

# THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION MASTER PLAN

*Nederland, Colorado*

The Town of Nederland, in southwestern Boulder County, is known for its colorful characters, relaxed lifestyle and scenic grandeur. The Peak-to-Peak Highway, a state-designated scenic byway, brings skiers, sightseers, hunters, climbers and many others through the region to enjoy world-class recreational opportunities. This area is also home to a vast spectrum of wildlife, including many species of special interest, such as greenback cutthroat trout, northern goshawk, elk and black bear. This array of resources presented an outstanding opportunity for identification and conservation of open space while simultaneously developing outdoor recreational amenities for residents and visitors alike.

This Plan provides the strategic framework for evaluating lands for conservation and identifying important resource linkages and suitable locales for recreational enjoyment. Developing the Plan required an extensive inventory of existing conditions within the region. Using citizen surveys, steering committee meetings and public meetings, important open space criteria were determined. These criteria formed the analytical basis for the development of composite (or resource value) maps, which highlighted regions with a high occurrence of desirable resources. The resource value maps in turn form a spatial basis to help guide future decisions on land acquisition and appropriate land use.

