ERIE PROST 'CONNECTING YOU TO FUN' PLAYBOOK:

ARBOR DAY EVENT SUMMARY

April 26, 2025
10:00am - 1:00pm
Erie Community Park

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Purpose & Goals:

- **Receive Community Input:** The well-attended event provided an opportunity for community members to share their thoughts on current and future PROST programming.
- **Engagement & Connection:** Encourage discussions with community members about their values and desires for PROST development.
- **Interactive Participation:** Offer hands-on activities to make participation accessible and engaging.

Event Summary:

The Arbor Day Event provided a platform for the community to provide feedback on their preferences for future parks & recreation programming and facilities in Erie. Community members of all ages attended the event, diversifying the opinions and values that were received. Participants used the walkable map to identify current uses they enjoyed, as well as potential programming gaps in the Town. Participants then selected their top priorities for future parks and recreation funding. The various engagement opportunities were well-received by the community and allowed for a wide range of input on the progression of the Playbook.











RESULTS:


Take Care of What We Have
Build a New Recreation Facility
Build New Parks on Vacant Land Owned by Erie
Improve Trail Connectivity
Add More Recreation Programs
Build a New Performing Arts Facility
Acquire More Open Spaces


County Line Road
Weld CR 5
Weld CR 6
Weld CR 7
Erie Parkway
25


County Line Road
Erie Parkway
Jasper Road
Arapahoe Road
287


County Line Road
Arapahoe Road
City of Lafayette

Results listed in order of prevalence:

Funding Category	Votes in Favor
Improve trail connectivity	120
Build new parks on open vacant land owned by Erie	113
Take care of what we have (deferred maintenance)	104
Add more recreation programs (sports, swim, arts)	103
Build a new recreation facility (recreation center/aquatics	96
Acquire more open space areas	93
Build a new performing arts facility	61

Feedback from this event indicated that Erie user groups favored funding for enhanced trail systems and connections, new parks on vacant land owned by the Town, and continuing to address deferred maintenance of Erie's existing programs and facilities.

Walkable map topics of interest:

- More playgrounds and dog parks
- Expansion of singletrack
- Expansion of Erie trails system
    - Regional loop trail around Erie
    - Paths from neighborhoods to recreation facilities
    - Potential for trail underpasses
- Opportunities for Arapahoe & Cheyenne practices and Bison trail (near Jasper Rd)
- Sculpture Park opportunities (i.e. near Coal Creek Park)
- Outdoor aquatics facilities

Future Considerations:

- Opportunities for the expansion of the trail network both in Erie and regionally should be pursued.
- Many residents desire more connections from neighborhoods to community recreation facilities.
- There is a strong demand to develop new parks on vacant land owned by the town.
- Deferred maintenance policies are essential and should have allocated funding in the future.
- Many community members desire a new outdoor aquatics facility.