tarn - the tarn fixed. Most neighborhoods are eye sores
Trails!!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A FUTURE BLUE RIVER WITH A SAFE BIKE/PED PATH THROUGH THE TOWN RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH AND EVENTUALLY CONNECTING TO BRECK AND ALMA. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A FUTURE BLUE RIVER WITH MORE COMMUNITY GATHERING EVENTS LIKE BARBECUES, OUTDOOR ACTIVITY OR CULTURAL EVENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE TOWN PRIDE, UPDATED SIGNAGE, MAPPING, AS WELL AS ACCESS AND TRAILS AROUND TOWN AND TARN FOR RESIDENTS.

Definitely need a community park for kids to play and picnic bench, maybe small walking trail. There needs to be a safe accessible bike trail from blue river into Breckenridge and back. Protected home/neighborhood access to national forest trails.

A community that celebrates and preserves the natural beauty surrounding us. Not sure I have a ton of progressive goals for the town. I think less is more for a simple resident town such as ours.

Widen Blue River Road instead of narrowing it as you did two years ago with the supposed "fix" of drainage! And get Goose Pasture Tarn back to original levels(not waiting 10 years). It looks terrible.

a bedroom community right next to Breckenridge with a community, semi tourist feel, with some FT residents, peaceful and less dense

as a result of draining the tarn lake we have not used it in about 5 years.

our future is selling our home due to loss of sport. we are in discussion with a realtor.

Residential, unpaved, community-led.

That it continues to be a great place to live and raise a family. That it stays independent of Breckenridge and how Breck has turned into a town of 2nd home owners and short term rentals.

Picture post guard of a Rocky Mountain residential area, where regardless of vantage point you would be proud to show a visitor.

Keeping our wild spaces in and around our neighborhoods wild, as much as we can in a responsible and defensible way. Maintain the quiet beauty that attracted us to Blue River in the first place. Little to no Major developments, or at least anything slowly planned and discussed so we can all maintain this quiet little heaven. I feel so lucky now with how crazy the county can be that I live in blue river. I turn into my neighborhood, and it's like a curtain of peace closes in behind me and leaves all of the anxiety behind me. In my future blue river, nothing has changed, and blue river still provides the same magical serenity due to intelligent planning.

A beautiful place to live and play. A place with a strong sense of community, and a commitment to conservation and the protection of wild places.

My future Blue River is a place that has improved bike connectivity to the Town of Breckenridge, while still being a place where those who don't want to live in a development can feel they have some space. It's a place that feels like home.

One in which people are free. Basically already what's going on.

Natural environment with respect for private property rights. Low density with no rental units. Slow traffic. Family friendly.

TOBR is at a crossroads: one path is more human amenities (found in Breckenridge, etc.) at the expense of a healthy natural environment & the other is the protection of the Town's natural environment. We prefer the latter: Let's protect the Town's natural environment & develop Town policies of eco-friendly practices i.e. 1)Minimize light & sound pollution 2)Encourage localized solutions to problems with interdisciplinary professionals 3)Return Blue River Corridor to natural state 4)Honor private, Town & neighboring lands, i.e. National Forest 6)Protect wildlife habitat, food & water sources, travel patterns 7)Acquire & maintain lands, assert Town's right to easements & provide incentives to vacate lot lines for conservation purposes 8)Develop Town-wide sustainable & signed trail system with appropriate mix of pedestrian & bike use & conservation via Town pedestrian & road access easements.

The future TOBR is a peaceful, serene, mountain sanctuary for all human and nature residents.

A town that joins the 21st century and prioritizes road paving.

We love Blue River and it has a unique setting. I hope we do not over build and create an only bedroom community. The community events are really appreciated.

I would like to see the ability to use Goose Pasture Tarn with all water craft with a \$60/summer pass instead of a sticker on every water craft. Many people have several kayaks.....they only use one at a time but have to buy a pass for each. The same with fishing craft and paddle boards, these homeowners have more than one BUT only one is on the water at a time. Also some people don't like stickers all over their boats. Please consider this!

Quiet beautiful and crime free town where you truly feel you are blessed to be.

A pristine, beautiful and exclusive mountain community where the residents are chill and the critters are happy.

A Future Blue River that stays green and true to it's surrounding

Less intrusive government, more resident input and resident ideas and control.

I would love to see:

1. Resident stickers for parking at the end of Blue River Road so we may enjoy the hiking trail and walk to the lake without worrying that our car will be towed.
2. Improvement of the Tarn access road to make it a bit safer.
3. Small community boat house at the Tarn for storing kayaks, cartop boats, SUPs, etc.
4. Work to the Tarn's southend so the blue river is rerouted back to it's original stream bed and into the lake. This will greatly improve the health of the lake and it's critters.
5. Small group of community retail buildings (near your office) for local artisans to display and sell their wares and where the city can make a bit of additional income to pay for improvements within the city.
6. Community garden site.
7. Once completed by the trail's committee, a detailed map of all of Blue River's hiking trails.

My future Blue River includes a bike path to town so we can tow our babies to play dates, lunch, and ride around the lake without hopping in the car. It also includes the bike path so that we, and others, can safely commute to work in the summer.

It includes more trail access so we can hop on our mountain bikes from our door and ride to the hundreds of miles of trails that line our mountains, but are inaccessible (without driving) at the moment.

It also includes a regular bus service with more convenient drop off and pick up locations so that once more, we can ditch the car as much as possible.

The best part about this is that you are already working on all of these things! We moved from the Wellington neighborhood and these are the only three things we miss. Otherwise, Blue River is the best of living in Breck. Thanks for all of your work!

A peaceful, quite bedroom community with minimal traffic and noise close to work and play. Beautiful forests, streams and trails to access. Local living where people are friendly and living is simple

One that puts conservation and fire mitigation at the forefront of the mission of the Town of Blue River. I'm not keen on trail development in Blue River primarily because this will increase the fire risk to our homes because of the knuckleheads who ignore fire warnings/bans as a matter of habit in using wilderness trails....

Scenic, beautiful and natural neighborhoods without "junked up" yards.

(There are lots that currently have plywood storage, unsightly stacked wood, non working vehicles and household junk, construction machinery and/or garbage thrown on or stored on their lawns.). These items have been on these lawns for extended periods of time.

Not much different from my current "Blue River". I think we live in an amazing place in close proximity to outdoor activities. I would like to see less focus on "what needs to change", and more focus on conserving the best parts of what make Blue River such a great place.

Remain a small town, trails for biking that are off the highway and safe for children, slower speeds on highway 9, small gatherings for towns people where we have the opportunity to get to know one another

Community where one can live close to nature with access to trails year round. Community where residents respect the environment, river, trees and wildlife and not be bothered with commercial enterprise.

Blue River is changing. We need to manage the change. Its days as a very rural, mountain highway community has passed. It is now a very important and growing residential community in one of the most beautiful environments in the US. It IS a resort community due to its proximity to Breckenridge. Property values are SUPER important. The town must make and enforce building and restriction codes that take this change in to account. The days of "do whatever you want to your property, it is Blue River after all" have long passed. Piled up junk on property, broken down vehicles, construction equipment, appliances on porches, cars parked all over, out buildings of dubious construction, and so forth need to be dealt with and eliminated.

And most important, but it was in the last survey, we need the roads paved.

Thank you for listening.

Remaining the small community that allows owners to keep their privacy with minimal urban rules

Lower speed limit on Highway 9.

More paved roads in neighborhoods.

Bury electric lines.

A piece of authentic paradise for the past 35 years and still counting!!!!!!!!!!

Stay Libertarian, Blue River... No communist bullshit. DO NOT FOLLOW in BRECK's footsteps !!!!

Lower speed limits on Highway 9 in Blue River.

More paved roads in neighborhoods.

Bury electrical lines.

Safe neighborhoods active in Summit County year round. A place people want to live.

Would love to see it stay a safe and quiet town.

Outdoor space of true mountain beauty seeing local people fish and paddle board in the tarn, biking on the path along hwy 9, and wild life grazing in the open spaces.

Keeping it a small rural mountain community.

I would LOVE to see the speed limit dropped from "Dead Man's Curve"(the intersection of 97 Circle and Hwy 9) to Spruce Creek Rd down to at least 40 mph, if not 35 mph. I live on the blind corner just north of the Blue River Rd and Hwy 9(just after the dip turn) and my wife and kids(as well as visitors) have almost been rear ended many times after pulling out of our driveway from people flying around that corner much too fast. There are also many accidents that happen right there every year which shut down the highway for hours. There is at least one if not two cars flipped over in my front yard every year. I know you all are aware of the desire to slow the speed down through the center of town and CDOT is being difficult to work with, but I am sure the citizens of Blue River would be happy to help persuade CDOT to lower the speed limit if there was a way for us to do so(petitions organized by the town, etc...) or voice our communal concerns.

Thanks for all that you do for us!!

without worrying about complete sentences...

Litter free - everyone picks up their own garbage, lures and lines, pet waste

Respectful for privacy, in property appearance and property enjoyment - to and from residents, owners, short term and long term guests

Safe - posted vehicle speeds and adhere to noise & fire restrictions

and Compliant - Codes enforced and entitlements only based on improvements that have been permitted by building, well, and septic codes.

Pristine and Peaceful. Not the hustle and bustle of Breckenridge.

- Enforce 15 mph speed limit. Much safer, goes a long way toward less road maintenance and dust mitigation.
- Maintain proper application of mag chloride to dirt roads to keep dust down.
- Continue sufficient grading and plowing of roads.
- No barking dogs.
- exterior lights that shine down and don't impact neighbors. (Light Pollution)
- Continued clean up days to maintain trash free neighborhoods and Hwy 9.
- No fireworks ever

A safe place, a refuge, a community where we can share and enjoy this beautiful amazing place. A place where we can take a moment to breathe and forget the way life gets so crazy around us, a place we can be in our own space with a little elbow room. Not only enjoying our life but helping our community as well.

Side note: we previously lived in the Wellington neighborhood, great place but on top of each other.



Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Comprehensive Plan-Recreation

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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TextBlock:

Goose Pasture Tarn

Would you like to see a natural, sustainable shoreline pathway around the Tarn for resident use?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			201	62.6 %
No			118	36.7 %
No Response(s)			2	<1 %
Totals			321	100%

If so, would you be in favor of trail connectivity from year round parking provided impacts to wildlife and the environmental may be mitigated?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			169	52.6 %
No			130	40.4 %
No Response(s)			22	6.8 %
Totals			321	100%




Would you like the ability for limited watercraft storage at the Tarn?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			85	26.4 %
No			230	71.6 %
No Response(s)			6	1.8 %
Totals			321	100%

What type of access would you like to see at the Tarn? Ex: gated, restricted entry, year round access/maintenance. List all options..

241 Response(s)

Do you use the Tarn?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			275	85.6 %
No			42	13.0 %
No Response(s)			4	1.2 %
Totals			321	100%

If you don't use the Tarn, why?

52 Response(s)

What activities would you like to see at the Tarn?

220 Response(s)




Any other thoughts on the Tarn?

127 Response(s)

TextBlock:

Parking for Recreation

Would you support the development of designated residential parking areas for access to recreation opportunities/activities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			172	53.5 %
No			130	40.4 %
No Response(s)			19	5.9 %
Totals			321	100%

Would you be in favor of formalized trailheads located within the town?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			160	49.8 %
No			147	45.7 %
No Response(s)			14	4.3 %
Totals			321	100%

Would you support trail connectivity/walkability to eliminate the need for trailheads and designated parking within the town?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			208	64.7 %
No			92	28.6 %
No Response(s)			21	6.5 %
Totals			321	100%

What type of restrictions or signage would you like to see?

141 Response(s)

TextBlock:

Recreation

Do you feel the Town has adequate recreational opportunities today?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			209	65.1 %
No			87	27.1 %
No Response(s)			25	7.7 %
Totals			321	100%


If not, what type of recreational opportunities would you like the Town to pursue?

111 Response(s)

TextBlock:

Signage

Would you like to see way finding signage through town?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			93	28.9 %
No			199	61.9 %
No Response(s)			29	9.0 %
		Totals	321	100%

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Comprehensive Plan-Recreation

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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4. What type of access would you like to see at the Tarn? Ex: gated, restricted entry, year round access/maintenance. List all options.. -

Answer
gated for blue river residents
Plow the parking in winter so we can ice skate.
Gated
gated or restricted entry.
restricted entry
A pavilion at the tarn would be a fantastic amenity
It got crazy busy at times this summer. So some way of making sure the people that live here are the bones using it. A gate might be nice.
Restricted entry, year round access
Unrestricted access
restricted entry, year round access/maintenance
If it's truly only for residents, some way of verifying that or enforcing it. I was there a lot this summer and never once saw anyone checking to be sure people had permits or were registered. I paid for a boat permit, but was never checked and new that others were out there without permits. Make it consistent.
Restricted to residents.
Gated would be great!
Year round access would be great!
Better signage prior to pulling down into the tarn parking. That way tourist are aware of the policy before driving in.
I assume we'd have to limit use to keep it from becoming a madhouse like the Spruce Creek trail. Gated w/ a passcode might work if not too expensive. Otherwise, I think the current signs are fairly effective so long as they are enforced from time to time. I also don't think we need year-round parking available. Leave it to the moose when the snows are too deep to park.
Whatever it takes to reduce the number of unauthorized users without making access difficult for residents.
"Blue River Resident Only" Restriction (Car sticker)
Restricted Entry (Car sticker for homeowners only)
Leashed dogs
Parking as it is currently but with an exit on the opposite end and with a one way traffic flow
Keep the area as natural as possible with limited signage.
Restricted entry
Ease of use by residents with out opening to unlimited access from non residents. Moderate policing to enforce allowed usage without locked gates or other barriers. It should be a place residents can enjoy and not feel harassed. More like a park atmosphere. Not an easy job. I wish you well
Gated from both ends for homeowners only on hwy 9
Year round access and the ability to offer ice skating in the Winter would be great.
Gated
Maybe a parking pass for residents so it can be more monitored.
year round would be nice...a gate would be difficult to enforce and my feeling is it would be vandalized and broken more often than not. Regular patrols with every resident using it showing ownership.
Year round access
Ability for renter access - perhaps with some sort of safeguards/ID and age requirements/fee-based, etc.
Parking spaces for residents from the northwest corner of the tarn in that neighborhood - cutting into that open spaces a little.
Perhaps Game Warden patrol of the tarn to confirm only homeowners are using the tarn. Would like to see year round access. Pulling off of 9 to park creates a nuisance, even is dangerous. If a simple means of restricting access, that would be fine.
Gated with code issued to residents that changes each year. I would like to see year round access for the use of a walking trail.
Same as we have now; resident only

	Gated or restricted to residents with year round access.
	Restricted entry with year round maintenance. Would be nice to have parking lot plowed and get a pond hockey rink shoveled out with volunteers maintaining it.
	gated of some kind would be great!
	Restricted entry
	Gated. Residence hold key cards to parking lot.
	Gated would be nice if you really want to keep access to residents. That doesn't currently happen with the sticker system.
	Improved access from Hwy 9. The current drive is steep and uneven. Pulling out onto Hwy is scary.
	Year round access would be nice, but for what? Ice fishing! Maybe if the trail was there or an ice skating pond was an option.
	A Sandy beach on the Hwy side would be nice.
	Year round but restricted to residents
	No gates!
	But, need some type of restricted entry or better enforcement
	I'm fine with the current open access with periodic checks for passes. If that's more of a problem than I realize, then some sort of gated/restricted entry is fine. I don't use the Tam in the winter, so year-round access is not a pressing priority for me.
	More parking is needed at the highway 9 pull-off even with present activity there for folks to get their boats and paddleboards in the water and leave their cars while they recreate. A gate would cause unsafe conditions on highway 9 unless a pull-off lane is built. Only TBR residents should be allowed and year-round access is not warranted. A structure for kayak and canoe storage is definitely preferable to watercraft scattered on the banks and in the willows. There is no way that a trail should be constructed through the frontage property of homes on the Tam and crossing the dam could create a threat to the Breckenridge water supply as well as a safety issue. The bird sanctuary at the south end of the Tam could have raised wooden paths built, much like similar habitat (ie. Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in FL, Potter Marsh or Katmai National Park in AK). As you are aware, the heavy willow growth in that area make it a prime moose hang-out. AND TBR owns that land.
	gated access year round access general site amenities, bathroom, trash, dog bags
	gated would be fine
	Resident only solar powered card access gate
	OK with summer access with permits and police enforcement
	I enjoy the tam in summer & winter, so I think winter access to parking lot would be nice. In general, I feel the pathway around the tam isn't necessary, and it would be difficult to create/maintain. I'm somebody who transports my canoe & kayak to/from and I find it manageable, and a storage facility could get cluttered fast. I think a gazebo or subtle picnic/shelter area perhaps in the southwest corner, near the parking lot would be nice - residents could use it or perhaps rent it for private gatherings. A gate/code access would certainly mitigate the non-residents to the parking lot - or even better signage at a minimum.
	Year round
	Honestly we don't use the tam because of the constant presence of big groups of tourists (or short term renters but I think they just pull off of 9). We'd love to use it more, so would be proponents of any measures to restrict access to our community, i.e. putting up a private property sign at the entrance and permit parking you will be towed at the lot itself, or something along those lines.
	Year Round Access Restricted Entry
	Careful development, limiting strictly to homeowners/residents. The problem could be rentals if there are a lot of large groups renting. I would favor restricted entry, with options for parking that are easily accessible. Year Round Maintenance could be very costly, but would be ideal.
	Year round access.
	It appears to be a tourist hot spot with little restriction or policing of residency. Gate with "code" could be a solution.
	Year round, but restricted so that it does not have to be policed as much....gate with changing code.
	A gated, restricted entry that would identify the user, together with a sticker for the car identifying town residents and not their short term rental occupants. No common pass code that can be shared. The parking we have is sufficient to support the use by town residents. It's not sufficient to support the general public.

	restricted but not gated
	Limited access , parking by Hwy 9. No pathr around tarn.
	Keep it the same
	Restricted entry It seems there will be more and more folks using the area Somewhat torn about developing that will require supervision But with the dam work and down time for water now is the time to plan. Would a trail around Tarn be used on winter? Nordic/snowshoe use? I would hope that the homeowners and their property would be considered (we arenâ€t one). How does Spruce Valley handle their boat storage? Boat storage only in â€summer â€ Financing all this?
	restricted entry.
	I would like more open access to long term residents and short term rentals. Everyone staying in Blue River should have access to the Tarn and trails. Timber Creek Estates needs to establish access to the national park trails for all residents in the neighborhood.
	easier access trail from blue river road picnic area
	Year round. No gate. well signed as private residents only. occasionally patrolled weekly/weekends or whatever is enough.
	My concern about the path "around the tarn" as stated is that it will negatively impact private property on the north side. There already is trash in the existing parking lot and on the shore and discarded fishing gear around the lake that the neighborhood picks up. Difficult to see how "around the tarn" would work while protecting the rights of the existing property owners. There is a nice social trail that runs from the lot south and east into the wetlands that might be a candidate for improvement. This social trail might be extended to the south to access fishing spots.
	Year round access and maintenance would be great provided for residents only.
	Restricted entry
	Maintained ice rink in winter
	Improved picnic areas
	The current situation seems to work
	Restricted entry, no vehicles
	gated with residents having code
	winter access less important
	gated property since alot of non residents use it
	Gated would be great.
	Entry has to be restricted to residents as it is now. Having worked at the Breckenridge Tourism Office, I know that the visitor's center will immediately start sending tourists to walk around the Tarn if it is opened to the general public. The Tarn, much more obvious than our trailheads will quickly become overrun (like the trailheads).
	I personally do not see the need for year-round access and especially not year-round parking. A gate seems unnecessary to deter non-residents. A reasonable amount of enforcement under the current scenario seems to work. Clearer signage at the entry might help. "PRIVATE: Access for Blue River Residents Only"
	Restricted use for Blue River residents and their guests only.
	Restricted entry.
	Ice skating and pond hockey in winter
	Restricted or Gated to regulate non resident use while continuing to permit all Blue River Residents access year round
	Gated / maintenance
	Leave as is
	Gated entrance with a code
	Stock with fish
	More than goose droppings
	We love using the Tarn! We are excited for all improvements, but we do love how it is restricted to Blue River residents. We do appreciate our local police force patrolling the area frequently and protecting our community rights. Thank you to the council for all of your hard work.
	Given the use of the tarn that I have seen over the years, I've never seen it such that people don't have room to park and do their thing. Whatever you do, if you do anything at all, keep it simple and unobtrusive.
	gated, year-round access
	Gated parking, with picnic tables for residents to utilize.

	Gated or controlled access Year round access Pavilion and boat storage Bathrooms!
	Gated or some form of restriction to Blue River full time residents since police monitoring is not possible at busy times.
	Year round
	Parking where you don't get a ticket, like we did last week at the end of Blue River Road (no signage at a trailhead)
	GATED! (or restricted entry). Buffer between the highway and parking area (trees). Limited boat storage. Don't mind the summer only access. A path around the lake to walk would be great but we know there is a lot of private property.
	I would like year round access that is restricted to residents only.
	year round access to Blue River residents. if gated would like some type of device in car to open like a garage door.
	Only residents have entry to use of the tam.
	Restricted entry Year round maintenance Cross country trails Year round access
	Public access for all...not just residents.
	I think the current access is fine.
	Restricted as it is now
	Restricted entry
	Year resound access with today's policing of participants
	Year round maintenance would be nice.
	Restricted entry to Blue River residents only.
	Just some improvements to the parking area and the trail. It doesn't need to be over-improved, just more functional. Sometimes in the summer too much parking is taken up by non-residents.
	any path around the tam would quickly become popular with visitors to Summit county and non-residents of Blue River
	Keep private with access limited off Hwy 9
	Restricted Entry - with more monitoring focused on resident and guest usage.
	Gated, year round access/maintenance, sandy beach like Lake Dillon and a few picnic tables with shade. Storage for a cost
	A gate with a swipe card pad that records the card owner/residents info, time log, etc. Signage that restates usage rules and regs, and permanent removal of privileges of all household members if these are disregarded like driving their truck through the wetlands shore.
	gated restricted entry Great to keep it to Blue River residents
	Restricted Access
	allow residents for access all the time and sell 10 to 15 day passes to public to pay for a portable bathroom and other amenities at the tam
	Restricted entry
	Keep it the way it is.
	There would need to be limited access. Parking at trail heads has become congested to the point that you nearly have a hike to get to the hike. A trail around the Tam would be a major attraction but very disruptive to the home owners who front to lake.
	Restricted year round access. Maybe a gate with a code or pass.
	Block off access from Highway 9 and create a different access/parking area that does not come from Hwy 9. Limit parking to Town Residents and accompanied guests ONLY. Implement and enforce a parking pass system. No winter use. The winter recreation opportunities at the Tam do not justify the cost to the Town to maintain a parking area for year-round use. Incorporate appropriate enforcement signage to educate and inform unauthorized users.
	Year round access. Purchase of rear view mirror lanyard. If you don't have one you get a ticket. Plow the Tam so people can ice fish.
	Gated, restricted entry with year round maintenance
	year around parking / access by some form of identification
	We have access today
	year round access/maintenance
	enforcement of resident-only usage or some sort of controlled access that does not require local law enforcement personnel.
	Gated with card access
	Posted sign residents only
	We use our canoe on the Tam during the summer. I'm not an advocate of all the issues with having storage on/by the tam.

	Year round access
	Restricted entry/gate
	Year round access / Maint.
	1. I would support gated access. 2. If possible, I'd like to see snow plowed from a part of the Tam to allow ice skating.
	Restrict access to residents and their personal guests. Would not like to see a gate, but signage that it is for residents only. Perhaps even on Rte 9 before people drive down there and have to figure out they need to leave
	Restricted entry
	If there was a gate, every family could have their own code. Codes could be deleted if someone abuses the system, i.e. track how many times a code has been used per day and flag if more than 5. If no gate, parking passes work well if enforced. Whichever costs less to maintain.
	restricted
	restricted entry for sure more policing of area i find that there are fishing guides guiding on the tam as well
	No additional access than what is currently available.
	None!!
	restricted entry
	I would like for family and guests at my home be able to access the Tam when they are staying at my property.
	Just signage that explicitly restricts access to Blue River property owners only. Basically what is already being done.
	Restricted access
	Keep access as currently is. I think there is a chance to spoil the wildlife and beauty of the Tam if it is changed.
	None
	restricted entry
	Restricted entry. Gated
	Nothing additional.
	Enforced Restricted entry
	restricted
	What is there now is adequate and appropriate.
	Year round access.
	Access is fine as long as Blue River controls the out-of-Townes.
	Gated access for residents. Maintenance only in non-winter months.
	Restricted access especially with the Covid
	Restricted Entry, or Gated would be ok. I'd like to be a part of any discussions
	Gated and restricted
	Gated for TOBR is good, trail access around the tam is not a good idea. It will cross the doughnut created by the Theobolds and private citizens in Spruce Valley Ranch. Boat permits are good. Blue River residents only, although Breckenridge is draining the tam twice!!
	None
	Nothing other than upkeep of what is already there
	Property owners spent a lot of money to have the exclusivity and privacy of the Tam preserved and protected. I would not support increasing traffic around our private property.
	Restricted access exactly as it is currently.
	Restricted entrance, possibly gated. A pass per household so that any watercraft could be used by household member rather than charging for each boat, paddleboard, etc.
	We do not want additional access to the tam because it will greatly affect wildlife.
	Restricted entry. No more entry. We do not want additional access to the tam because it harms wildlife.
	Gated with restricted access would be great.
	Some sort of visually benign restricted access would be nice. The current parking lot and access is an eye sore. What makes the Tam great is its natural feel. if residents are seeking a manicured and commercialized nature experience, I suggest they use Dillon reservoir.
	Access only to Blue River residents/owners. Perhaps have stickers showing eligibility or a lift gate with a code.
	restricted entry--too many non residents
	small dock for canoe/paddleboard launching
	Gated and restricted year round access to residents only.
	Entry restricted to residents only. I suggest a gate, only because skiers and summer visitors will quickly fill any permanent parking spaces.
	restricted access
	there is limited space/parking along the Tam via Hwy 9 and would hate to see any development to increase impact on the habitat - the Tam is a unique habitat for wildlife and do not want to see its use expanded or commercialized

	Year round access & maintenance. Love to see trail connectivity to snow shoe, fat bike during the winter and mountain bike/hike in the summer.
	Restricted entry
	I feel the current access and use is sufficient for resident use and serves to limit damage to the natural environment from recreational use. The only change I would like to see is the addition of a concrete boat ramp on the Highway 9 side.
	Gated or restricted entry so that it is only residents using the Tam. Year round access/maintenance would be great!
	Restricted entry
	none
	Gated would help ease the need for law enforcement to patrol and allow them to attend to the needs of the town. I would be in favor of gated access if it was kept secure so that non-residents would not be able to find a way in. Perhaps an entry card that you can swipe that is renewed annually. Also it would be nice to have a dock in order to launch boats instead of from the shore, or to tie up. It can get crowded and will allow more access. Parking can be difficult too at times, especially when there are a lot of trailers. Better access to parking would be nice but not sure how that can get accomplished. Perhaps adding parking up along the highway to the north side, but that would encourage non-residents to use. Having a boat storage would reduce the trailers. With the draining of the Tam for the next couple of years it would be a great opportunity to expand the beach and/or enhance parking.
	Gated and restricted
	Restricted access, but available to short term renters (justified by taxes paid to BRiver)
	1. Gated, restricted entry for Town residents only. 2. Yr. round maintenance / access for Town residents only allowing for ice fishing and ice skating during the winter months.
	Gated and/or restricted entry
	Restricted
	Not sure, but some sort of entrance would be nice.
	Keep as is.
	Gated or restricted would be my preference- I have been there a number of times when tourists were there. I don't support winter access or parking that needs to be maintained during the winter.
	None.
	Locked Paddle board storage, winter access
	As a recent purchaser of a property at SVR, the cost of the property factored in the private access we have to the tam. Fishing is a passion for me and I fish sustainably through catch and release. I have witnessed non SVR residents removing trophy fish from the tam (whilst legal, very frustrating), have found discarded fishing line and hooks on the banks and enjoy beer cans. This will only get worse with greater access to this pristine area. Leave it alone please.
	Gated/limited access for residents. It would provide a relatively flat trail/path to be used by residents- cross country skiing use
	absolutely none - leave it as it is..
	Gated with code or some way to keep it for homeowners only.
	I think a gate and restricted access would be nice. I know its hard for it to be constantly policed. Maybe if we provide an area for those not aware that it is private to turn around, maybe take a quick pick and leave... and then provide the gate to access the full parking lot and access to the tam and trails and what not.
	Some system to limit access to residents
	Restricted entry to residents of Blue River.
	A paved road versus the dirt and very bumpy only access point by car.
	Leave as it is.
	Year round access
	I recommend no further access. There is enough foot and bicycle traffic near the Tam and around the neighborhood . To provide additional trails and access would only increase traffic and bring down property values in Spruce Valley Ranch.
	there isn't room for this. It's a small enough area already that would impact the number of cars allowed on the west and only side available to the TOBR residents. Where are you going to expand?
	year round access
	We would love to have a parking lot to a walking trail.
	Restricted/gated

	<p>A gate would be too cumbersome. Entry is already dangerous, and a gate would make things worse.</p> <p>I need some details regarding restricted entry to be able to assess the desirability.</p> <p>Enforcement of current rules might be the only reasonable option.</p>
	<p>Gated and restricted. There are way too many people out there that do not belong. There are fishing guides for hire that also frequent the tarn.</p> <p>year round access for access to the trail proposed in item 1.</p>
	<p>gated with key card access</p> <p>year round if it is safe</p> <p>better / more visible signage to inform non residents of restricted access</p> <p>I would like to see restricted entry with a gate code.</p> <p>Something that restricts access to residents and their guests</p>
	<p>Goose Pasture Tarn use is a such a wonderful benefit for Blue River residents, but it's currently abused by many others, some of whom have no idea they're breaking a rule. Signage feels inadequate; it's easy to miss that Goose Pasture Tarn is limited to residents only. I would be in favor of gated entry or some other physical means to limit use to residents. It's unrealistic to think our Blue River police can monitor the tarn full time. I would also like to see improvements to the entry/exit road to the tarn, if that's possible. It's steep and near a curve in the highway. I worry that someday there will be a tragic accident, given how busy Highway 9 is. Overall, I love the tarn and hope some improvements can be made.</p>
	<p>Gated and restricted to owners, residents and long term renters only (1 year lease or greater).</p> <p>year round access would be great!</p> <p>Year round and gated</p> <p>Year-round, gated access, with keycards for Blue River residents.</p> <p>Restricted entry</p> <p>Gated for residence only.</p>
	<p>Easier access than off Highway 9 which is a bit dangerous.</p> <p>gated or restricted entry is better, if possible, Still think the boat house on the East side would be perfect, even if required some expansion of parking.</p> <p>Nothing commercial should be considered, ruins the natural state</p> <p>Year round access would be nice but not if its cost prohibited</p>
	<p>Unsure because we are not sure how access is regulated now. We have a 2nd home, but unsure of how to prove our ownership and access to the tarn.</p> <p>Restricted access from West side parking lot.</p>
	<p>Gated makes sense, non residents use the area daily. A prominent sign at the entrance stating it is private would help, most people don't bother to read the signage once they are parked.</p> <p>Year round access would be great, if there was an option to ice skate in winter I think that would be good, and access to a trail around the lake for both summer and winter.</p> <p>Is there a way to make a trail from the beginning of Blue River Rd to the Tarn?</p>
	<p>Restricted access by a gate or permits. Having too many people access that lake would greatly impact the serenity and enjoyment that so many already find there. The town of Breckenridge has already commercialized everything there is no need to commercialize the town of Blue River and the amenities that it offers. It still remains a "peaceful" non-crowded area just minutes from town. Not to mention the Town of Blue River should not be spending money on this when it has some of the worst road infrastructures around.</p>
	<p>I think the way we access it currently is fine. But I may have not noticed of the small parking area gets too full? The ramp over in Spruce Valley Ranch would be better, but I expect that board isn't up for all the residents of BlueRiver using it.</p> <p>Gated or somehow restricted. It would be great if there was trail connectivity from the Blue River Rd neighborhoods so everyone didn't have to drive.</p> <p>Year round access</p>
	<p>restricted gated access if residents could access with code, however, cost is a consideration as this may require fencing, etc. if a continuous trail requires purchasing ROW that potential cost is another consideration as how to pay for it.</p>
	<p>Similar to what exists now, but restore the old water level.</p> <p>Year round access, but limited environmental impact. Keep us as natural and beautiful as possible!</p>
	<p>Restricted or gated would be nice but our current access for vehicles is in a very dangerous location, steep and hard to navigate.</p>

	<p>Gated would be best - it would free up the local police who have to patrol and kick out visitors.</p> <p>I trail around the tam would be nice. If it allows residents to be active with walking it would add a nice benefit.</p> <p>Adding more parking seems to be a negative. Concerns are simply taking away the natural feel of the tam.</p> <p>Any storage there for watercraft would not only distract from the beauty, but has a chance to junk up the look.</p> <p>The tam is a wonderful natural resource. A little access with a path fits the natural feel and gets people outdoors.</p>
	Hiking trail only
	restricted access, but a few more amenities like a seasonal restroom! perhaps a few picnic tables
	Keypad gated access
	A toilet of some sort would go a long way.
	Gated to only BR residents. Year round with trail along the south shore connecting to the lower blue river trail that leads to the end of blue river rd. Thus connecting to the blue river trail or up to Coronet to Pennsylvania or to the extension trail. In the winter make use of the river pedestrian easements for cross country skiing allowing for other connections to other areas(Calle de plata/Fredonia).
	Year round access and maintenance Restricted entry but not so strict that family members cannot get in and use the tam. I think owning property in Blue River should give our children and grand children access.
	GATED
	RESTRICTED ENTRY
	Restricted entry with year round access.
	restricted entry
	Restricted access to residents only.
	I like the idea of restricted/ gated access. Entry via card key with annual change of code.
	No change
	what we have now is fine. ok with limited or no maintenance in winter
	Restricted entrance with key solar key pad or combo lock
	boat house with slip storage and deck
	Natural trail around tam
	restricted entry
	access during winter is not needed
	some kind of access control is preferred, I am not sure what seems most feasible
	Restricted entry
	I like the layout of the tam parking as it is. The ingress and egress road could use a bit of grading to make it safer, along with a shoulder pull out area. I don't believe it needs a security gate, etc. but just for the police to stop by a couple times each day during peak use to check for stickers.
	Key card access raising entry gate would be great with each blue river residence receiving ONE card. If the one card is lost, there will be a fine and then the lost card can be programmed to no longer work and a new card can be reissued. I believe this will limit the amount of short term rental over use. Here's a link for the type of gate I'm referring to. https://www.google.com/ack?sa=i&ai=DChcSEwjTid3B3v3uAhW07LUKHS19AG8YABAOGgJxbg&sig=AOD64_3zavsL-RjLk9RHI-HF40eCmyBzQA&adurl&ctype=5&ved=2ahUKEwiQ-87B3v3uAhUbp80KHbt7A7QWq96BAgBEEw
	I believe owners should have access to the Tam with a form of ID card. The cards can be issued annually.
	Restricted entry for owners, family and guests.
	Please no gates!
	I'm in favor of gated, restricted (to residents only) entry. I think year round access would be great if there is a shoreline trail for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing in the winter.
	I think an access gate where residents are provided a code or perhaps a key card would solve the problem of non-resident access. It would alleviate the burden on law enforcement, and allow them to focus on other issues.

6. If you don't use the Tarn, why? - Responses

	Answer
	Always forget to get a permit, but want to!
	n/a
	No reason in particular. I have used it many years ago.
	We enjoy the view of the Tarn from our home. Lack of easy access and parking is a deterrent. A walking path would be pleasant.
	Too many non residents abusing it!
	I would very much like to use a kayak on the tarn regularly in the summers, but it is too difficult to transport each time, so i do not do. Instead i just walk in the area, but would love to also kayak.
	Just not into water sports or fishing, etc. Lovely to look at for it's natural beauty.
	We just purchased the property in November so haven't had the chance yet. However, we look forward to it!
	paddle board
	N/A
	For the last three or more years, water levels have been too low and inconsistent to easily get boat in and out of the water. Normally, we would fish two or three times a week and also kayak.
	See above - we used to use it but now it's just way too crowded with people we've never seen before (and massive groups of 8-10 that are clearly not residents).
	Very infrequently at this point, I intend to use it more often once I get a Stand Up Board, and Kayak.
	Well we didn't use it last summer on the holidays because there were over a thousand people there. But I'm sure all of those RVs with out of state plates were town residents.
	difficulty accessing from #9
	During the four years that we've had a home in Blue River, there seems to be concerns (lice infestation) and/or construction plans.
	Hard to manage kayak transfer, hence storage would be nice
	Haven't had the time
	I didn't use the Tarn very much last summer due to the most people I've ever seen there. Never seen so many people there.
	Just moved up full time last year and during the summer it is crowded with tourists
	Fishing
	Not very appealing bc right off hwy 9 loud
	Sometimes we don't go because it is crowded with visitors who should not be there
	I don't use it in the winter because there is no parking or other public access.
	Not really. No place to store a canoe or kayak
	I have an inflatable raft I use about twice a year to fish. To pay for a license to do so is ridiculous. Just the principle!
	Don't own water boat/paddle board.
	Paddleboard and to hang out next to water. Would snow shoe if parking was provided during the winter
	Under construction is causing low water levels and no trail access. Highest priority for my family is a bike and walking trail from town hall to the Tarn and then on down into breckenridge.
	The only use that interests us (why we marked it as a special use) is viewing the Tarn for its aesthetic scenic values. It's a quiet mountain water body surrounded by relatively undeveloped shoreline. Many years ago, we would take our raft and inflatable kayak out on the Tarn to experience the quiet waters and the beautiful mountain surroundings. In recent years, current uses tend to be more urban-related recreation toys and noise and does not fit the image of a natural water body in a mountain valley. Also, this unnatural noise can be stressful to aquatic life forms and shoreline ecosystems.
	Retarded rules are in place where my tenants can go to the Tarn, but I can't even though I live in my blue river home.
	We're new residents and haven't had the opportunity to use the tarn yet.
	Use to take path and roads down to the shoreline by the building. Right now it is too muddy and there really isn't a shoreline, hopefully when work is completed the access will return.
	I rarely use it, but a trail around it that is pedestrian specific would bring me there more to go running. I bike as well, but would prefer this trail to be used by only pedestrians by use of steps, rocks and tight turns.
	Difficulty accessing
	Beautiful. Crowded
	I don't fish or boat
	I use the Tarn.
	used it for fishing when it was allowed. Waiting patiently until that time is safe to do so
	Don't know where to park or access the tarn.
	Recreation

	1. No hiking trails.
	2. It's too small for exploration with a kayak or canoe. Poor ROI for the effort to transport and launch a boat. Obviously that can't be changed, so I don't think those activities should be supported.
	3. No fish
	We are new to the area and haven't figured out how.
	I would use the tarn more if the beach were more desirable. It is really an underwhelming experience at the moment when it comes to accessing the tarn.
	If there was resident water craft storage and a trail then I would.
	Too hard to get to.
	fishing
	Occasional use for fishing
	accessibility
	NOT SO ACCESSABLE DUE TO LACK OF PARKING.
	We find the boating permits too restrictive for only a small number of times we want to go.
	Sometimes we skip the tarn because it's too busy. But we love it as an amenity, and would prefer to have it for residents only.

7. What activities would you like to see at the Tarn? - Responses

	Answer
	Town Party
	Fishing
	Swimming
	Ice Skating
	We like fishing and boating of all types suitable for a body of water that size.
	picnic tables and restrooms for summer use
	n/a
	Restricted boating as is
	A natural trail around perimeter of tarn
	It's a popular place to set up for the day and hang out. Perhaps a better beach area for that so that these groups don't take up the small parking lot.
	Boating and fishing
	Ice skating in the winter.
	Picnic area or floating dock.
	A walking path so could walk around it. Would love to have a safe way to walk/bike to town as Route 9 can get scary and is far from pleasant.
	fishing, boating
	At the very most, I would like to see park benches.
	I do not want to see commercial activities at the Tarn nor public access.
	Currently, BR residents can use the tarn to canoe, boat, paddle board, fish, ice skate.
	The beauty of the Tarn is its natural and scenic landscape, the wildlife and the mountain reflections.
	In my opinion; a playground, formal parking, signage would spoil that scene.
	One the dam is repaired I would like augmented fishing opportunities.
	No specific recommendations
	Ice Skating in the Winter
	Fire pit, BBQ pits and picnic tables.
	None
	Not in favor of structured activities, would rather it be just casual resident use.
	maybe a few picnic tables
	Fishing, non-motorized boating, community events
	Fishing
	Nothing changed.
	Small rental of canoe/kayak for residents
	boating, fishing, dog exercise/swimming, hockey/ice skating
	Fishing
	Paddle boarding
	Picnic area
	Non motorized boating and fishing
	Swimming
	Fishing
	non-motorized watercraft

	I really enjoy just kayaking on the Tam and walking around its perimeter where passable but if there were other more organized events – say a cookout for residents or maybe some movies projected on a screen in the parking lot during the summer – that could be fun.
	fishing, kayaking, paddle-boarding,
	ice rink
	non motorized watercraft and fishing
	Adding a picnic area or shelter could be interesting - it could be reserved or rented for a half-day by residents to have a private gathering and could be a revenue source. Otherwise, we use it for paddlboarding, canoeing, summer fishing, ice-fishing. The ice quality is poor due to frequent slush... but skating/hockey would be nice if it were possible to maintain a section of ice.
	All
	SUP yoga
	Maybe clear a rink area for skating in winter?
	Fishing, stand up paddle boarding, non motorized use
	Used as it is now for boating and fishing and paddle boarding.
	walking, controlled dog walking, kayaking, standup board, canoes. nothing with a motor, fishing,
	Groomed cross country skiing
	Running path around the tam.
	- sup yoga - ice rink - boardwalk near marsh -
	Regular weekend events, SUP clinics, fishing clinics and perhaps winter activities (XC on the tam or ice skating).
	No more than we already have: fishing and paddleboarding.
	The same as now
	Paddle board. Non motorized watercraft (kayak, canoe, row boat)
	boating, canoeing, paddleboarding, fishing
	Boating/paddle boats Fishing ?hiking if trail available Weâ€™re biased to have limited/patrolled area (thank you officers) Know growth is going to happen but hope area can be as quiet as possible. Itâ€™s a beautiful asset. Weâ€™re second home owners since 1979 so lots of (mostly good) change!
	fishing, paddle boarding, small non-motorized boats. SUP, canoe, kayak. non motorized
	None keep native
	fishing, swimming, non motorized (paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, floats)
	The existing use keeps it quite busy - even with non residents. Winter use might include skating and skiing with the permission of the water owners.
	Same as we have in place now for residents except a walking trail around it would be really nice I think.
	Water activities Hiking trails
	Picnic facilities
	Fishing, paddle boarding, swimming, canoeing, sailing
	In winter, fishing and ice skating
	Boating hiking fishing
	The Tam is small and lovely in its pristine, natural presence. I do not support the idea of turning it into a tourist spot, and definitely not in support of activities. There are homes all around the Tam who built and bought there due to the tranquility and privacy of it. Most people invested in Blue River vs Breckenridge to avoid the tourism and congestion around their homes. So, to entertain now the idea of bringing it out to the Tam is contrary to many.
	paddle boats
	canoes
	fishing areas
	picnic area for residents away from highway 9
	fishing
	Fishing, paddle boarding, kayaks, canoes.
	It seems like there are quite a few possible activities already.
	Same as current.

	Picnic Areas/ Shelters, Once allowed - recreational meetings/groups for town residents
	SUP - is our primary activity during the summer and we would enjoy more hiking and biking options in the area.
	Boating, Fishing summer and winter, SUP, Gate, manage outside people
	Leave as is
	Boat storage for paddle boards, kayaks, etc Stock with fish for better fishing Winter ice hockey - pond rink
	No fee for canoes, kayaks and even paddle boards as it is not required by the state!!!! Storage for small watercraft and even paddle boards would be amazing. We would also love seeing some picnic tables.
	A nature trail around the perimeter/wetlands of the tarn. year-round fishing, paddle boarding
	Canoeing Kayak Paddle boats Campfire
	Fishing! Boats Some kind of beach and covered pavilion with bathrooms Picnic tables Trails Better road access and parking
	Fishing instruction
	Non motor boats owned by residents
	Paddle boarding kayaking fishing
	Fishing, picnic tables, better parking
	None. Simplicity is great!
	In the summer my family enjoys fishing and paddle boarding. We are thinking about purchasing a canoe. In the winter, I would LOVE to see cross country skiing, fat bike and/or snowshoe trail around/across the tarn. Also, I'd love to see winter parking access and ice fishing. These activities would be inexpensive.
	A playground for kids would be nice.
	no activities other than allowing the current ones as kayaking, paddle board and fishing. Keep it as is don't destroy by making a disney water place!
	A path around the tarn would be nice. Paddle boarding is already an option that I use. Ice skating
	Paddle boarding Fishing Cross country
	A pavilion at the tarn would be great canoeing, paddle boarding
	No change from today's rules concerning usage of motors. Is it 5hp electric? Perhaps add a bathroom facility
	Paddleboarding canoeing kayaking
	Fishing canoe and kayaking hiking
	I would prefer any developments that don't distract from the natural beauty of the Tarn. Fishing, Kayaking, Sailing, Paddleboarding.
	fishing, non - motorized boats: canoe and paddle boards as long as the number is limited
	Fishing, non-motorized boats, limited to Blue River residents
	Leave it as is.
	Same use; Good for fishing, SMALL fishing boats, canoeing, paddle boards, picnicking, and day shade tents for family get togethers. NO motor boats.
	fishing boating hiking maybe a kids play area or yard games type of area
	Bathrooms and a Pavillion
	Maybe a few benches and tie up posts for kayaks.

	Minimal. Keep it natural
	It would be nice if the repairs could be completed in a more timely manner so we could get the water back.
	Kayaking and fishing
	Passive, non-motorized, quiet activities; See it as it is; Leave it as it was. Since we do not have anything to add to this answer, here are general comments: This survey includes what seems to be biased questions suggesting that respondents focus on urbanized activities that can diminish the character of a natural mountain environment; unbiased questions would encourage a broader range of responses; there is no question that asks for ideas about inappropriate activities within the Town; the yes/no question responses should allow respondents to explain since some questions are best answered with a conditional yes or no; there are no questions that ask about open space land managed for its natural landscape, native vegetation, wildlife habitat, etc. Open space managed for conservation of a healthy natural environment contributes to quality outdoor recreational experiences. At the very least, there should be an open-ended question #16 to invite additional comments.
	picnic tables and covered shelter. Hockey rink or broom ball rink.
	tarn is used for fishing and paddle boarding by my family and me
	Fishing, low or no motor vehicle use. Paddle boards, etc.
	The ones already in use
	This is highly valuable wetland - it is fine with the current use but would not support interfering with existing growth and watershed. We should not be facilitating pedestrian access to these fragile wetlands surrounding the tarn.
	fishing
	SUP
	non-motorized boating
	fishing
	canoeing
	paddle board
	kayak
	Local gatherings
	Fishing canoeing water boarding
	Paddle boarding
	SUP, Canoe, trails, non-motorized, swimming
	No Change for current use model.
	Picnic table
	Grill
	Paddle Boarding
	Fishing
	Skating
	1. A trail around the circumference would be great. We hike it now and then, as far as it's possible to go.
	2. Ice skating.
	Water safety class
	Maybe SUP/yoga classes
	Can we fish there? I don't even know.
	non-motorized watercraft
	fishing
	I would like to see a pedestrian only path around the tarn. Hopefully with connections to the neighborhood in the south for easy access by foot. I want to be able to jog around the tarn, and I don't want the erosion and smoothing from bikes. I bike personally, but there are plenty of other trails, and a loop is fine to close off to them. Keep the trail rugged and the bikes will stay off.
	No motorized: paddling or wind powered only
	None
	it filled back up with water
	Non-motorized boating
	Paddle boarding
	Fishing
	Boating and fishing
	Fishing
	Non motorized boats
	None additional.
	No additional
	Leave as is.
	Nothing additional.
	No more than what is currently there.
	Fine as it is.

	Paddle board Kayaking Fishing Picnic tables
	Fishing and small boat and board activities
	More fish
	Paddle Boarding, Fly Fishing Classes.
	Fishing, boating, paddle boarding.
	As is.
	None
	Paddle boarding Fishing Canoes
	The tarn is a precious and sensitive ecosystem with Bald Eagles, Moose and Brown Trout. Over use will threaten this environment and the creatures that call it home.
	No activities. I would like to just use the tarn as is. Maybe a port a john or toilet installed would make spending an afternoon there more convenient.
	No additional activities.
	No additional activities.
	Renting paddleboards and kayaks.
	None.
	Paddle boarding, canoeing, fishing, ice skating in winter add ice skating
	No formal activities needed.
	Boating, fishing and hiking
	the existing activities - fishing, canoeing, non motorized craft and SUP's are all okay as long as it is done legally and by persons authorized to use the Tarn additional parking, trail development, boat storage in the existing limited space is a terrible idea for the Tarn!
	Walking/Hiking/Cycling around the tarn in summer and snowshoeing/cross country skiing and fat biking in the winter. Want to see extension of the trail system to connect to this trail around the tarn.
	Catch and release fishing; flies and lures only
	Keep it native
	As now allowed
	The current activities, including boating (power boats being limited to small electric motors), kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, and single hook fishing, are sufficient.
	Hiking, Swimming (for our dogs), SUP, Kayak, Fishing. Prefer no motorized activities. none
	We love paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, fishing and just hanging out at the Tarn. We have had picnics with friends during the holidays and just spent the day with our family.
	Fishing, kayaking and paddle boarding
	A walking or bike trail around the lake
	Summertime Town Party.
	Fishing and limited water craft. No gas engines!
	fishing, boating, kayaking
	Ice skating would be great. Picnic tables and some bear proof trash cans needed.
	As is.
	None
	I enjoy the access to the tarn just as it is.
	I like it the way it is.
	Paddle boarding rental storage
	I fish there with private access from SVR and would like to see this protected.
	Walking trail
	none except fishing from the Highway 9 side only
	I would like to see picnic tables, possible paddle board rentals, kayak, etc. Make it more user friendly than just the dirt lot.
	Paddle Board Yoga, Beach improvements, Picnic Tables, Year Round Access for pond hockey, xc skiing and other winter activities.
	Fishing and boating only. No motor boats
	Fishing
	Boating
	I am happy that stand up paddle boarding is now allowed
	The Tarn already provides recreation for both fishing as well as stand up paddle boarding, canoeing and kayaking. I don't feel that additional recreational offerings are necessary.
	It needs to be more for the wildlife and a buffer from HWY 9. It shouldn't have anymore structures. The boat house is enough.

	no more then already there is. NO motorized allowed except small ones for fishing boats. Only canoes, kayaks, small boats and SUP are allowed.
	Stand up Paddleboarding
	Natural
	1. Remote control boats. Sailing and power. They are small and don't need a lot of space. 2. A trail around the shoreline. 3. Return to stocking fish
	Leave it as is. It is a fragile high lake that has been pristine due to limited use and impact. The more people out there the more trash and permanent damage will result. The amount of use over the last few years has grown tremendously. Everyone in Blue River has a right but the easier you make it, overuse will result and the quality of the experience will be gone.
	non motorized boating path mentioned in item one
	non motorized water craft - paddle boarding, etc
	Fishing, hiking.
	Beach!
	walking, fishing, canoeing, biking
	a more gradual entry to the water that allows smaller kids to walk near the water without risk of slipping and falling down the slope. I don't want to see a Frisco beach scene, but a gradual grade to the water would be a nice improvement. And maybe a bit of sand?
	Fishing, non-motorized canoes and small boats, recreation path around tarn that connects to local hiking/biking trails.
	Sailing, frisbee golf, ice skating
	Just a trail around the Tarn for summer and winter use.
	non-motor boats path around Tarn
	Sitting areas Picnic tables grills
	kayaks paddle boards canoes fishing duck and goose hunting (just a thought) :) Ice skating
	Human or wind Powered vessels only.
	Ice skating Fishing Boating Cross-country skiing
	Stand up paddle boarding, fishing, dog swimming stick throwing exercise. No motorized activity. Sailing. Whatever else I'm not thinking of that isn't motorized.
	Nothing more than there is today! it's great that it's not currently over crowded.
	no change
	No change
	Paddle boarding, kayaks, small engineless boats, fishing and hiking.
	Some simple picnic tables would be nice. Nothing major, just a place to sit and eat lunch and enjoy the view.
	Fishing and paddle crafts in nothing organized. just fishing, boating, paddling, hiking, relaxing, maybe picnics
	Non motorized boats Paddle boarding Fishing Hiking Ice fishing Ice skating
	trailfrom blue river rd
	ice skating, ice fishing canoeing fishing paddle boarding picnics with limited structures and maintenance
	Access is fine. I don't think activities are necessary but ice skating would be great in winter.
	Fishing and non-motorized watercraft
	same as current uses (fishing, canoeing paddle boarding kayaking). & walking trails enhanced
	Non-motorized
	Fishing, nature trails, rec path, rest room, small bbq area
	No change
	hiking, walking, small beach. Kayak and picnic friendly.

	kayaking paddle boarding fishing
	ice skating
	fishing boating etc.
	Fishing. Water boarding
	All unmotorized (with the exception of electric trolling motors) water craft on the lake. Sailing, paddling, fishing, canoe, kayak, etc.
	Same as it is now, fishing, paddle boards, picnics, with a path all the way around.
	Fishing from shore and row boats. Canoeing, paddle boards. I think it's too small for small sail boats. Motor boats would spoil the serenity!
	Keep it AS-IS. The only thing needed is access control / gate. If something must be added, a path from the tam along the south end. Maybe connect to a trail in Spruce Valley Ranch to allow for extended hikes, or cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, etc.

8. Any other thoughts on the Tam? - Responses

	Answer
	Private property owners abutting the tam already have problems with Tam use, access and illegal parking. Improvements to parking area off highway 9 would be welcome but not trail. And how would one get across the spillway and through the wetlands, anyway? Please make a plan to restock the fish after it is drained.
	It would be nice to have a better driveway and maybe more parking at street level
	would be nice to have it dredged to regain original depth for fishing
	n/a
	No.
	Prefer it is kept with its natural beauty without adding much in the way of development, except for a smaller low key simple method of storing canoes, Kayaks, paddle-boards etc. & anything smaller that isn't typically carried on a trailer, preferably in an area that is not too visible so doesn't detract from the setting.
	As residents using i don't see any need for kiosks or toilet structures etc.
	Maybe a public dock where it makes sense? Love the idea of watercraft storage for residents. Perhaps as another revenue stream for the town, watercraft and equipment rental for tourists?
	Keep it stocked with tons of fish! Make it incredible fishing for residents.
	residents only needs to be better enforced. No parking signs in front of the boat ramp/designated trailer parking.
	Would love to see storage for paddleboards or canoes at the tam. I would be happy to pay for this access so I do not have to haul my items to the Tam each time. Something as easy as a lock system like at the Frisco Marina would be perfect.
	Less is more for any future changes.
	Some picnic tables and trees would be a nice addition.
	A picnic area . Would like to see cross country skiing, ice fishing, snowshoeing and outdoor skating allowed.
	Let's keep it as pristine as possible
	Creating a trail around the Tam open to all TBR residents creates security issues for those who own property there, as well as possible insurance issues. (When bike races use the Blue River/Breckenridge Trail, an insurance indemnification is always required for each homeowner's lot in SVR who has authorized an easement for that trail to pass through.
	Hopefully the Tam will soon return to normal water level, be fully stocked and rules will be put in place and enforced for catch and release only. Recreation means just that - the fun and excitement of catching fish and then putting them back for the next sportsman - not taking home dinner that the Town or local resident contributed to for stocking.
	Trail access from Blue River Rd would be incredible!
	Hate the thought of no access at all next summer...wish there was a way around that even if water levels are low.
	Some Porta potty's in the summer would be nice
	It is a great amenity and is sought after by home owners. Finding ways to discourage trespassing without police enforcement (gate access) could help especially on weekends.
	We'd really like to see enforcement of the rules we already have.
	Guess we expressed those above
	We're sure others have great ideas
	Keep it for the wild lift only. That why visitors come to the mountains to get away from the city people. Not to meet more.

	the existing use has grown dramatically over the years with more congestion along the shoreline including private property, The parking lot entry and exit has become dangerous with the 50mph speed limit. Restocking after the dam reconstruction would be nice.
	One of the best things unique to Blue River is the Tam. We must keep it pristine as best we can while allowing access for use with paddle boarding and canoeing and walking only.
	The parking area needs to have better definition. Itâ€™s current amorphous shape leaves a lot of unuseable space and cars parked every which way. A better and sustainable designed space would be an asset to the Town and serve all resident users of the Tarn. it is most important feature of the town
	access from east, south and or north sides would be awesome; highway 9 is very distracting
	In general, I don't think the Tarn needs a bunch of money thrown at it. We don't need pavilions, we don't need boat storage. I usually hear these ideas from people who are new to town and come from more urban areas where money must grow on trees. Maybe I'm a cumudgeon, but I think the
	Please don't turn the Tarn into an attraction. There are too many out-of town folks are are using it illegally.
	The things you folks seem to be suggesting are more trails that will invite more people, dogs and bike riders. I've always enjoyed the Tarn and local trails, wildlife. I like the peaceful aura associated with Blue River, but last summer, it seemed like people were everywhere all the time. More people all the time doesn't appeal to me. Highway 9 noise has gotten invasive, and I don't see that changing.
	Very special palce and a benefit for blue river owners. Regulate the use of outsiders
	Keep it as natural as possible
	Try harder to make this an amenity to actual tax paying residents. Currently useless
	During spring, summer, and fall there is not a day that we don't walk our dogs to the Tarn. Sometimes twice, lol. We really do love it.
	Seems like lots of residents use it just fine the way it is without any needed changes.
	Some way to monitor visitor usage that are not full time residents. There were many days last summer that had no available parking and finding out that many visitors should not have been using the tarn.
	Leave it. As natural as possible
	Be nice to have it be a place to go with trails and more experiences itâ€™s such a beautiful setting
	Take down sign near dredge in Breckenridge directing people to use the tarn
	Thank you for taking the time to consider these long-term options.
	I like that the Tarn is restricted for resident use only.
	If Town is looking for money to fund Tarn development I think a usage fee for non-residents would be ok.
	Beautiful as is only would love to be able to walk around entire tarn
	Stock it with fish
	Boat storage. Walking path would be lovely
	Continue to keep blue rover residents only usage
	Let's take small steps in any developments
	Over improvement = overuse and crowding.
	it is fine as it is
	Make no changes until dam work is completed
	why aren't we taking advantage of the draining of the Tarn to deepen the lake.
	What is the landowner's desired future condition of the Tarn and surrounding land? Best to leave it as is. Focus on natural features and not how humans can manipulate the place to accommodate what can appear to be individual desires that may not align with the landowner's wishes. Residents should not even be asked about what they want to see on the privately-owned land surrounding the Tarn. Use on private land around the Tarn is for the landowner to decide. The 50 plus years of land in private ownership indicate that the landowner is choosing to conserve a natural mountain environment that promotes healthy vegetation and wildlife habitat while providing water storage capabilities.
	No vrbo and air bnb guests allowed!
	increased enforcement of non residents is needed
	Great place for community when it is back the way it use to be.
	Leave it as it is
	improve parking potential
	Please return water level to the historic level.
	Consider removing the old decrepit pontoon boat on the SW shoreline. I am 57. It has been there as long as I can remember.

	Restock fish each year
	Picnic area?
	It's a great asset. Restricting its use to residents is an excellent policy, so let's keep that in place.
	I appreciate it's minimalist attributes right now. Everything should continue to be carry in /carry out. No trash cans, no picnic tables.
	Bring what you need and take it all away again, including garbage and any dog doo doo.
	Lets be careful about this.....when we "develop" a waterway/land for recreational use it can lead to overcrowding which leads to trash/maintenance costs/liability. The southern shoreline is a wetland that is very delicate that can support nesting birds/small mammals/etc.....
	I would love to see it expanded, at least somewhat, into the marshlands if possible.
	leave it how it is, It is nice, private and peaceful around the tam
	I do not want to see encroachment on any private property around the Tam. Totally fine with people gaining public access from currently (as of 2/9/21) public property.
	The tam is fine as it is right now, no need to alter the animal habitat around it.
	No
	None other than getting the repairs done quickly and water level restored
	It is very nice the way it is now. Do not ruin it.
	Keep it as pristine as possible.
	Let it keep it uncrowned.
	It'd be great to be able to swim!
	When will it be completed??
	Love it
	Yes, it seems to be taking a very long time to complete the work in order for the Tam to be full again.
	Don't create another mistake for people to feel privileged.
	We do not wish to see any additional activity on the Tam. It is a beautiful natural spot and adding trails, parking, etc would take away from the beauty and tranquility.
	Less is more. This is a peaceful place and shouldn't be built up
	We paid a premium for privacy and would hope to retain that!
	Please leave it alone.
	The tam is a wildlife haven for moose, deer, birds and other wildlife. More access would be detrimental to this region and the many inhabitants.
	We do not want more damage to our he water supply.
	I'd like it to remain "as-is." It's peaceful and quite, which is just what we need while greater Breckenridge is exploding in growth and population.
	not sure if it is policy, but noise restrictions would be good. No loud music.
	Just get the tam problems fixed and restore the water level.
	what is the current monitoring of Tam use? who and how will enforcement be done of people who trespass on private properties along the Tam as they currently do?
	Continue stocking the tam with various size trout
	Maintain as a wildlife refuge
	Following completion of the damn work, reinstate the fish stocking program and encourage residents to donate to the stocking effort. It would also be great to dredge the south side at the Blue River entry points while the water level is low during the damn work.
	A small, formal beach area would be nice as well as some picnic tables/benches
	Would it be possible to upgrade the "beach" to the south so that it is not so muddy and buggy. Perhaps brining in rocks to make it easier to get in and out without losing a shoe/flip flop in the mud. Not to the extent like they did at the Frisco Marina, but they did a great job extending the access to the water and enjoying the beach.
	Keep it natural and restricted for residents of BR
	Hopefully it will be at full capacity of water soon.
	Walking trail would be nice to add all around lake
	Allowing public access to the tam would greatly disrupt the residents who live in homes around the tam.
	Please don't change the current access. Its protecting the waters.
	it is surrounded on the east side by private land - NO trail should be going through this area and the Highway side is a bit tight so i think it should be left as is.
	Make it more user friendly. Make it so people actually want to use it.
	Trash cans
	picnic benches
	Movie nights in the Summer
	Have homeowner BBQ nights (once COVID is controlled)
	Social gatherings

	I love our Tarn and I know we want to keep it natural but I do think adding Trails and Connectivity from the neighborhoods is important. The less we use the car and have to park down there the more space we will have for outdoor hang out, picnics, naturalized areas and trails.
	I would like to fish by and below the dam
	No.
	Too much parking in the HWY side means too many people on the lake.
	What about our wonderful habitat that we all LOVE and enjoy - the moose, water fowl, etc....that will be ruined with a lot more folks trudging around our natural habitat. Isn't that one reason we live where we do? Because of our love for the beauty and nature outside our doors. Why would you want to draw more people and commercialize this special area?
	It is a nice feature to drive by
	Restrict to owners
	Better signage on SR 9 indicating where the entry is, to include strong language indicating that this is a restricted access area. That would alert out-of-towners before they went down the hill.
	I like that you all are looking at improvements to access it.
	We need a balance between adding recreation opportunities, but not opening it to the masses who visit the area.
	Should be accessible to those renting in blue river short or long term
	I love the Tarn and it is one of the best amenities for Blue River residents. The only problem is the constant use by non-residents. Our law enforcement officers shouldn't have to patrol the parking lot in summer. Access needs to be more tightly controlled.
	Fill it up.
	Picnic tables would be nice.
	An open shelter for gatherings.
	Fire pit, for ice skating.
	The tarn is great how it is. You commercialize it and make it a destination you are going to have more people visiting and using the amenity illegally and thus you are going to have to have more enforcement.
	cost of installation and maintenance of access and trail is potentially an issue because a tax or assessment may be required.
	Restore the old shore line and keep it as natural as possible.
	Avoid any commercial feel - that is why we would oppose any storage there. Nature first.
	We are blessed to have such a wonder spot to enjoy!
	needs a restroom in the summer months
	needs to be back to its old size!
	A couple picnic tables? Some trees?
	I
	Love the tarn and glad we have it for all to use.
	more trees along the north side near highway 9 to block road noise
	Connect blue river walking trails to the tarn parking at rt 9
	I like the limited development. Maybe something for families, but not much more.
	animal viewing structure that has a deck on top for people to look down on tarn and star gaze from could be included with the boat slip dock and sit on the side where animals go to eat and has steps up to the top deck for viewing and star gazing.
	Residents pay a fee to store their kayaks and paddle boards to help fund it.
	Bus service addition for tarn and spruce creek to help with parking and reduce vehicle dependencies in Breck and spruce creek.
	Trying to figure a way to prevent excessive draw down would be preferred. The bath tub ring is unsightly
	Stock for fish
	I'm not sure about a perimeter trail, but it would make it more accessible to spread out.
	I ask that when the dam project is complete, and the Town considers restocking with fish, please consider stocking with native cutthroat trout. The tarn would make an ideal habitat for native trout.
	To elaborate on #9 - parking for recreation below - I believe limited "resident only" parking could be an amenity. Areas might include the Tarn, town hall and town park. This might allow residents who live far enough away or maybe across highway 9 to access trails more easily / safely.

12. What type of restrictions or signage would you like to see? - Responses

Answer

	Nothing too large. No lighting above street level. Moderate permissible signage
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	MORE
	"Blue River residents only" for tam use
	9, 10 and 11 seems to contradict each other. Yes, I think we need parking so they aren't parking on town roads, yes I think trailheads are needed. But also, I think there should be connectivity to the trails. Maybe I don't understand the question or what a "formalized trailhead" means.
	Slow speed signage through neighborhoods! Especially in blind spots.
	Blue River residents/property owners only.
	It has been my experience that some hikers are not respectful of Private property and they also allow their unleashed dogs to come onto private property.
	The trails are public access and the more access to them, the more people. Our roads cannot support more vehicles.
	We have an issue with increased traffic speeds on our roads from the trail users. I live on Coronet and I have seen some drivers treating our road as if it is a 4-wheel trail itself. The traffic speed limit is not enforced.
	Restrictions and signage to this effect would need to be in place.
	Customer friendly and non threatening
	Would prefer no additional signage directing to walking trails/recreational activities. Instead maybe printed maps at Town Hall residents could access to make more aware of trails.
	Instead have more signage at the Tam to explain only for resident use, about parking pass required, maybe more signs on town streets where people park to access trails etc. explaining no parking on town roads.
	walk at your own discretion. no motorized vehicles
	it is very helpful to have parking to provide families the option to walk the trails with children or elderly who can't always walk as far.
	Regarding what? Street parking, the tam?
	no restrictions, except be respectful if a trail goes through private property.
	Formal trail heads and parking means more people. It's a tricky situation. I don't like at the cars parked on certain roads but at the same time I don't want trail head and parking info published for front rangers.
	Town hang tags or stickers, I don't want to see out of town people with trailers parking. Would like to see some spots for others too that are not from town so others can enjoy. Would really like bike paths to connect places so biking and walking is easier to access trailheads.
	Not sure what type of restrictions or signage is needed, but whatever is deemed necessary should be minimal, artistic, and aesthetically pleasing
	TBR residents only
	Hours of use
	What are the specific trail heads you are speaking about that are located with in the town? Are they owned by the town or are the national forest trail heads located with in city limit, because those are very different things and have many different rules depending on who operates the permit.
	Limited capacity parking areas near trails and fishing access enforced by LE.
	It seems a resident parking pass is an option... and if you construct other public parking lots... you could use the drop-box payment option, and/or a digital kiosk, for public to pay and park.
	This is probably selfish but we already get so much traffic and street parking as is, I would hate to see our neighborhood turn into a zoo like near the trailhead for spruce creek (trailhead parking leads to more illegal street parking because the trail gets busier).
	Continued signage such as the TOB uses for trail intersections and trailheads
	I'm not a full time resident, however my daughter lives in BR full time. And, I enjoy in the summer mostly. So I may not understand how this could impact based on how many people might use Recreation. I wouldn't want to see parking areas in small neighborhoods that would create a problem for the residents.
	We need more parking at the Pennsylvania gulch and Fredonia gulch trail heads. Or maybe parking for residents only with a some kind of sticker? Also access to Indiana Creek Trail head at the back of Spruce Valley Ranch would be nice?
	- clean up after pets
	Warn of private property at trailheads so people are aware it may not be public.
	We don't want any MORE parking to encourage MORE people to flood our trails. If there's no room to park at the trailhead, there's no room on the trail. IT'S NOT BRECKENRIDGE! We'd love to see connectivity within the town so that our own residents can get back and forth to the various trails without having to use their cars.
	no

	<p>We like to hike Pennsylvania creek trail/road and the note to find ways not to park up there was very limiting. Just example of more use coming. Hard to restrict access to public area.</p> <p>If there are designated parking someone would need to supervise.</p> <p>Use of vehicle tags either stickers or temporary ID materials may help but if there are really good trail network it will attract folks.</p> <p>Some way to allow bicycles on 9 (NOT US!!!) with wider road would be nice.</p>
	<p>We need to have the ability to mountain bike or hike into Breckenridge without using Hwy 9. No overnight parking camping. Less restrictions and more open access between trails, Tarn, and Blue River neighborhoods</p>
	<p>None</p>
	<p>"Pack out pet waste" ToB and the county have great signs at trailheads. "No street parking" Residential parking only will be tough. The overloading this past summer and winter at Spruce Creek TH, McCullough TH, Quandary will be a challenge to manage. (I know that these are not ToBR TH's but are a good indication of what to expect)</p>
	<p>The current signage at the Tam is an eyesore. Any signage that is necessary should be designed in accordance with the Town standards (To be defined?). Think National Park Service signage: Consistent shape and colors, well-placed.</p>
	<p>I would like to limit access for residents outside town as it would create parking issues. SLOW DOWN. Many of the homes that are rented to LOTS of folks have a lot of speeders that can create chaos on our streets with kids and pets</p>
	<p>Visibility to the trails, legal access without trespassers going through private properties, vehicles parking on roads, bikers using said trails, etc all need to be laid out with confidence, clarity and enforcement before I can support trailheads and connectivity.</p> <p>We already have too many people hiking and driving through our covenant controlled neighborhood who have complete disregard for owners and no parking. Most plea that they are short term renters or visitors and "didn't know" but they still trespass and ignore property limits and proceed to trespass to access forested areas above the neighborhood.</p>
	<p>no motor bikes, ATV's, etc</p> <p>no bicycles</p> <p>dogs on leash enforced</p> <p>picking up dog poop enforced</p>
	<p>Most signs are wishful thinking. If you could put up a sign that magically stopped people from leaving dog poop bags everywhere, I'd want one every 50 feet. Unfortunately, that's not how it works. That said, judiciously applied signage can be effective, i.e. a single, clearly worded sign placed at the entry to the Tam parking about it being resident-only. If town trailheads are resident-only, then I would support limited clear signage to that effect.</p> <p>I enjoy the Town Limits signs but most public signage is ugly and ineffective. I'd be happy with as little of it as possible. If my elderly parents can use smartphones to find trailheads, pretty much anyone can.</p>
	<p>I would like to see a bike path from Breckenridge to Hoosier Pass.</p>
	<p>Clearly identifiable areas with permitted use as well as notification of fines for violating use (as in non residents using the tarn for water recreations, etc.)</p>
	<p>Gate for residents. Trail signage is nice but how do we keep it exclusive to residents? More signage may encourage residents outside of blue river to access the tarn without having to park at the designated area.</p>
	<p>Opening more trailheads just increase more people destroying our community.</p>
	<p>No parking on roads</p> <p>No overnight parking</p> <p>Clear notices of fire restrictions</p>
	<p>I think larger signage at the Tam, would be more advantageous to the community.</p>
	<p>Keep the signage to a minimum. There should be signage on the way to trail heads about what to do if you see an illegal camp fire. That is probably the biggest threat to our community.</p>
	<p>Clearly marked private trails, property and full time residents only. Also ticketing violators</p>
	<p>Requesting hikers to stay on public land and not cut through by using private land.</p>
	<p>Not much</p>
	<p>I think we don't thought thru signs are helpful like the trail to town we don't want people getting lost</p>
	<p>If there is no parking, there should be signage. Don't just assume. Better parking for Indiana and Pennsylvania Creeks, and Fredonia.</p>

	The Spruce Creek trailhead is an increasing issue. We understand the trailhead sits within the County, but the access is through the town. Spruce Creek Road is a highly trafficked and excessively sped on dirt road. This is not an issue for the police force (not a long-term solution). The MASSIVE amount of vehicles parking along town and county streets will become an issue that will soon implode. Since we will likely never combat the number of users at the trailhead, can we take steps to petition for speed bumps, to mitigate road conditions, speeding, dust and safety?
	Free for residents and paid access for non-residents.
	Little to no signage is better so that Town funded recreation activities are not overwhelmed by tourists.
	simple signs painted to "match" environment Keep it for Blue River residents only, if you open it up to others, it will get over used and its beauty will deteriorate.
	Make sure the signage is consistent
	Minimal
	No motor vehicles
	I like keeping our resources available to local residents.
	A map of recreation on our town website.
	Parking on "unknown" trailheads is already crowding. The parking on Fredonia Gulch Road by the sewer plant was up about 400% this summer. I don't want a Quandary situation here. The traffic is bad enough already. I can't even get up Spruce Creek in the summer anymore.
	It would be very difficult to limit non-residents to trails and paths within the town. The same is also true of designated resident parking areas. Unless there were very frequent patrols, non-residents would take most of any developed spots
	Historical signs
	Very limited signage. Not interested in making the Town of Blue River a tourist trap.
	The same that Fed and State trail usage signs reminding everyone going off trail means you are most likely going to be trespassing on private property. Fire signs, leave no trace ethics. Actual fines and usage restrictions for violators.
	Some humorous signs 'Just as we would never dream of letting our family member go to the bathroom on your lawn, thanks for extending us the same courtesy! Humans please pick up after your dog, thank you! Dogs Wruff ruff, Good dog!
	i would like to see half of the spots at each trailhead designated to the town of blue river residents. and yes there are many trails that could be connected if the us forest service would allow. there is a one resident that is preventing most of this and works for the forest service. hopefully he will retire soon
	Slower traffic on spruce creek please.
	Not sure but would be good if this parking could also serve the bus into Breckenridge.
	Minimal signage for parking- Designated parking areas must be compatible with the residential neighborhood, natural environment, appropriately sized, & located relative to the recreational activities/uses that are appropriate & who is the intended user. Signage for trails- Only minimal signing (4x4 wooden post or carsonite posts) to identify trail routes & permissible uses, similar to USFS, Summit County & Town of Breckenridge way finding system. This minimal signage will help significantly to keep residents on authorized trails including connectivity trails using the platted easements & to discourage trespassing. Note: Trail connectivity/walkability already exists in the platted pedestrian, River access & road easements. The Town needs to thoroughly research its jurisdictional role in the current & historic platted easements dedicated to the Town lot owners. There is no need to create new routes/trails for connectivity within town; the system already exists in the recorded plats.
	Speed limit is 50 mph not the Texas 35mph we all see. NO stopping for moose. Don't really want to see signs! They are a form of pollution. How about some cell towers so people's navigation will work and signs won't be needed.
	AT&t or Verizon should pay the town put a tower near the pass pointing down valley.
	Please respect private property
	Stay off private property
	no motorized vehicles
	name of trail
	use by residents only
	Private property
	Stay the trail
	No camping next to the trail or near private property
	Leave no Trace
	no camping next to riparian area (300 feet)

	Signage with trail description, map and parking regulations.
	Minimal Signage
	No parking in front of residential property
	I don't understand question 11. How would connectivity eliminate the need for trailheads?
	Residents only and no overnight parking.
	Not familiar enough with the "parking" issue.
	We need as much parking as we can get, but it doesn't have to be advertised. The people who live here know where the trails are, they just need a place to park. Save money and don't put up any signs. More interconnecting trails would help, but only in places where the only other option is Highway 9. We need to avoid the Quandary parking lot situation, don't advertise to tourists with trailhead signs.
	No trespassing
	Only signage that keeps hikers on the actual trail. People are constantly lost at the lower McCullough Gulch trail and wandering everywhere.
	Restrict motorized vehicles on trails.
	The less we leave our marks on nature the better as far as land concerned. ie signs , parking lots, formal parks etc.
	SVR residents only.
	None additional.
	Minimal
	Natural looking - complement the environment.
	Let's not create a situation where signage is necessary.
	No motorized vehicles on trails
	Private like it always has been
	That is why people have bought property there
	Trailheads need to be designated in cooperation with the USFS. People feel entitled to park anywhere to use trails,
	The current levels of restrictions on access to the tarn and the shoreline are perfect. Please leave them alone.
	No signage
	There is no need for further signage.
	None
	motorized vehicle restrictions.
	More clarity on public v. private trails. Some trails that appear to be public may cross private lands and no trespassing signs are present. Example--the map at the McCullough Gulch Trailhead shows the Blue River Trail running from Calle de Plata to Pennsylvania Creek. But there are multiple No Trespassing signs on that trail. In reviewing the GIS maps, it does appear that the trail crosses private property.
	A comprehensive trail map of the area would be a great resource for residents (we are fairly new to BR, so we are still finding our way around, hence my comment).
	Restricted to residents only.
	Town/Police orders on parking/enforcement. We run the risk of being overrun by visitors, making it a place that's less desirable/livable for residents.
	parking is a huge issue with non resident people illegally parking in ToBR and although the trails in Summit County are awesome and well used (especially this covid year) there are a whole lot of people who use the trails and disregard rules - if anything more signage and doggie bag stations so people will pick up after their dogs! people have a total disregard for the existing trails that abut private residences and feel entitled to park wherever they choose - better/more enforcement is currently needed - expanding use will only increase the need
	Good ones
	"No Parking" signs where trail users tend to create their own parking areas.
	less signs
	Formalized trailheads don't seem necessary to me. However, parking is a huge problem for certain trails, so parking needs to be evaluated. Trail connectivity and better signage (like they have a Barney Ford or Sally Barber trails) would really help so people can park along other areas of a trail to access.
	For question 11 ... ref. questions 9 & 10 - I would support both residential parking areas for access to recreation opportunities AND more parking at formalized trailheads located within the Town as well as trail connectivity/walkability to/from trails.
	None
	Keep the current restricted access
	none
	pack it in pack it out.
	Better signage that it is for residents of the town of Blue River only.

	I would like to see parking restrictions and better signage of those restrictions. I would like to see some wayfinding signage through the neighborhoods so people can easily navigate around. If we do install a trail system through the neighborhoods of town I would like to see simplistic trail markers so people feel confident getting from point A to point B.
	Not sure what the options would be
	No one would read it or pay attention to signage.
	Few signs
	Are the police currently checking to make sure ONLY TOBR residents are using the Tam? This is already a problem with SUP, fisherman, etc landing on PRIVATE homeowner's property. And that has NOT been enforced to date....and to make it more accessible to other folks is a TERRIBLE idea. And when you tell these folks they are trespassing, they get an attitude and say they have been doing this for years and are TOBR residents. There have also even been people setting up their tents to camp on private property. This is not acceptable and with adding more recreation, this will only get much worse.
	clear and useful signage.
	Standard Parks and Wildlife trail head signage along with maps and trail ratings.
	Br owner use
	Restricted parking at trailheads is of little value if there is no enforcement. Restrictions are a double-edged sword. Favoring residents could lead to a back-lash from non-residents regarding access to trails. They might also complicate any negotiations with neighboring towns like Breck, Summit and Park County and possibly opportunities for funding from State and Federal government. We will need the NFS to cooperate in order to get any practical connectivity.
	because we are not familiar with trails in BR - parking would be nice and mapping signage
	Minimal signage, if any signs, have them small and blend in with environment.
	I think just general connectivity using trails would be a huge benefit in Blue River. Right now it feels like there is great access to wonderful places, but it feels disjointed.
	Local residents only with permit displayed. All others will be towed at owner's expense.
	Make a bike only lane
	Signs, one every 300 yards along the first 1000 yards of each trail along pedestrian easements, such as the North and South boundaries of Timber Creek Estates, stating "Keep on trail-No trespassing on private property-Subject to \$500 fines for each occurrence"
	Signage at Tam access points " Private- For Town Residents only"
	More Wildlife Crossing signs, slow down
	Town Hall sign, no one can see its the town hall nowadays
	"Only Chain Up Station is on South Side of Hoosier Pass", I know, I know
	Once again the more you advertise the trails/parking the more they will get used and the enjoyment level will go down. If you had to do something maybe signage for parking so people understand where they can and can't park.
	No overflow parking onto town streets is basically it I think.
	We need to limit the number of cars over-parking and crowding the trails. Let's keep good access for residents and not invite all of Denver into our neighborhoods.

Residents only signs limited due to potential costs involved

Many of our roads are too narrow with blind curves and can not safely accommodate additional traffic generated by designated parking areas. I.E. Spruce Creek Needs to be clearer as residents only. Signs are a little dated and need to be more clear.

Very little
Blue River residents only
No trailheads. Trails to help connect neighborhoods to each other and to existing trails to National Forest
KEEP OUT

	The fewer the better
	Minimal. Least intrusive.
	Only tasteful and fits town theme nothing obtuse or tacky and most importantly clear direction
	Somehow we need to keep the number of non-residents using in-town trailheads to reasonable numbers. Having the C of C in Breck telling visitors to go to certain county trailheads has overloaded areas.
	None

	Do not support "social" trails. I have spoken to my neighbors who would be required to allow access and they do not want people in their yards. I support their right to private property and also fear that folks, not from Blue River and not having our best interest in mind, may be attracted here.
	I'm not sure what is being planned here. 9, 10 and 11). I don't like formalized parking. Wouldn't the residents of the areas in question have major issues with possible traffic, signage and trespass? It would be nice to know where the trails are.
	I think that what we've always had in town has worked great up to this point. In out time in Blue River, there has been an understanding that the trails and connection points within neighborhood subdivisions are for residents only. The understanding has included that as residents and neighbors, we would mutually respect the private property while crossing through. The only reason I see a need for change / town involvement (via public easement purchases), is to ensure access through town and onto adjacent public lands. Without proper easements, the long standing "understanding" of passing through private properties could be lost if / when properties are sold - and new owners no longer allow for a shared use of the existing pathways. As for signs, I would not be in favor of "advertising" locations of trails. But perhaps if the trails committee deems the need, I could see small scale signage to show the type of allowed use and location of a portal (entry point).

14. If not, what type of recreational opportunities would you like the Town to pursue? - Responses

Answer	
	Easier access to hiking trails. Snowmobile tracks if possible. Mountain biking would be nice.
	n/a
	Recreational activities in Blue River are fantastic, but more singletrack would be beneficial for residents
	Don't think the town needs to increase access or options. Plenty exist in surrounding areas.
	sledding hill, kids playground, after school kids activities such as dance, soccer, nordic skiing, rock climbing.
	Bike path from Breckenridge to Hoosier. Highway 9 is DO dangerous these days and people jog, walk, bike, etc. along the narrow edge. A bike path would be great for safety purposes but also would promote biking to work or town without the need to be on the highway or on single track.
	Not sure what would be possible but any kind of additional facilities related to recreation would be a nice addition.
	More bike trails especially little kid friendly, pump track and community garden.
	A safe bike path to get to town. A bus stop at the Tarn (year round). This would eliminate all the cars stopping and make it easier to get to town. Currently we have zero safe ways to get to skiing or summer activities in town.
	more trails/trailheads/connections
	Dedicated bike paths that connect into Breckenridge.
	I'm not even sure what the trail situation is. it would be great to have a map for residents.
	There is no need for the town to spend any tax dollars for this purpose
	Not sure how to answer. Public parks, playgrounds, walking trails and the like. However, I am not sure where or how you can develop these in Blue River. A community recreation center that would provide for both indoor and outside sports activities would have its advantages in supporting both old and young and encourage a community feeling.
	complete a bike path into Breck other than hwy 9
	I'm not sure as we are new residents, but as of now, Blue River is not thought of as a highly recreational area. We purchased for our property's proximity to Breckenridge, but it would be wonderful to have more to do in the Town as well.
	I would like to see a trss as ll at tarn and in marsh that is relatively flat which would be good for cross-country skiing
	Bike path that connects to Breck
	Space on Highway 9 or a trail to walk or ride bikes. Similar to trail Breck has running down to Frisco.
	Xcountry skiing and snow shoeing areas. Dog parks. Bike path to. Breck to connect from the pass to town to breck.
	Mountain Biking Cross-country skiing
	I think Blue River is doing a really good job. As with anything, there's always room for some enhancements. For instance, I would enjoy a disc golf course.
	The mountains and environment create their own opportunities.

	<p>I support the idea of improving the all around infrastructure of the tarn; the parking, signage, year round accessibility and the addition of a trails and trail heads.</p> <p>But overall this survey is poorly worded and laid out, regardless of responses you will still be left with unanswered questions and no real discretion on where town funds should be spent. For example the questions "Would you support trail connectivity/walkability to eliminate the need for trailheads and designated parking within the town?" Well yes, connectivity is the propose of trail systems, but ultimately some users will need a place to park you can't have access from each neighborhood.</p>
	<p>more trails would be nice, especially along highway 9</p>
	<p>The lack of parking does not allow for access to many trails or fishing if you don't have within walking access.</p>
	<p>connected trails</p>
	<p>Yes, the natural offerings preserve the town. If there were a cross-country ski trail, we would use that, or an accessible sledding area.</p>
	<p>More trail connections!</p>
	<p>More trails! Better access. We moved from the Wellington and the things we miss the most are being able to jump right on trail from our door and bike path access</p>
	<p>Bike path from Town-hall to town</p>
	<p>paved trail to town with fence from the highway</p>
	<p>town trail to the Myla Rose</p>
	<p>See comments above about Tam use.</p>
	<p>None additional</p>
	<p>snowshoe and cross country ski trails, snowmobile trails, more parking stops and bus routes into Breck.</p>
	<p>Mountain biking access to trails and to Breckenridge without use of hwy 9. Trailhead connectivity.</p>
	<p>Cross country skiing, Snow shoeing, hiking around Tam...connecting to other currently available and new trails.</p>
	<p>Love the idea of a trail around the tarn.</p>
	<p>More bike/foot traffic connections that are safe. (Not just on the side of highway 9 as it is right now). More trails open for residents to hike on but not advertised to the whole county in the paper etc.</p>
	<p>It would be amazing to create a pedestal walk along the Blue River to access Breck better playground, park with picnic tables and gazebo</p>
	<p>bike/hiking path along highway 9 from crown into town</p>
	<p>wading in tarn</p>
	<p>trail maps for BR trails</p>
	<p>I support the work of the Trails Committee to pursue connections and enhancements of the existing trail network. I also support partnering with USFS, ToB and others on fixing problems with adjacent lands, trails and trailheads.</p>
	<p>See above.</p>
	<p>Dog park, dedicated hiking and biking trails. Bike access to Breckenridge via a trail system from the town hall would be a nice edition.</p>
	<p>Almost none, except for a nature trail around the tarn perimeter. We're a very small community. The recreational opportunities you pursue will likely be ones that numerous non-Blue River residents learn to use, not us. There is already so much to do... Let's leave Blue River as wild and pristine as possible.</p>
	<p>Where fire breaks are established in our community, let's plant loads of aspens. Let's consider emphasizing supporting aspens where they are already established and are being smothered by conifers in the forest succession cycle. Fires bring back the opportunity for sunlight to aspen.</p>
	<p>Aspen stands make for great foliage viewing in the fall.</p>
	<p>Ice skating Better facilities at the tarn Better hiking access with some parking for residents Parking near the buss stops Bike path to Breck!!!!!!!</p>
	<p>Connect the rev path between Breck and Almatf ft</p>
	<p>Privacy is the key to ownership. Keep it residential and quiet. It's hot for tourists but families Families of 3 to 4 generations. If you want the tourist thing go to town and buy a ticket. Also, I force the parking rules.</p>
	<p>Sledding park more hiking trails walkability/bikability</p>
	<p>I would LOVE to see a paved recreation path that connects to Breckenridge. In the summer it could be used for running, biking and commuting to work. In the winter it could be used for cross country skiing, snowshoeing and fat tire biking. A recreation path would also get cyclist off of Hwy 9 which is hazardous.</p>

	<p>Plenty of recreational opportunities, but trailheads are becoming over-crowded and parking on roads such as near spruce creek is becoming a hazard. Say an emergency vehicle needed to get in there?! With cars parked on both sides of the road that isn't happening.</p> <p>More access to trails. More parking. Better access and maintenance on trails Keep it natural, fishing hiking We are surrounded by millions of acres of forests, rivers and lakes. That's why we live here. That's enough. Bike path throughout Blue River</p>
	<p>More local trails. Paved bike route to town.</p>
	<p>there are many trails in the area that can be used for walking, snow shoe , cross country skiing, etc There is no need to develop more.</p>
	<p>Bike path into Breckenridge</p>
	<p>Additional activities for kids such as a skate park, large playground area, pump track for bikes, etc would be great</p>
	<p>i think the town needs more trail connections and right of ways for existing trails and to protect these from greedy land owners who should allow trails that have existed to continue to exist. also new trails to connect many of these and more opportunities to make new trails in the US forest surrounding blue river.</p>
	<p>Bike and walking trail or path from town hall to the Tam and then on into Breckenridge.</p>
	<p>Focus recreational opportunities on appreciation of & respect for the natural ecosystem, not urban amenities. 1) An interconnective trail system in Town and that provides access to National Forest; Town needs to ensure lot owners' rights of existing platted easements are legally asserted. 2) Night sky viewing/stargazing from anywhere by implementing outdoor lighting practices that eliminate & minimize light pollution in Town. 3) Experience quiet time on trails, Blue River corridor & open space areas. Related opportunities: 1) Acquire & manage open space lands without human-built features for conservation purposes, i.e. promote native vegetation & wildlife habitat; 2) Encourage private landowners to consider conservation easements for open space values; 3) Open space without human-built features ensures quality recreational experiences within a natural mountain environment; 4) Non-motorized trail uses only; 5) Where practical consider separation of conflicting uses on trails.</p> <p>ski resort More commercial restaurants or bars to generate tax revenue and not have to go to Breck to eat. The recreational opportunities TOBR has are primarily unimproved nature. Keep it that way. bike path/walking path paved Rec path Better signage to trail. We live on Louise Placer Road and we get more than a dozen cars a day that are lost trying to get to the Spruce Creek Trailhead. rec path into breckenridge On parking- I am not really in favor of more parking at trailheads but would like to see more parking near bus stops. If possible, ice skating on the Tarn. The limit is the parking (we were ticketed on Blue River road for being on a 1 hour hike) and connectivity</p>
	<p>It is obviously great here compared to practically anywhere else, but with a little effort it could be much better. A bit of trail maintenance could make the connecting trail to breckenridge safer. At the moment I wouldn't take my dad on it with bikes because of just a few schetchy places due to erosion. Also riding on hwy 9 is no fun, so more connecting trails would be great.</p>
	<p>A snow hill for children to sled.</p>
	<p>Free ones.</p>
	<p>Playground</p>
	<p>There are plenty of outdoor sports in and around Breckenridge We already have plenty of hiking and biking trails. If you put signs of new trails it will attract too many tourists. Have you hiked a fourteenner lately??? Too many people because of the signs and tourists.</p>
	<p>None</p>
	<p>A safe bike path to Breck so we can bike, run, walk and not drive into town.</p>
	<p>full train connectivity to Breck, and ultimately over Hoosier Pass. Could be designated bike lane, as protected lanes or trails are likely a significant challenge.</p>
	<p>Limited opening of additional trails for mountain bikes/hiking (non-motorized). My wife and I own motobreck, so I'm particularly sensitive to the impact of motorized sports. Our narrow valley would have a terrible echo if motorized access was allowed.</p> <p>More trails</p>

More trails that are not extreme/difficult for younger families and disabled would be nice. Its hard to find a moderate trail in our area and we have a child with disabilities and cannot participate in the more difficult hikes.

There needs to be bike access to Breckenridge

	See replies relative to both the Tam & trails/trailheads.
	Safe walking and biking trails along Highway 9 and streets leading to trailheads.
	Bike path along Hwy 9 maybe
	I think we are good.. unless we can add more fun secret trails like the Blue River Trail.
	NOT at the Tam. Find somewhere else that does not infringe on our natural habitat/wildlife and people's private property.
	I have no idea what is even available. It would be so nice to have a trail map with parking and trail heads marked.
	it would be nice to have some more warm temperature activities - tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball, playground, picnic areas People like BR because it is off the beaten path, but activities seemed to be limited to hiking, though they are not always easy to access - simple walking trails would be nice too
	Not sure since we are fairly new.
	Trails that connect the north end of the town to the south end, as well as a trail that connects up to the lower McCullough Gulch trailhead by the Myla Rose.
	Path around the tam, some benches, a few metal picnic tables
	bike path along route 9, more trails
	Frisbee golf, bike lane, rec path to alma, canoe storage at tam, ice skating, Nordic center, rope pull, development of small commercial area
	Walking and biking paths along river and tarn, including to Breckenridge.
	Hiking/snowshoeing/cross country skiing trails.
	I would like to see more trails with the connectivity mentioned above.
	Trails and access to them.
	Parking to access Indiana Creek
	More bike trails
	More designated trail heads. A safe shoulder for bike riding on HWY 9 would be great.
	more access to hiking and walking trails,
	Need biking path to connect to Breckenridge! there needs to be a safe way to get to around even to other parts of blue river without use of a car.
	A walkway along the river into town
	More trailheads.
	City park has skateboarding and community pool
	I would like more access to trails
	Working with the Co Dept of Transportation to improve highway shoulders and even develop a bike lane or path would be great!
	Have to think about this one.
	A rec path, mainly for the bus riders. It's scary to see people walking down the highway to get to the bus stop but don't get me wrong, I love that we have a the bus route.
	None.
	I already responded to the survey, but wanted to add. The town should pursue proper easements to ensure resident access to the entire river easement. The residents have been using this easement since the town was first developed. It would be a huge loss if we couldn't continue to access the entire river stretch thru town.

Comprehensive Plan Survey Results

** Please note emails/respondant names have been removed for annonymity*

***"Test" submittals have been removed*

Chapter 1

Goose Pasture Tarn

The same comment for all boxes. The word encourage is used way too much instead of enforcement. Money (big) needs to be put into any changes to be supervised ideas or it will not happen. Signs are useless there are teeth to back them up.

Agree with plan on The Tarn. Would like a little less dependence on Breckenridge Water but that is probably not in the cards. Would like a better chance to walk around the lake while respecting private property.

Really like the capital improvements for the GPT. I believe however the speed limit needs to decrease to feel more comfortable to access this area. I would be willing to increase a mill levy to pay for this improvement.

Before refilling, the Tarn should be excavated to increase the depth. Having a public access trail around the Tarn would be great.

trails around the tarn with interpretive signage is great idea. Concerned about linking trails to blue river trail as that could substantially increase traffic from non residents. Like idea of secure resident only access.

Keep more natural environment and discourage use by all passing drivers, out of blue river boaters and rv's

I'm excited to see it full again!

I agree with recommendations for minor improvements at the Tarn.

Well done !

I love the idea of more access for residents but am unsure of how much lake land will need to be bought to do this.

Agree Tarn should be kept as natural as possible (with limited upgrades) and limited for town resident use only. Definitely like adding a bathroom and natural trails. I would like to see more winter activity such as ice fishing and snowshoeing.

Please keep the Tarn as an amenity reserved for only Town of Blue River residents. Keep it simple and undeveloped. We love the way things are, and see no need to change aside from maintaining it for residents only. Access control by gate with lock

We think that the access should be Improved. The access should still stay as HOME OWNERS ONLY AND NO "SHORT TERM RENTERS. Some amenities would be nice such as picnic tables, a small dock or docks, A dedicated trail on the south side of the tarn.

Limited parking for residents. No need for a boat storage house.

Current owners of Tarn Land honor wetlands; Town purchase of Tarn Land = big waste of taxpayers money w/improvements detrimental to wetlands & wildlife; Contradicts Board-approved BR Open Space & Trails Plan; Relocate vehicle access; Leave as is

What is the primary focus - enhanced recreation of water-based activities or conservation of natural resource? Develop management plan that CONSERVES THE UNIQUE NATURAL SETTING while allowing for appropriate recreation amenities. Don't add more use!

Parks

No opinion.

Again, I approve of the plans for the town park. It would be nice to have a place to escape and settle from the crazy of Breck.

I like the idea of small neighborhood parks that are unobtrusive and fit into the natural environment.

Keep closer to natural and keep low maintenance

No comment

I agree additional parks where land is available should be encouraged.

Spend our tax dollars on obtaining undeveloped lots within neighborhoods to build more little simple parks. Parks don't always need parking if they are placed thru town in many subdivisions. Residents can walk there. Ever open space parks are great.

If the land could be used in the area adjacent to upper blue generator house north of blue River Rd. For a park since there is parking and it's a natural meeting area. May be a gazebo foregathering and children to play and adults to gather horse shoe

Expansion of urbanized parks cuts into the already limited land available for conservation purposes --such as wetlands, wildlife habitat, native/indigenous vegetation & landscape. Town doesn't have the resources to maintain the one park it has.

Change heading to "Parks and Open Space". Open space lands, without developed facilities implied in parks, are important recreation resources. Reference and use TOBR Open Space & Trails Plan to guide acquisition of new parks and open space.

Current park is under-utilized. Abundant recreational resources throughout the town already exist. No need for additional neighborhood parks.

Recreation & Connectivity

Connectivity more than recreation needs to happen. We need to connect the 3 towns for rec/commuter path. As my home is right along Hwy 9, I would be willing to work with easement access in order for this to occur. The speed limit needs to decrease.

A bike path into Breckenridge should be a priority. This should be a shared project between the two towns.

A safe trail along hwy 9 for non motorized travel would be very beneficial.

Stop trespassing. Just because a walkway can be seen on private property it does not mean the path is an open invitation to anyone that can reach it. Do you want a hundred people walking, biking, bring their dogs on your property?

The recommendations seem appropriate.

This is a HUGE must. Blue River desperately need a bike/pedestrian path as hwy I'm not safe for anything other than cars. #1 in my books.

I would love to see the recreation path extended from Breckenridge to top of Hoosier Pass. Would enable bike commutes to Breckenridge in the summer and recreational exercise and would be much safer.

Let's connect our neighborhoods with pathways. It would be great if we could walk to parks, the Tarn and adjacent USFS lands and trails for recreation. Yes to undeveloped open space to act as buffers around development and as habitat for wildlife.

Please note: PARKS. other activities volleyball, an area to have cook outs and local events. Simple so there isn't much cost incurred or maintain involved.

Intro paragraph needs to define connectivity. 1st sentence in table is wrong. Studies/Plans EVALUATED the feasibility of a safe path, not to CREATE it. Delete zone districts "too ambiguous. Explore all tools/regulations to accomplish goals.

Delete as Focus Area, topic is discussed in Trails, Tarn, Parks & Open Space. Refer to TOBR Open Space/Trails Plan goals. Close/restore routes that are not part of approved travel system. Minimize conflicts between property owners and recreationists.

Trails

Would like some management of trail heads. Spruce Creek is horrible from a traffic and parking perspective. Don't know if we can do what we did at Quandary trailhead but something needs to be done.

No new trails until a bike/hiking path into Breckenridge is done.

Trails should be maintained. Limited parking helps but maybe add trail volunteers or clean up days to ensure visitors are fire safe and cleaning up their trash.

There is ample outdoor recreation opportunities in this area. Trespassing and destruction of private property is not okay. Stop allowing/promoting continued disregard of private property.

Love the current setup of trail access.

I agree with the recommendations for the trails.

Adequate parking must be provided to minimize impact on neighborhoods and private property, i.e. no parking allowed on town streets, at the same time eliminating parking on private property and stopping illegal trespass across privately held land.

The existing neighborhood trails have always worked well when permission is granted, but the use was based on mutual understanding & respect between neighbors. The growth in STR visitor use on the trails has begun a shift to no longer allowing access

A safe paved bike / walking access to Breckenridge. Developed trails in and a round the wet lands so owners are not disturbing those areas by going any were they feel like. For home owners any trails that are developed well defined to keep privacy.

Section is not aligned with Board-approved Open Space and Trails Plan. Inaccurate statement on use of easements. Change to easements are for residents use. No mention of management of river corridor and open space land for conservation purposes.

Refer to TOBR Open Space and Trails Plan goals. Plan and provide for the sustainable maintenance of trails and trail portals. Provide public information to promote stewardship and appropriate recreational use. Protect the Blue River corridor!

Chapter 2

Land Use

No new permits for lockoff apartments should be issued. Garages should not be allowed to have an apartment on a second storey. Prior to any permit being granted the town needs to do direct outreach to neighbors to get input prior to issuance.

Related to the Town Center Development area - We are the only permanent residents off of Silverheels Road. May we request that the (current HOA) land use both maintains our view/value, and that a tree-row is planted along Silverheels for privacy?

I think small commercial similar to summit cove could be beneficial along highway corridor.

No comment

I agree with trying to possibly have large lot areas to keep within the Towns density plan.

Yes to larger lots (2 acres or more) and absolutely no encroachments whatsoever into building setbacks. Past mistakes are past and can be improved/corrected over time, but certainly never made any worse by adding more.

I support maintaining character of Blue River as rural residential. Agree that some flexibility regarding height variance is better than allowing construction within setbacks and easements.

Land use must be based on a comprehensive study of resident needs vs wants. Land use and related zoning/codes should not be revised based on wants. The town was founded as a rural residential mtn community. No addl. density, taller homes, or rezoning

It is imperative that the town do density studies, natural environment, wetland and water rights studies to make sure the impact of increased housing. I am against adding additional density to Blue River.

CAP SHORT TERM rentals @ 20%. Annexation needs to be closely looked at before moving forward with density, water use, and what the true intent of being part of our town is. If it is just for their Financial gain AND LESS RULES NO WE DON'T NEED YOU.

Zoning laws should restrict small attached or detached dwellings designed to meet the affordable employee housing needs of Breckenridge. Commercial uses and accumulation of unused material and junk should be prohibited.

No structures in easements including Blue River corridor & make plans for removal of structures. Address uses on private property that contribute to bank erosion & changing flow of Blue River. Currently, STRs erode rural mtn character.

Protect & enforce use of easements and setbacks that are de facto open space lands that define the rural character of the Town. Where possible, work cooperatively to make Town regulations consistent and enforceable across jurisdictional boundaries.

Architectural Design

No home in Blue River needs a separate three-car garage. As long as the garage is part of the structure it should be allowed, otherwise it should not be. Any permitted structure should not impact a wildlife pathway.

Homes here are all unique, which is great. I think new builds and renovations must be approved on a case by case basis to ensure that they fit into our historic and natural environment.

Minimal control over private rights

The current regulations seem fine.

I agree with the recommendations.

Stop the approval of pre-fab sheds and out buildings.

Allowing ADUs for long term renters would greatly aid the community. Also easing restrictions on height and pad size too. Our home is older and smaller. We'd love to build a garage with an apartment to rent out to a local long term but can't now.

I support full adoption of Dark Skies.

Clean up town code. Remove subjective language that might have multiple interpretations. When P&Z was an arch review committee, we could rely on town listening to resident concerns about development. Now it feels like out with us, in w/ new develop.

Consistency and a employee to keep a eye on what is go on in the community building wise. Continue to involve the towns people to Develop these guide lines. Keeping new building out of sight on ridge lines like we are seeing being built. Low impact.

Building design standards that require natural exteriors in keeping with the high alpine environment should be encouraged. Dwellings should be limited to two stories. Landscaping should be required and required to be maintained.

YES to "continue progress towards full dark sky requirements." Delete 2nd sentence, which is too detailed for comp plan. NO to greater structure height when building envelope is small because of natural features.

Protect & enforce the purpose and use of easements and setbacks! Create and implement ways to educate residents about the importance of dark skies to both humans and the environment. NO ridge top development.

All platted subdivision easements should be protected from development. There is no reason for increasing height restrictions for restricted building lots or encroaching on setbacks. Why would we allow this?

Short Term Rentals

I would like some regulation regarding the owners looking to make a buck with their rentals. We're seeing new houses go up with little regard for aesthetics or native landscaping. These homes are clearly for STR's and can be an eyesore.

100% in favor of NON-deed restricted accessory apartments.

Short-term rentals are fine as long as there aren't two homes on the same property. Separate garages should not be allowed to have an apartment on a second storey. No more than one family should be allowed to have residence on a single piece of land.

I feel that many homeowners want to be able to rent short term to assist in paying mortgage. We need to be able to enforce that this is a residential community with noise, trash, fire and winter driving restrictions.

Str homes are not properly supervised. Homes are used for events and advertise well in excess of occupancy limits. This causing increase noise, trespassing, trash and disrespect to residents and others in town

I see no reason to further regulate STRs. Good source of tax revenue for the town and allows people to use their property in a way that works best for them.

I would be happy to live on a street with other local families. I would like for there to be a limit placed on the percentage of short term rentals allowed in our town. This allows for the established dwellings to be used for local families.

I think we should be looking at capping the Short term lodging 18% seems like enough. Accessory units will put a strain on existing wells and density. North Crown has a unbalanced ratio of short term rentals 7-10 appear to be operating currently.

LIMIT the number of short-term rentals; better, ELIMINATE them altogether. This practice is having a negative impact on the character and peaceful enjoyment of Blue River. Ban all accessory dwelling units in single family residential neighborhoods.

Blue River has great policies in place to manage this and I think it's working great.

I have not had any issues with short-term rentals around me. I am supportive of a small tax increase on short-term rentals to better fund town initiatives and services.

Cap # of STRs before we are faced with trying to reduce the amount of permits issued. 25% allows growth w/o overwhelming BR. We don't support ADU's aside from existing code. Bandit ADU's should be removed if Town identifies them during any inspection

Some Board Members have a conflict of interest and should not be voting on short term rental & subdivision. No central trash, any STR should figure out their own waste issues or BR come up with a rule in regards to STR & timely trash pickup.

I believe that the town is MORE THAN GOOD WITH 20% of the properties be used as short term rentals. We have all seen the lack of respect that these short term renters have for the locals and driving speeds. This gives us a little room for Growth.

Short term rental use should be discouraged as a commercial lodging use that is not in keeping with the residential character of the Town, burdens core infrastructure, and add cost to property owners and residents not engaged in this business.

Draft plan encourages STR property owners & renters to expand commercial lodging/real estate ventures at the expense of TOBR natural rural mtn character. NO to ADUs. TOBR does not need to solve non-TOBR problems. YES to "central trash collection."

Blue River is a residential neighborhood - not a commercial lodging resource! Minimize STRs and ADUs. The Town MUST NOT compromise its unique residential rural mountain character to solve a county-wide housing problem.

While I support accessory apartments for long term rentals, the overgrowth of short term rentals is disturbing. I moved to Blue River over 26 years ago for the peace and solitude, not to live nest door to a hotel.

The town roads, infrastructure, sewage and septic systems of the town were not designed for a wholesale increase of accessory dwellings. Accessory dwellings will cause a 'tragedy of the commons'- some residents benefit at the expense of others.

Limit the number of days a month that short-term rentals can be rented. Property next to us is a very active Airbnb and is leased almost everyday, check out at 10 new tenants at 3. It is a business for them. Ban outdoor fires for rentals.

Chapter 3

Future Vision Transportation

A plan should be developed to pave those roads in Blue River that require the most maintenance. Blue River Road is a horror for a good part of the year and should be prioritized.

The bus option has been great but we need to allow convenient park and ride. From where I live it is not feasible to walk to bus especially loaded with ski equip or groceries. As the parking continues to get busier in Breck this will be important.

How about allowing/encouraging a shuttle service similar to warriors mark? Get the oversized trash trucks off neighborhood roads. Community trash dumpsters

I would love to see a bike path from breck to headlight house!

Bus or shuttles to the trail heads needed. Bus service throughout summit county

The current bus schedule is not useful. A parking lot (to enable park and ride) and more frequent routes would make it more useful.

The town funded the S-Stage, and then the county expanded to Park County and we lost most of our stops. At this point we're just trying to get back some of what we lost. The town should influence the county to replace stops without additional funding

The Summit Stage has been successful maybe adding a few more stops to each day. The BLUE RIVER HWY 9 Corridor needs shoulders and safe pullouts for vehicles. Better safer bus stops. Continued work with CDOT for speed, maintenance and signage.

Add "potential" rec path since it isn't certain. Neighborhoods considering paving of roads need to be aware of & prevent all negative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods & surrounding lands. All CDOT projects must include IDA-IES compliant lighting.

Individual subdivisions/neighborhoods need to have consensus on road paving issues. Any future plans for a Hoosier Pass rec path MUST be co-located on Hwy 9 and not go through the Town neighborhoods.

Community Vision

Blue river is a nice quiet alternative to Breck and should remain as such.

Keep natural area

No comment

I am hoping that the vision is to keep the town a sleeping community. I don't think there is any need for commercial development or increase in the density of our community. To me that means keeping the limit on accessory dwellings permitted.

Overall vision should keep with the small community feel we all have.

Short-term rentals (if allowed to continue) must be regulated, and those regulations must be enforced on a consistent basis. Short-term rentals must be inspected regularly, and complaints responded to. Fines will have to be established and imposed.

We see no need for a Town Center. A larger park with a pavilion and toilet facility for Town celebrations would be a worthy goal. My friends and neighbors in town want open space. No one is ever talking about a Town Ctr. Parks, trails and open space

Some Board Members have a conflict of interest and should at times, choose to abstain from voting. If it could profit them, they shouldn't vote. Especially when evaluating housing mix and additional STR. We don't need additional STR.

To continue to see our streets and ditching improve. Keeping to basics of our residences needs . Their vision isn't 50% short term rentals. The ideas of parks, tarn improvements and pavilions for the residences is improvements for all of the RESIDENT

Consider STR as commercial lodging with no exceptions. STR have negative impacts on entire community plus unique negative impacts on individual neighbors. Delete "pristine" on page 20. Include protection of natural environment, daytime and nighttime.

Delete the statement about specific areas for a community center; commission a study to determine the appropriate location before implying where it might be located.

The town park is already under-utilized. Why would we allow the town to purchase new lots to develop into a community center when current resources go under-used. Just improve the park if you want a pavilion. There is space already there.

Economic Development

We are a residential town. Small convience store maybe.

A coffee shop or grocery would be cool! Continue to make money off STRs by not over-restricting them.

no commercial needed, so close to Breckenridge amenities. Limit densit, resist over development.

The majority of residents I have spoken to and agree with limiting short term rentals and not allowing AUD units. Keeping with our small community. Feeling safe and not a transient community not knowing who is coming and going in our neighborhoods.

20% unregulated short-term rentals in single family residential neighborhoods is harming the future of our peaceful mountain community. Stop this practice.

Why do municipalities always need MORE\$? Adtl. funding sources sounds like growth of the town, or taxes. We don't support either. Annexations will bring more people with demands to our recreational amenities & staff. The growth will consume the funds

If you increase tax on STR, does that mean you will accept more in order to pay for future development. Slippery slope.

Look to our neighbors to the south that might want to be annex into our community if they meet and adhere to our towns vision. Not allowing more than 20% of home into the short term rentals. Lets not become greedy like Breckenridge. Look at the mess

Requests for annexations can usually mean there is something wanted from the Town. Even though there may be increased Town revenues, the Town must weigh the additional negative short-term and long-term costs that erode the TOBR rural mtn character.

Do not promote, encourage, or increase economic opportunities that degrade or negatively impact the unique residential rural mountain character that defines the Town! NO annexation unless there is a significant outstanding benefit to the Town.

Facilities & Utilities

As for a community center, adding a room o to town hall makes sense or building a pavilion at the tarn.

Encourage buried utilities. Increased facilities for housing with adequate bath/laundry facility for emergency/safety personnel to provide 24 hour coverage. Break-ins are increasing in this area

No comment

I agree with these recommendations.

YES to paved roads and underground utilities.

Better cell service would be welcome. Competition in internet might also be good. The sewer district does well enough without the Town's help. Costs to connect are much higher than what was proposed. Looking back, it feels like false advertising.

If it is cost effective the burying of utilities would be great. Not at all impressed with upper blue San district cost are way high and they have sold the town a bill of goods. Having some one to work with these Entities in the town would be nice.

TOBR should maintain current infrastructure. Do not improve infrastructure to handle more development. Important to address needs of individual neighborhoods w/no negative impacts on surrounding lands. This will not be uniform throughout the Town.

Do not "encourage" buying new utilities - REQUIRE them to be buried! Roads do not need to be paved. Paved roads diminish the rural character of the community, Existing roads are fine and need to be maintained for safe use.

Growth

I would like a specific growth plan. Not opposed to growing Blue River, but do it so that it fits in with current neighborhoods. Don't do annexation on a patch-work basis. Do it so it fits into a broader plan.

Not much to go. Carefully consider annexation if sensible

No comment

I feel that Blue River was platted so as not to exceed the density and create a overly crowded community. We have always been a tight neighborly community and the feel is changing with to many short term rentals and crowding of our roads.

Why title- GROWTH? Why not just "FUTURE"? We see no reason to deliberately change such a beautiful place. The town could do nothing at all aside from grading and plowing roads to keep us content. There isn't enough space to respond at 250 characters.

Limit growth, no in-law suites or small homes. Doesn't tie into character and will just turn into STR, more trash, more wear on roads, etc.

Keeping additional growth to a minimum since our community is already quite busy and we don't have the infrastructure or the funds to support much more. The roads, services, amenities and leadership is lacking at this time. What do the residents wan

Growth should be limited to the orderly development and redevelopment of single family residential houses adhering to architectural design standards.

Change "Future Growth" to "Managing the Future." Add sentence to end of first paragraph on page 20 to read: "However, there is evidence that the positive attributes (including open space, dark skies, etc.) are eroding as TOBR continues to grow."

Add "and 2019" to first sentence on page 21. Add bullet item to list: "Protection of the natural environment, including quality wildlife habitat, native/indigenous landscaping, nighttime environment, wetlands and Blue River corridor."

Limit growth and protect Blue River's character.

Additional Thoughts

I vote to increase the mill levy to pay for the capital improvements. Connection to Breckenridge and Alma has been on the table and study for too long. We need to make this happen.

Do not pave the roads and quit widening them every year. This only encourages increased speeds

We love our place in Blue River! Michelle at the town has always been helpful when needed.

I think the statements in the 2017 "What is your Blue River ?" still speak strongly about the majority of Blue River residents feelings about our future. Crown subdivision seems to be turning into a short term neighborhood. Maybe a limit per subdiv.

Thank you for all your hard work and your thoughtful consideration of the feedback from your property owners.
~~we love blue river! Thx for helping make it awesome~~

We really need a connected bike/pedestrian path.

'd also love to be able to build a garage on my 2+ acre lot that isn't constrained by the fact that my original house is small.

The Town should be focused on improving the existing resident's quality of life. Growth and change may be unavoidable, though it is debatable? Without encouraging growth and change, we can protect the qualities that brought many of us to Blue River.

Blue River really is a special place. I am very concerned with talk of STR and possibly adding tiny homes and accessory apts. We have neighbors that added accessory apt with no permit, no egress and no one cared. Called in and was ignored. :(

From GROWTH. Want? Is it what a special interest group wants growth? The town doesn't even have a employee for roads and building inspections. Step back and look at the basic needs of those who live here. Make that right then we can slowly grow.

Budgeting for codes enforcement is an appropriate goal. Rather than budgeting for its own police department, the Town should rely on purchasing police service from Breckenridge.

Plan focuses on urbanized development & parts are inconsistent with Mission Statement. Hire consultant for Comp Plan project, plus final written document, as was brought up at Board meeting. Plan doesn't reflect "What is your Blue River?" on pg. 21.

Overall, the draft plan seems biased toward development without safeguards towards conserving the environment. It needs to be written to directly address the desired future condition as expressed under the bullet items in What is your Blue River?

Stop trying to change Blue River and reduce the property tax Mill Levy! It is the highest in the county for no reason.

Short-term rentals, we would like to see limits put in place to safeguard the community. Some tenants do not care as much about the community or the property they are renting. We have put out 3 unattended fires from rental property next to us.



Minutes

Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

October 1, 2020

Blue River Town Hall, 0110 Whispering Pines Circle

6:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.

- I. Introductions
 - Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tim West; Bevan Hardy; Dan Cleary; Brownell Bailey; Tori Aidala; Mark Fossett;
 - Michelle Eddy, Town Manager; Bob Widner, Town Attorney
- II. Goal for the Committee
 - Manager Eddy explained the goal is to update and establish a new comprehensive plan for the Town within the next eight to ten months.
- III. Comprehensive Plan Overview/Background/Need-Bob Widner
 - Attorney Widner provided an overview of comprehensive plans, background and the need and uses for comprehensive plans.
 - He provided examples of what other towns have accomplished overtime from ideas placed into their comprehensive plan.
- IV. Review of current plan
 - Likes/dislikes/purge
 - The group reviewed what needs to continue in the plan and what is no longer relevant.
- V. Discussion of suggested topics

These are suggested topics to be placed on the calendar for discussion. Not for discussion at this time. What is it you want included in the plan?

 - Mission Statement
 - Land Use
 - Town Center; Highway 9 Corridor
 - Land Use Character
 - Lighting; noxious weeds; fire mitigation; short-term rentals; ridgeline development; architectural design; parking; accessory structure; outdoor storage; fencing; camping
 - Annexation
 - General Community Character
 - Trails
 - Utilities
 - Discussion to use all of the above.
- VI. Calendar/Schedule
 - Meet monthly, the first Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
- VII. Meeting dates & policy
 - First Thursday of the month, and will be held via Zoom.
- VIII. Next meeting & homework

- November 5th, 6:00 p.m. Manager Eddy will email out past surveys. The group will email a complete likes/dislikes list. The topic for November will be to discuss Recreation.



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

November 5, 2020

Blue River Town Hall, 0110 Whispering Pines Circle

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJkduqprD8pGtUtezsSMBxXotr2WoO-gauf](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJkduqprD8pGtUtezsSMBxXotr2WoO-gauf)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Attendance: Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Mark Fossett; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Tim West; Bob Widner-Town Attorney; Michelle Eddy-Town Manager

I. Recap Likes/Dislikes Existing Plan

- Discussion of everyone's likes/dislikes.
 - Comments were very positive and focus on recreation and keeping of character of town.
 - Rec path and access easements for hiking/biking as well as trail head issues.
 - Discussion on how much is done at the Tarn. A large focus around the Tarn.
 - Noted the comments were generally consistent.

II. Recreation Discussion

- Likes
 - Tarn
 - Obtain land purchase of the "donut"
 - Develop idea of what it could look like being cognizant of preserving the character and not putting too many "items" in the idea. Ensure that it is flexible and not specific.
 - Natural trails
 - Draw on history
 - Interpretive signs
 - Wildlife impact study
 - Control access to Tarn
 - Safety
 - Gate
 - Parking area improvements
 - Resident permitting
 - Restroom Facilities
 - Work in conjunction with the Town of Breckenridge to preserve dam area
 - Boat ramp
 - Timing

- Development timeline to address parking improvement and boat area while dam is under repair.
 - Plan should also include acquisition or easement use to allow for opportunity to conduct improvements.
- Sustainable/interpretive trail that provides access near river and wetlands without being intrusive into the wetlands.
 - Include information on the wetlands and wildlife to be found by the Tarn.
 - Opportunity for land to the south for additional parking and walking.
- Subdivision connectivity to the Tarn.
- Trails
 - Connect with working being conducted by the Trails Committee for development
 - Responsible trail head use to limit impacts on the community. It is noted that the current trails plan being developed does not encourage development or improvements to trail heads.
 - Interpretive signage
 - Expansion/improvement of town trails that are not necessarily “public” trails.
 - Directional signage to direct people to National Forest trail head Spruce Creek Rd
 - Resident permitting
 - Partner with neighboring stakeholders for funding sources for trail development and maintenance
 - Limit trailhead use to mitigate neighborhood impacts and preserve trails for resident use.
 - Refer to the Trails and Open Space Plan for uses and vision
 - Plan should be developed with established goals listed
 - Focus on conservation and eco-tourism
- Other Items
 - Mountain bike
 - Dog park
 - Sledding hill
 - Identify and obtain land to provide some of these opportunities
- Connectivity
 - Hoosier Pass Recreation Path referring to the CDOT Access Plan
 - Use the existing plan including the Access Plan
 - Establish a funding mechanism to build the path
 - Keep section on trail connectivity and refer to the Trails/Open Space Plan
 - Subdivision connection
 - Include maps with better definition of use
 - Local way finding signage versus public use
- Include enhanced pictures to provide a clear vision of recreation in Blue River

III. Homework Assignment

- December
 - Future Land use discussion
 - Survey discussion to include public Zoom meetings to gather additional input. Bring to the meeting with ideas on what to ask.
- For January
 - Review draft chapter of recreation

- Discussion about including P/Z and Trails in future stakeholder meetings.

IV. Next Meeting, December 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m.



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

December 3 2020

Blue River Town Hall, 0110 Whispering Pines Circle

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Tim West; Michelle Eddy, Town Manager; Bob Widner, Town Attorney. Mark Fossett was excused.

I. Recap Recreation

II. Land Use Discussion

- Bob provided a framework for what should be included in the comp plan. He noted that the existing plan is very sophisticated for a small town. He noted and discussed the importance of the land use chapter and how it affects other areas of town government. Planning & Zoning decisions are the number one reason a comp plan exists. It has a significant power unlike other policy documents.
 - The comp plan is an advisory document but it does have a certain amount of power on a legal standpoint for consistency between the comp plan and any policy that has been put in place. It primarily deals with zoning and development and character of the town. It helps provide that long term vision for the town. "If you're sitting on your porch 20 years from now, what do you want the town to look like."
 - Areas to improve in the current plan is include future vision.
 - Things to consider: lot size; how lots are developed within the community; what is the character of the homes; should there be fire mitigation plans mandated; annexations-what are the policies around annexations; short term rentals-how are they regulated; lock-offs/secondary units-should this be considered; design standards (height, lighting, colors, materials, ridgelines, berms) Think about "what we want to be when we grow up?" Density and secondary units as an option for additional housing.
- Discussion that in the past Blue River was quaint little cabins, but there is a shift for full homes with amenities and what is going to be allowed for expansion and redevelopment. Discussion that this really should be a focus. Should there be a maximum and minimum building size.

- The Trustees have stated a desire to be a residential community of choice.
- Discussion to focus on items that are adaptable i.e. instead of maximum or minimum but instead include setbacks as well as percent of open space to be included.
- Discussion about possibly include some of the original protective covenants that existed when the town was developed.
- Discussion about annexation and what type of look it should be and allowed.
- Discussion that it is a residential community close to the outdoors but close to amenities of other towns and proximity to work and affordability. There shouldn't be so many limits that prohibits families from being able to live in town.
- There is a need to decide what the character of the town and vision.
- Discussion to start with a large discussion and work down (lot sizes/no mc-mansions).
 - Noted that this should create a vision for what is desired.
 - Create a character of coverage (percent of lot size versus max size of home). Include a percent of open space that includes driveway, landscaping, etc.
 - Question was asked whether or not to beef up what exists in the comp plan or leave it as it is?
 - Recommendation to set a base line what is allowed. Discussion on Trustee level was to limit subdivision of existing subdivided lots.
 - Discussion that it would need to be area and allowed in certain zones to ensure that the town has the ability to continue to grow and welcome families.
 - Suggestion to maintain character.
- Discussion to look at all areas of town looking at section 4.4 of the current plan. There are 28 neighborhoods/subdivisions in Blue River. Suggestion to review by regions of town.
 - North End
 - Lakeshore
 - Spillway
 - Old Blue River
 - Crown
 - 96 Sub
 - Regal
 - Royal
 - Mountain View
 - Wilderness
 - Coronet
 - 97 Circle

- Blue Rock
- Sunny Slope
- Leap Year
- Sherwood Forest
- Larger lots
 - 97 South
 - Louise Placer
 - Bryce Estate
- HOA Areas
 - Aspen View
 - Timber Creek
 - McCullough
 - Spruce Valley Ranch
 - Rivershore

III. Public Survey Questions

- The group discussed topics to be included:
 - Recreation
 - Specific question about the Tarn.
 - Would you like to see a trail at the Tarn?
 - Would you like to see storage at the Tarn?
 - What type of access would you like to see at the Tarn?
Gated, etc.
 - Do you use the Tarn?
 - What do you do at the Tarn?
 - If you don't use the Tarn, why?
 - Trail heads
 - Include options of most importance to least importance multiple choice for some questions but not many to avoid steering the conversation.
 - Select subjects by "dots" versus ranking and select your top two.
 - Ask a big question open-ended: "what type of recreation would you like to see" or "what are we missing?" "What is your view of recreation in Blue River." "What should be considered for recreation in Blue River not offered elsewhere?" "What other activities or programs would you like to see?"
 - Discussion about being focused towards Blue River but cognizant of where the general public will have access. There is a need to identify who the audience of this survey is trying to reach. What is the goal

understanding there may be a need to open it up but leave it up to the public.

- As a town resident would you be open to having these open to the general public? Understanding some funding will require it be available to the public.
- There is a need to define public as there are renters, short-term renters, visitors and guests that are in town.
- Suggestion to do a public Zoom to gather input and then conduct survey based on results of the Zoom Town Hall.
 - Forum to give an overview of what is going to be outlined and then dive into three-four specific questions. Possibly use breakout room to discuss and report back.
 - Suggestion to have pre-registration and when you register, you will receive the questions ahead of time. Give the ability to provide answers in the chat.
 - Suggestion to hold mid-late January. The first Zoom Town Hall January 21st, 6:00 p.m. for one hour.

IV. Homework Assignment

- For next meeting start with the neighborhoods beginning on the north end group. Everyone is asked to visit the neighborhoods to become familiar with area and get a feel of what is and isn't working. What can be added, maintained or changed in the long run for each area beginning on the north end.
- A list of what to review as well as a map will be emailed out.

V. Next Meeting, January 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m.



Minutes

Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

January 7, 2021

Blue River Town Hall, 0110 Whispering Pines Circle

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Mark Fossett; Bevan Hardy; Tim West; Jon Warnick; Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney, Bob Widner. Mark Fossett left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

*Recording started at 6:38 p.m.

I. Review Draft Recreation Chapter

- The Committee was provided a draft of the recreation chapter for comment, review and additional input. Additional information will be added after the forum and survey.

II. Land Use Discussion

- The Committee was provided topics and areas to consider from Attorney Widner. The Committee had been asked to review the north section of Town (Lakeshore and Spillway) for review and began discussions on the land use for this area.
- Noted that the list provided by Bob was a good resource to work off of.
- Discussion on limiting size of homes and bedrooms. Concern of the goal to limiting the impact of short term rentals. Suggestion to have it say that short term rentals should be regulated to have less impacts on the quality of life in Blue River than the common home.
- Discussion to maintain character of town while being cognizant of property rights.
- Discussion of defining improvements and a ratio of area on a lot.
- Suggestion to use the mission statement as the guide for the vision of the future.
- The town should ensure that regulations should be consistent with character of town. Regulations should be established to protect the character and not be inconsistent with the mission. Suggested language: The Town should ensure that regulations do not permit the construction of residences or structures that are inconsistent with the existing character within the same neighborhood. Inconsistency may result from building size (too large or too small), colors, materials, amount of glass surfaces; lot coverage, ridgeline, parking, driveway, garage, significant modification of the natural features of a building site including natural

features or vegetation, and impacts associated with short term rental and home occupations.

- Suggestion to review guidelines to ensure they are consistent with the Town mission.
- Lakeshore/Spillway Neighborhood Review
 - Neighborhood signage is needed in all of the areas. It is recommended to establish signage through the neighborhoods. Establish signage regulations to ensure character guidelines and consistency to preserve character of neighborhoods.
 - Establish regulations for signs on private property to provide for a reasonable ability for owners to convey messages permitted by the state and federal constitutions but which discourage the proliferation of signs in size or number that would adversely impact the natural character of neighborhoods. Subdivision entry signs should be reasonably sized, designed by color and materials to reflect the natural character of the community, be located to minimize conflicts with vehicles and snow removal, and preserve sight lines for turning vehicles. All subdivision entry signs shall be permanently maintained by a homeowner association or other entity
 - Improve road maintenance and drainage.
 - Noted that the homes within the neighborhoods show a lot of diversity while remaining consistent in character.
 - Recommended to allow some home to build higher versus encroaching on setbacks or requiring variances on limited building sites. Noted this would be limited and on a case-by-case basis.
 - Recommended to ensure regulations remain flexible but provide ability to maintain the character.
 - Discussion of minimum lot size. Currently it varies throughout town due to various reasons mainly due to topography. Discussion for new subdivisions and minimum lot size to allow for larger lots surrounding town and smaller lots within the core.
 - Recommendation to include open space area requirement for the larger lots.
 - Recommendation to review areas to allow for varying lot sizes in different areas of town where it makes sense. Recommendation to require larger lots for annexation with an open space requirement.
 - Recommendation to encourage town to acquire vacant lots to preserve open space.
 - Recommendation to encourage indigenous landscaping. Currently there is a lack of landscaping.
- Next Land Use discussion to be landscaping, berms and signage. Guidelines and way finding.

III. Public Survey Questions

- It was noted that the Town Hall Forum was set for January 28th, 6:00 p.m. So far, there are 31 residents signed up.
- Discussion and review of questions to ask for the forum and survey questions. Manager Eddy provided sample questions. Recommendation to include a snippet from the original intro document as introduction to the comp plan. Suggestion to email link to existing comprehensive plan.
- Suggestion to do recreation survey after the forum.

IV. Next Meeting, February 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m.



Minutes

Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

February 4, 2021

Blue River Town Hall, 0110 Whispering Pines Circle

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick
Tim West was excused. Brownell Bailey; and Mark Fossett were absent. Town Attorney,
Bob Widner and Town Manager Michelle Eddy were also present.

I. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

a. Recap Town Hall/Survey Questions Recreation Chapter

- Discussion of some of the topics and many felt things should stay as they are.
- Tarn
 - There was good discussion for boat storage and some moderate improvements as well as being proactive about preserving land and creating low key trails for residents.
 - Discussion for the Tarn to include the ramp, a low-key trail around the Tarn, enhancing and finding a “permit” enforcement personnel, possible enhance access for control. Possibly creating a “viewing” area for wildlife and photos. Encourage the town to improve access and basic improvements enjoyment of the Tarn. Improve area along the shore.
 - Discussion to include Hwy 9 in the comp plan in a different section. “The Town encourages cooperation with CDOT for....” Perhaps in the Hwy 9 section of the plan.
 - Look at possible year round activities with minimal impacts or improvements with improved access. This would include winter maintenance of the parking lot.
 - When looking at improvements they should include ADA access.
 - Encourage the Board to establish a sustainable trail around the Tarn that connects into the Blue River Trail system.

b. Survey

- Reviewed questions and made edits.

II. 7:0 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

a. Land Use: Landscaping; berms and signage guidelines and way finding

- Discussion of type of signage needed and need for specific guidelines for signage.
- Discussion of whether or not to have signage. Possible simple wayfinding signage.
 - Neighborhood signage
 - a.** Discussion to not include
 - Interpretive signage
 - a.** Limited for when it makes sense
 - Wayfinding
 - a.** Limited but focus more on a Parks/Recreation tab on the website.
 - Signage Guidelines
 - a.** Encourage the Town to pursue and develop sign regulations to the Town Code.
- Landscaping and berms
 - Discussion that landscaping and berm regulations exist but there is an enforcement issue.
 - Discussion to encourage greater enforcement of landscaping and berms.
 - It is recognized that certain acts greatly impact the character of the town including berms, dead trees, and lack of compliance of landscaping by developers. The Town is encouraged to dedicate resources and enforcement to address issues that degrade or impair the quality and character of the community.
- Discussion to encourage the town to develop a site plan review process to address landscaping and defensible plan requirements and update the Town code with clear guidelines. Discussion that this doesn't need to be in the comp plan but should be addressed.

III. Upcoming schedule/meetings/homework

- a.** Discussion of needing to either meet more often or longer or keep the process the same.
- Decision to leave it as is.
- b.** Next month-Land Use- zoning and subdivisions and review of survey results.

IV. Next Meeting, March 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m.



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

March 4, 2021

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Meeting was held via Zoom.

****Meeting was not recorded and rescheduled**

Attendance:

Tori Aidala; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick and Tim West. Also present: Town Attorney Bob Widner; Town Manager Michelle Eddy. Excused: Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; and Mark Fossett.

- I. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
 - Review Survey Results
 - The Committee reviewed the survey results on recreation.
 - Suggestion to evaluate responses and create data based on the responses to evaluate. Michelle will compile and email out next week.
 - All the new data will be emailed out next week.
 - Discussion on how to improve the next survey.
- II. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - Land Use: Zoning and subdivision.
 - Town Manager Eddy noted this discussion is being postponed until after the Board of Trustees is able to have discussion around this subject which will help drive the conversation.
- III. Upcoming schedule/meetings/homework
 - Next month will be a quick recap and input from the data on the survey and Town Hall event and a discussion on land use for zoning and subdivision will be held based on the discussion from the Board of Trustees.
- IV. **Next Meeting April 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

April 1, 2021* Rescheduled for April 14, 2021

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom.

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Tim West; Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney Bob Widner. Mark Fossett was excused. Recording started at 6:38 p.m.

I. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

a. Review Survey Results

- Discussion that much has been in line with previous discussions. Noted that there were inconsistencies in answers. Example: use the Tarn, want more at the Tarn but it's too busy at the Tarn.
- Discussion of connectivity through town with initiation outside town limits.
- Noted that daily use residents have a higher impact versus the long-term residents as they have a higher need for facilities and accesses to trails. Messaging needed to set expectations. "Park in Breckenridge, hike in Blue River."
- Emphasize limited parking. Improve signage.
- In plan language encourage connectivity with parking availability within the neighborhoods. Encourage the Trails Committee to address connectivity to the trails within the neighborhoods with a resident focus. Improve signage to better define areas for parking within the neighborhoods but discourage trailheads.
- It is noted that roads will need to be addressed. Also noted that many of the areas for parking exist, they just need to be improved with improved signage.
- Discussion activities: those that are currently allowed. Noted that benches will be installed. Encourage activities in the winter not offered elsewhere in a more structured setting. Noted that the town should review at a later date dependent on ownership of the land. Also noted possible signage warning of winter access use at own risk. Noted that many may not think of winter activities at the Tarn may be considered in the future as interest increases. Language should reflect a possibility for the future.

- Include adequate and safe parking at the Tarn.
- Recommendation to keep the Tarn low-key, natural and without structure/organization. Access and parking should be addressed and improved with the ability for people to turn around and improve the controls to the Tarn. Potentially create a new layout and flow with conceptual drawing for ideas. Encourage the town to review and improve the existing layout, parking and safety access to the Tarn.
- Consider or review boat access to the Tarn in conjunction with the improvement of the parking and access.
- With the improved access, the town should be encouraged to include natural/native revegetation to address erosion and restoration of the natural area.

Signage:

- Signage in areas impacted by trails. Directional signage is discouraged. Improve signage at trails. Improve signage at the Tarn.
- Continue enforcement.
- Limit trail signage to low-key directional natural signage.

Recreational Activities

- Trails/connectivity
- Winter activities on the trails or open space areas.
- Encourage continued development and vision of the a Highway 9 recreation path.
- Encourage recreation consistent with the character of the town and the preservation of open space and protect areas for wildlife corridors. Preserve the rural mountain experience.
- Encourage purchase, preserve and provide designation of river and open space zoning and easements.

b. Final recreational chapter input

- Suggestion to include visuals and conceptual ideas.
- Discussion to provide an informal draft to the Trails Committee for input.

II. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

a. Land Use: Architectural Design

- Lighting
 - Town code currently requires a natural night sky. Discussion that dark sky has stricter restrictions. The code allows to maintain current character but is consistent with dark sky requirements. Encourage

continued progress towards full dark sky requirements. Beginning with new construction/development and progress from there.

- Garages/Sheds
 - Discussion of current regulations were recently updated.
 - Discussion to encourage garage variance process allowing for additions beyond current regulations that are designed to minimize the impacts, feel, mass the structure, and the neighborhood views and character.
 - Discussion that this subject does not need to be addressed in the comp plan but with the Planning/Zoning Commission.
- Minimum & Maximum Structure Sizes
 - Encourage the town to consider a percent of open space be on a construction site.
 - Encourage the town to development of minimum/maximum structure sizes consistent and preserving the rural/natural mountain character of town.
 - Encourage the preservation of easements, wetlands and open space. Encourage old covenants intent be considered within future design guidelines.
 - Bob: Consider measures to best BALANCE the REASONABLE right to development of property with the protection of the natural environment and specifically wetlands, river easements, floodway and floodplains, and wildlife habitat.
 - Ensure consideration of the original expectation of development and character of the community as expressed in the covenants and other documents that sought to protect the values of the Town.
 - Measures may include means of limitation on the construction of residential homes that are inconsistent in size and mass with the existing character of development.
 - Discussion on minimum square footage. Current code requires homes to be on a permanent foundation. The minimum lot size also restricts the ability. Recommendation to provide a minimum square footage in the code. Encourage regulations with consistency in the character of the town with minimum and maximum square footage.

III. Next Meeting May 6, 2021, 6:00 p.m.



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

May 6, 2021

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom.

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Town Manager Michelle Eddy. **recording started at 7:00 p.m.

Excused: Mark Fossett; Tim West; Town Attorney Bob Widner.

I. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

- Land Use

- Short Term Rentals

- Manager Eddy explained the current rules and licensing.
 - Discussion of include messaging for trash, fire. Encourage digital messaging and QR codes with links to information for FYI on rules and notes for town.
 - Noted there are 145 licensed homes and about 17% of housing stock.
 - Discussion of creating trash collection areas to address trash issues with short term rentals. Noted there are VIP services. Include recommendation to possibly use licensing fees to pay for cost. Include a swipe card to help control access.
 - Discussion about whether or not to consider a cap due to impact on roads. Encourage the Trustees to monitor the STR permits and ensure a balance of the community character. Discussion to put the question to the residents to determine if there is an issue the community feels should be addressed. Suggestion to utilize survey used by Breckenridge.
 - Discussion of a need to balance short and long term rentals versus owner occupied and second homes. Community balance.

- Housing

- Discussion around feelings of affordable/attainable housing similar to Wellington. Discussion to include questions for interest for affordable/attainable house for rent or purchase.
- Discussion of attainable housing fitting the character of Blue River.
- Discussion to have questions on whether or not Blue River should be part of the overall housing discussion in the county.
- Suggestion to review sales tax on utilities to possibly waive “x” amount to create affordability.
- Discussion to research incentives for homeowners to long term versus short term renters.
- Discussion of a property tax exemption for full-time occupied or full-time worker properties similar to a senior tax exemption.
- Discussion to include questions about long-term rental registration to develop a database.
- Discussion to recommend to monitor occupancy of homes as a measure of community character short, long, full-time, second homeowners as each have a different use patten in the community. Use as a tool to preserve community character.
- Encourage a cost benefit analysis of short term rentals as it pertains to over all impact on community, staff, roads, etc.
- Discussion of the different dynamics of town and different needs by neighborhood.
- Discussion to encourage town to address needs of full time residents above the needs of second homeowners or visitors.
- ADU’s
 - Discussion on whether or not to allow ADU’s as a tool for long-term rentals. Discussion of what is being considered at the county to address issue. There are approximately 1,000 in the county.
 - Discussion in favor for use by long-term rental housing. Discussion of including a question to allow with restrictions against STRs and lots/septic system requirements.
 - Discussion to model off of what Vail was able to establish.
 - Discussion around sprinter vans/RV’s and trend in housing. There is a need to be aware and regulate. Noted that Jackson Hole does provide parking lots for this purpose.
 - Discussion to review the existing code and determine potential impacts of allowing ADU’s. Discussion to include in the survey.

- Discussion to maintain community character.
 - Should regulations on ADU's require transferrable development rights?
 - Discussion that lock-offs should be included as they have less impact than a separate structure.
 - Discussion that questions will need more description and background of what is being looked for.
 - Discussion to have Town Hall June 16th virtual. Manager Eddy will send out information to compile questions and format at the June 3rd meeting.
 - Discussion to include what conceptually a trail and where we are today in the plan to understand what is feasible.
 - Discussion that the comp plan is high level vision and wish list for exploration.
- II. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Land Use Town Hall/Survey
 - Questions:
 - Trash locations for STR?
 - Should there be a cap on STRs? Follow Breckenridge example.
 - Would you support affordable/attainable housing for rent/purchase? Is there a desire for affordable/attainable housing for rent/purchase in Blue River that fits the character of Blue River?
 - Include question around regulating camper vans and allowing ADUs.
- III. Meeting-June in person, hybrid or continue Zoom?**
- Discussion for June meeting to be a hybrid meeting.
- IV. Next Meeting June 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

June 3, 2021

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Meeting was held via Zoom.

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Tim West;
Town Manager Michelle Eddy

Excused: Tori Aidala; Mark Fossett; Town Attorney Bob Widner.

I. Purpose and Goal of a Comprehensive Plan:

- Comprehensive planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The result is called a comprehensive plan or general plan, and both expresses and regulates public policies on transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing. Comprehensive plans typically encompass large geographical areas, a broad range of topics, and cover a long-term time horizon.
 - Chair Thorsteinson reviewed and provided a reminder of the definition of a comprehensive plan and the focus of the committee.

II. Tonight-Facilities/Utilities

III. Review of Remaining Schedule

- July 1st-Transportation/Community/Economic Development
- August 12th-**Date Change**-Review of Comp Plan Language to date
- August TBD-Town Hall to get resident feedback and suggested changes
- September 2nd-Review suggestions from residents and make any needed changes
- September/October-Present to the Board of Trustees for adoption.
 - Chair Thorsteinson provided an outline of the remaining schedule and goal for completion.
 - Discussion on whether or not to have a town hall/survey on land use and the community engagement.

IV. Brief Follow up Discussion on Housing-Brownell Bailey Comments

- Brownell stated the need to look at the community and what is wanted. There is a need to define the vision for the future. He noted that housing and affordability is

driven by factors surrounding Blue River. He noted it should be expressed that Blue River should not become the overflow to address issues from surrounding towns/area. Important to maintain community, quiet, environmental sensitivity and neighbors. He noted that the committee needs to stop giving solutions but to voice what it that is desired. Reaffirm the qualities and character.

- Discussion of how to move forward with the current condition but recapture the past vision for character of town, “get back to the roots.”
- Discussion of whether or not Blue River is a bedroom community by definition.
- Encourage a reasonable mix/balance of residents, renters and visitors.
- Encourage the town to explore all factors that contribute to housing challenges within the town. Creating a mix and balance of residents, second homeowners, renters and visitors to maintain the community character of Blue River.

V. Facilities & Utilities

- Encourage the expansion of broadband, sewer, infrastructure, and utility improvements to provide consistency, improved technology and livability in the town while being sensitive to the environment as appropriate guided through public outreach.
- Suggestion to leave phrase to all utilities and not single out specific utilities.
- Facilities: Encourage the town to review improvements and expansion to existing facilities as needed.

VI. Future Growth

- Recommendation to maintain current language in plan on page 32. Add in future vision with consideration to density and in consideration of surrounding area plans where they align with the community values guided by town resident input.
- Discussion to include language on impacts of the evolution of the town for sustainable development.

VII. Next Meeting July 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

July 1, 2021

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom.

Attendees: Chair Sarah Thorsteinson; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Mark Fossett; Bevan HardyTown Attorney Bob Widner; Town Manager Michelle Eddy. Jon Warnick joined meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Excused: Tim West

I. Transportation/Community/Economic Development

- Discussion of a mission statement for the group and what the goal of the group in drafting the comprehensive plan.
 - A foundation for future administrative direction for town boards. A thoroughly thought out “wish list”.
 - Desires for the future of the community and direction for leadership to guide the future. What citizens want leadership to pursue.
 - Discussion to use language in original plan. Use first three paragraphs. Mission statement paragraph speaks to the mission of the comprehensive plan.
- Transportation
 - Continue bus service along Hwy 9 corridor.
 - Park/ride facility
 - Increased frequency of bus times
 - Recreation path to encourage bike use in the corridor.
 - Partner with Summit County Government and the Summit Stage for plan of additional stops and frequency.
 - Work with CDOT for increased safety and speed reduction along the Hwy 9 corridor. Refer to CDOT letter on the proposed chain up station for language of the corridor vision.
 - Use section 4.6 Hwy 9 Corridor. Also include reference to the CDOT Access Plan for guidance and direction.

- Seek funding opportunities to fund future transportation.
- Discussion of pros/cons of explore situations where paving of roads is feasible and require new subdivisions to provide paved roads. Does this make sense and is it consistent with the character of town? Discussion to refer to the capital plan for guidance for review of areas and process.
 1. Research funding mechanisms to address the roads and capital plan.
- Community Vision
 - Town Center with community gathering; park; pavilion. A gathering location. Residential focus. Focus around town hall and potential open space areas to develop a community gathering area. Potential around center of town along Blue River Road.
 - Explore land opportunities either along Blue River Road or by the existing Town Hall for a pavilion; park; and community gathering/community event area in a town center/"town square."
 - Acquire wetlands and maintain open space from Tarn to the south. Explore third party land trust for conservation of land.
 - Recommend researching opportunities for conservation easements and wetlands for open space opportunities to preserve community character and preservation of the residential community. Referring the recreation chapter.
 - Discussion on pros/cons of naming and calling out specific parcels.
 - The Town should identify parcels centrally located and appropriate for a town gathering area while maintaining the natural community character.
 - Discussion to review housing mix and maintain community character. Explore limits and regulations for short term regulations to ensure future of community character.
- Economic Development
 - Ensure regulations for homebased businesses are limited to ensure consistency with residential community character.
 - Develop additional funding sources for funding of community desires.
 - Where possible annex areas with existing commercial potential.
 - Recommend a review of existing funds to allocate for funding for community opportunities.
 - Review the cost/benefit of short rentals and conduct community outreach to determine the community balance.
 - Assess citizen attitudes to short term rentals to regulate and determine the community balance.
 - Consider increasing the short-term rental tax to provide funding for community impacts. An impact fee.

II. Review of past surveys

- Recommend to review surveys and provide items to Michelle for inclusion.
- III. The August meeting will be a review of a draft of the comprehensive plan. The draft will be sent out by July 23rd.
- IV. **Next Meeting August 5, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

August 12, 2021

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom

Chair Sarah Thorsteinson; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; John Warnick; Tim West;
Bob Widner;

I. Review draft plan

- Reviewed the document marked up by Bob.
 - Introduction:
 - Bailey with an e
 - Town Manager first then Town Attorney
 - Change to Comprehensive Plan Committee and make consistent in the entire document and take out “advisory.”
 - Capitalize Comprehensive Plan for the original plan.
 - Suggestion to note it was “challenged with preparing the plan during the pandemic limiting the committee’s ability to meet face to face.” Suggest “precluded meeting in person.”
 - Include utilizing surveys in 2017 and 2019.
 - Chapter 1
 - Suggestion to state on the south end of the Ten Mile Range within the White River National Forest. Also include residential surroundings.
 - Include map showing area.
 - Suggestion to add in that it is a recreational fishing resource.
 - Remove service under Future Vision.
 - Add in the completion date for the dam.
 - Utilize Bob’s language for changes to low-key.
 - Include for town resident use only.
 - Additional changes to the word low key.
 - Include wetlands in list.
 - Page 7: Bob’s changes.

- Include enhancements to the boat ramp as well as parking.
- Parking area in an increased use.
- Change natural area to disturbed use.
- Change bench to plan along the west shore.
- Remove messaging.
- Page 8
 - Remove “easy” and add fishing and wildlife viewing. Keep Bob’s changes.
 - Being mindful of impacts on private property.
 - Strike eco-tourism and add: acknowledge public and private access rights while being mindful of property rights.
- Page 9
 - In trail easements, include mindful of impacts on private property.
 - Keep Bob’s changes.
 - In trail easements, remove “in addition.”
 - Add in open space for wildlife, safe passages. Change title to Open Space & Trails and partner together throughout document.
 - Add Town of use of many of these easements have not be available to town residents for use.
 - Ensure proper signage at trail heads for parking restrictions.
 - Changes to wording on neighborhood connectivity.
- Page 10
 - Include benefits of parks in intro.
 - Encourage the development of parks as an additional amenity to the town. Parks are an asset to the residents.
 - Established neighborhood parks; other recreational opportunities desired by the residents.
- Page 11
 - Safe multimodal transportation.
 - Define connectivity: access to outdoor recreation without the use of automobiles or vehicle.
 - Ensure that in wording of safety doesn’t promote the chain up areas.
 - Move remnants of signage to page 13 and add in maintenance.
 - Add in again the Tarn use an at your own risk.

- Page 12
 - “Town” should be consistent throughout the document with a capital “T”.
 - Change expanded to renovated.
 - Suggest to color code the map based on area. Make full page and flip so it’s readable. Or break points as well break out each neighborhood.
 - The town acknowledges each neighborhood area is unique.
 - Change “old” to historic.
- Page 13
 - Define character at the beginning. “Character Place” as defined to what distinguishes an area. Perhaps change to rural neighborhood character.
 - The Town is typically...”characteristic”. Quality residential neighborhood; The character of Blue River is rural residential nestled within the White River National Forest.
 - Add as question at the Town Hall. Possibly use mission statement wording.
 - Replace the word “subdivision” or define as any new neighborhood is created. Suggestion to remove the word minimum. The town should continue to maintain minimum lot sizes for new neighborhoods. Maintain a standard of development with smaller lots in the core and larger lots surrounding the town.
 - Remove minimum lot size discussion. Discussion to put annexation language for vision. The town should encourage a development pattern with larger lots. Decision to strike completely.
 - Keep Bob’s comments.
- Page 14
 - Add in language to encourage residents to practice defensible space for wildfire mitigation.
- Page 15
 - Lighting: as renovations and improvements are made.
 - Change to Land Development; strike easements.
 - For min/max based on size of lot for floor area ratio.
 - Consider imposing open space ratios with building ratios. Regulations to limit homes greatly larger than the surrounding area.

- Consider leaving the language as is to maintain the current development pattern. Add in the ability to build on.
 - With consideration of total lot size.
- Page 16
 - Keep Bob's changes.
 - Define short term rental.
 - Move language from economic development on short term rentals.
 - Discussion on TDR and whether or not to include. Suggestion to include in public forum. Suggestion to change ADU to may be considered and remove the TDR language.
- Page 17
 - Keeps Bob's comments.
 - Additional stops along the corridor serving Blue River residents.
 - Development of better, defined bus stops.
 - Where the paving of roads is desired, cost effective and feasible.
 - For the pavilion for resident use. Location or setting near town hall.
 - Remove town square wording and put town park setting.
 - Discussion to be a town center with a resident focus.
 - Recommend to research opportunities for conservation easements and wetlands for open space to preserve the natural attributes.
- Page 18
 - Change wording to be telecommunications to be more inclusive.
 - Discussion to change from encourage connection to coordinate with special districts for infrastructure improvements.
 - Delete commercial
 - Encourage the burying of utilities and future major subdivisions should provide paved roads and the burying of utilities.
- Page 19
 - Correct spelling
 - Capitalize "C" in committee.

II. Town Hall public outreach meetings

- Discussion to do via Zoom again and do not do breakouts.
- Send plan out registrants and moderate questions/comments.
- Questions-send out questions ahead of time and select topics.
 - What is the Character of Blue River?
 - Short term rentals & ADU's as a separate town hall event?
 - Send out a survey limiting size of response.
- Suggestion to have a link to the plan for everyone. RSVP for the town hall but add a form on the website for comments.
- Schedule September 9th, 6:00 p.m.
- Goals to get feedback on plan. Put out ahead the expectation of what the committee was tasked with.
- Questions/survey ask if the plan meets your expectations of the future vision of the town? Survey to include questions by Chapter.

III. Next Meeting



Minutes

Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

September 2, 2021

6:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Meeting was held via Zoom

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Tim West; Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney

I. Town Hall public outreach meetings

- Discussion to give a brief overview of the chapter and the intent and then ask for thoughts.
- Discussion for each member to take a section.
- Ask participants to read ahead of time.
- Set the ground work ahead of time explaining the plan and purpose.
- Bob will give the overview of the purpose of the comp plan.
- Sarah will review the year.
- It is expected that everyone will have read it. Go section by section asking for input. Encourage participants to fill out survey with written additional comments.
- Intent is to present to the Trustees in November. The goal is to gather feedback for consideration. It is not intended to do revisions unless something is a complete miss.
- Max time for town hall is two hours.
- If there is an item that isn't changed but a citizen feels strongly about it, it goes to the Planning & Zoning Commission for adoption and they may make revisions. Ultimately the Trustees ratify or reject it.
- Discussion to do a presentation and ask for feedback.
- The Trustees and the Planning Commission will have a presentation which will include any additional feedback.
- The document goes to the Planning and Zoning first and then recommendation to the Trustees. It will go to P/Z in October and they are encouraged to attend the town hall. If they have comments/questions they are to attend the October 7th meeting. The P/Z needs to be prepared to recommend in November.
- Review at October meeting.



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Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

October 7, 2021

6:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held via Zoom

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Tim West; and Town Manager Michelle Eddy;

I. Review Survey results and final edits.

- Reviewed survey results and feeling that overall feedback was positive.
 - Large support for recreation path. Discussion of making recommendations for funding for the path and emphasize the desire for this project. Recommendations to include a community fundraising campaign; a percent of the existing taxes being dedicated to the project or adding a special tax as funding allows.
 - It was noted to possibly include page 5 of the original plan.
 - The survey mentioned building heights. It was discussed to delete if it is in the plan.
 - Survey was in line with thoughts on the Tarn.
 - Discussion of comments submitted.
 - Change growth to “what is our future”.
 - Discussion of next steps.