



August 8, 2019

Chris Castilian, Executive Director
Great Outdoors Colorado
1900 Grant Street, Ste. 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Castilian:

Palmer Land Trust is supportive of the City of Colorado Springs' proposed open space acquisition in the City's northeastern quadrant known as Kettle Creek Open Space. Protection of this 152-acre property will provide a crucial buffer for the rapid development in the area, permanent protection for this stretch of Kettle Creek, and a protected corridor for wildlife utilization.

This property is identified as a potential open space and greenway candidate in the 2014 Park Master Plan, but it is only through the relationship with the current landowners that was built by city staff that makes this acquisition possible. It is a perfect example of the unique projects that can be accomplished through private/public partnerships. Palmer commends this work and encourages GOCO to consider funding this acquisition. Palmer has agreed to be the conservation easement holder of the property, provided that future due diligence on the property does not reveal concerns that would inhibit our ability to effectively protect the property.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Jewett
Executive Director

Protecting southern Colorado's lands for present and future generations.