



# A LAND SWAP

## BALANCE SHEET

# THE FUNDAMENTAL FLAW



- The City Administration and Parks Department never should have put up for trade to the Broadmoor Hotel a historic, legacy piece of open space purchased by a vote of the citizenry in 1885. This land belongs to all of the citizens of Colorado Springs, not the hired bureaucrats who, in theory at least, work for us.
- Beyond this, the deal itself is deeply flawed – with the advantage overwhelmingly in favor of the Broadmoor.



*Special thanks to Dr. Richard Meinig for his photos of the beautiful flowers of Strawberry Fields.*

# WHAT WE GET

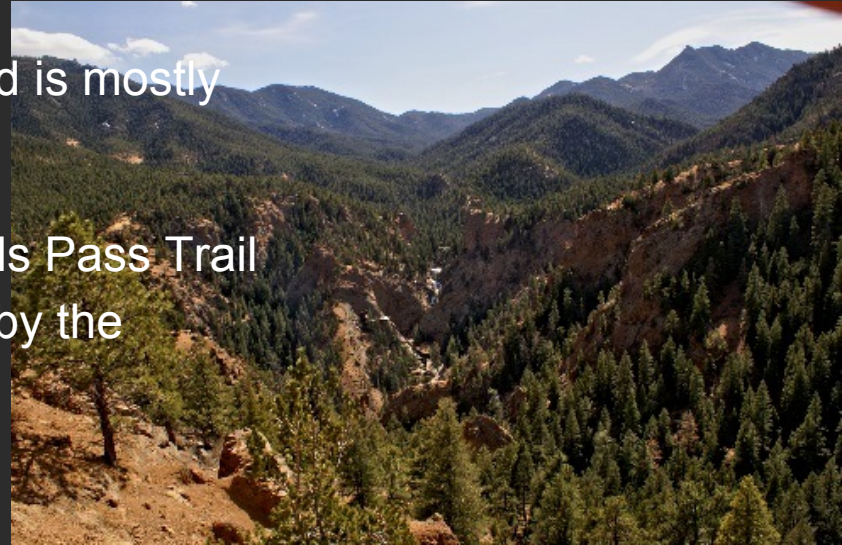


# 7 FALLS/MUSCOCO

208 ACRES, OF REMOTE FOREST LAND IN THE SW CORNER OF 7 FALLS PROPERTY. NEARLY 3/5 OF TOTAL SWAP ACREAGE.

BROADMOOR VALUE: \$634,000. COUNTY ASSESSOR VALUE: \$118,000. THE APPRAISED VALUE IS NEARLY 2/3 OF WHAT THE BROADMOOR PAID FOR THE ENTIRE 1,400 ACRES 7 FALLS PROPERTY IN 2014.

- Never before a TOPS candidate area or priority.
- Extremely remote and difficult to access.
- This land is under no development threat and is mostly not even visible from Colorado Springs.
- Only identified trail linkage is the west Daniels Pass Trail for which the city was granted an easement by the previous Seven Falls owner in 1999.



# 8.6 ACRES OF RESIDENTIAL-ZONED LAND ADJOINING BEAR CREEK PARK.

OVER 40 % OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE BROADMOOR SWAP PROPERTIES.

ASSESSED VALUE: \$543,000. APPRAISED MARKET VALUE: \$1,400,000. PURCHASED IN 2014 FOR \$1 MILLION.



- Never before a TOPS candidate area or priority.
- Other than adjoining the County-owned Bear Creek Park, this property has no outstanding conservation or open space values.
- At \$163,000 per acre, this would be more than seven times what TOPS has ever paid for open space land.



Bottom line: TOPS would never buy this land at this price.



# 154.6 ACRES OF FOREST LAND SURROUNDING PARTS OF THE MANITOU INCLINE AND BARR TRAIL.

ACTUAL ASSESSED VALUE: \$0. ASSESSED MARKET VALUE BASED ON ASSESSED VALUE OF COMPARABLE ADJOINING PROPERTIES: \$469,000. APPRAISED MARKET VALUE: \$1.28 MILLION

- Never before a TOPS candidate area or priority.
- Barr Trail easement already included in Craggs Land Exchange with the Forest Service now in Congress (passed in the House/awaiting approval in the Senate.)
- Use of Incline already guaranteed by licensing agreement which the Broadmoor has publicly stated would not be revoked/ also by CSUpipeline easement.
- Proposed northern bailout unlikely both because of ownership issues with other properties needed to make it work and because of steepness and environmental issues associated with the property itself.
- Land is steep and under no threat of development.
- Manitou Springs, the logical municipal owner, not interested in taking on associated liabilities. Why should Colorado Springs?

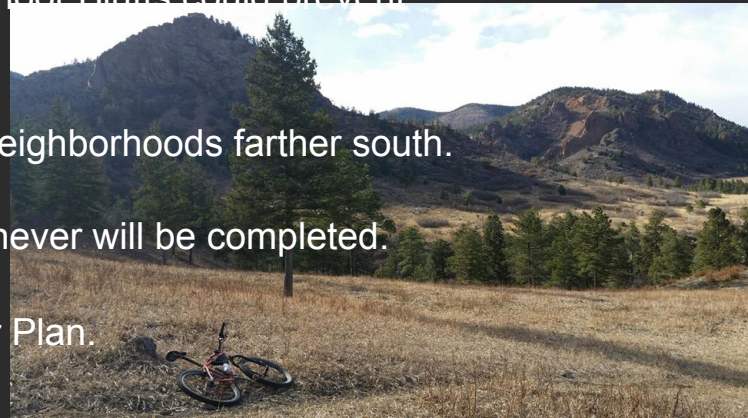
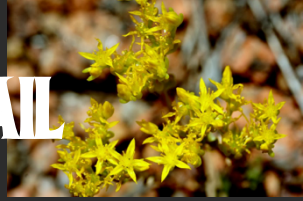


# 87.1 ACRES OF TRAIL EASEMENTS FOR CHAMBERLAIN TRAIL AND BARR TRAIL CONNECTOR.

ASSESSED MARKET VALUE: \$47,400. APPRAISED VALUE: \$295,000

- The Chamberlain Trail is the only Parks' Master Plan objective in the entire swap.
- Swap easements provide for only about one additional mile of trail.
- Uncompleted sections (and lack of easements for these sections) remain.
- Opposition from Broadmoor Resort Community and Broadmoor Bluffs could prevent further extension of the trail.
- Existence of NORAD will definitely block or force trail into neighborhoods farther south.
- In other areas, such as Upper Skyway, Chamberlain Trail never will be completed.

Barr Trail Connector is a minor plus, but not on any Master Plan.





# WHAT WE GIVE UP



# .6 ACRES OF CSU-OWNED COG PARKING.

ASSESSED MARKET VALUE: \$15,400. APPRAISED VALUE \$580,000.

- If this land is really worth over half a million dollars, why is CSU willing to just give it away? Corporate welfare?
- Why not use this land as an income-generator (paid parking?) and use the income for Incline maintenance?



# 189.5 ACRE "STRAWBERRY FIELDS" PORTION OF NORTH CHEYENNE CANYON PARK.

ASSESSED MARKET VALUE: \$ 2.2 MILLION. APPRAISED VALUE \$1.6 MILLION.

- This is the only swap property to be appraised at below assessed value by \$600,000.
- No consideration given in appraisal for potential commercial value of the 8.5 acre Broadmoor building envelope.
- No consideration given for the potential residential development value of the buildable 1/3 of the property.

