

# ROCKY FLATS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Mr. Carl Spreng  
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Dear Mr. Spreng and Mr. Miller,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council I am writing to voice our strong and unified support for the Natural Resource Damages (NRD) grant proposals submitted by Trust for Public Land, Boulder County, City of Boulder, City of Westminster, Town of Superior and the Jefferson County Nature Association. We strongly urge the NRD Trustees to fund these proposals in full.

These proposals were borne out of extensive conversations amongst the applicants and other local governments and community groups, and reflect a growing partnership that seeks to address conservation and acquisition activities on a regional basis. Through joint planning, acquisition and cooperative management efforts, the applicants are working to preserve native prairie ecosystems, rangelands, riparian areas, and wildlife corridors in an area that is rapidly developing around the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. By joining these projects and efforts together corridors are linked, connections are made, and otherwise separate parcels are connected to become part of an integrated, regional open space landscape. We believe their goal closely aligns with the Trustees' intent to restore, enhance, replace, or protect from future harm the natural resources injured as a result of hazardous substance releases at Rocky Flats.

The monies the applicants are seeking through their request to the Trustees are a critical first step in this effort. However, as their proposals make clear, the applicants will use these funds to leverage even greater amounts, far more than the 25 percent in matching funds as required by the funding guidelines. Many of those funds will come from the requesting government or organization, thereby highlighting their commitment to the proposed projects.

Thank you for considering our thoughts on this matter. Should you have any questions please contact our Executive Director, David Abelson, at (303) 412-1200 x1 or [dabelson@rockyflatssc.org](mailto:dabelson@rockyflatssc.org).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Chairman

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