



CITY OF LONGMONT | Planning Division
Prairie Dog Management Permit Application

Upon submission of the Prairie Dog Management Permit Application, the City will determine if a minor or major prairie dog management permit is required. Please see the [Prairie Dog Management Overview](#) sheet for more details.

Date of application: 11-1-24

Applicant (First): TRAVIS (Last): HEERSINK

OR:

Applicant (Company Name): TRI POINTE HOMES

Property address where prairie dogs are located (or directions from nearest cross streets):

1291 GREAT WESTERN

County: BOULDER Parcel Number: OUTLOT A

Parcel Size: 0.83 ACRES

If applicable, please list additional addresses, parcel numbers, and parcel sizes:

1) Address:

Parcel Number: _____ Parcel Size: _____

2) Address:

Parcel Number: _____ Parcel Size: _____

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Applicant Address: 5350 S. ROSLYN ST. SUITE 400

City: GREENWOOD VILLAGE State: CO ZIP: 80111

Applicant's Email: TRAVIS. HEERSINICE@TRIPONTHEHOMES.COM

Applicant Phone: 720-353-8260

Applicant's Preferred Contact Method (for public posting— please check one)

☒ Email ☐ Phone

Property Owner (if different from applicant):

(First) _____ (Last): TRI-POINTE HOMES

OR, (Company Name): TRI-POINTE HOMES

Property Owner Address:

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To be completed by applicant:

Existing urban development: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Estimated number of prairie dogs: 15

Size of Active Prairie Dog Habitat (APDH): 0.5 ACRES

☐ Major → City issues the applicant the relocation forms. \$500 fee is required for the major permit.

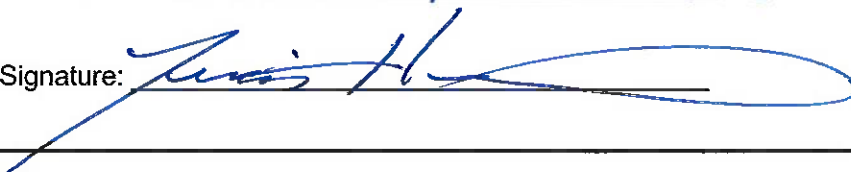
☒ Minor → This application serves as the permit for prairie dog management.

What is the intended method of handling the prairie dogs? (Circle One)

City-approved removal, extermination, donation, or live-trapping

I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct. In submitting the signed application, I acknowledge and agree that the application is subject to all the terms and conditions for Prairie Dog Control as defined in LMC 7.06.20. I understand that any false statements or omissions may result in denial or revocation of this permit. I also understand that the City has permission to enter the property, inspect the site, and confirm the active prairie dog habitat size and count.

Applicant Name (Printed): TRAVIS HEERSINK

Applicant Signature: 

INTERNAL OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved by (Printed): Z. Blazek

Signature: 

Date: 12.12.24

Conditions of Approval:

Minor permit valid for 1 year, mitigation by carbon monoxide only

Minor permit updated 9/3/2025 to allow for relocation to Pueblo. Additional materials attached, relocation permit w/ extension valid for one year (9/3/2026) for landscaped area only. - Z Blazek

Estimated Invoice Amount (as applicable): 0

SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH,
RANGE 69 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M,
CITY OF LONGMONT, COUNTY OF BOULDER, STATE OF COLORADO

APPLICANT:
WESTERN SUGAR, LLC
333 S. Monroe St, Suite 404
Denver, CO 80209
303.941.4856

CIVIL ENGINEER:

**HKS HARRIS
KOCHER
SMITH**
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 1000
Denver, CO 80203
303.623.6300

PLANNER/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:

henry
design
group



Landscape Architecture • Planning • Entitlements

1501 Wazee Street, Suite 1-C
Denver, CO 80202
303.446.2368

MATCHLINE - SHEET L-2

SUGARMILL PAIRED HOMES

Site Plan

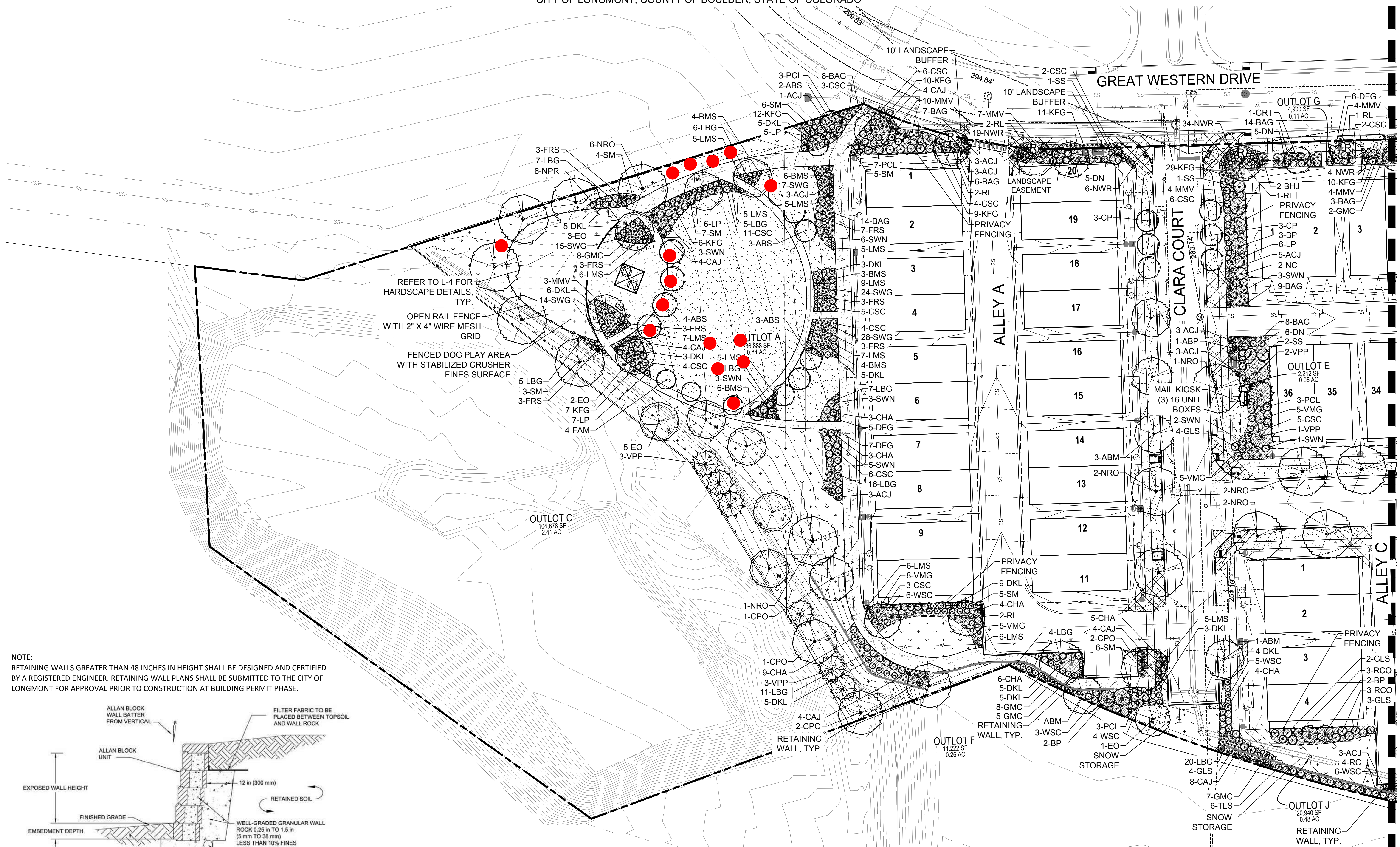
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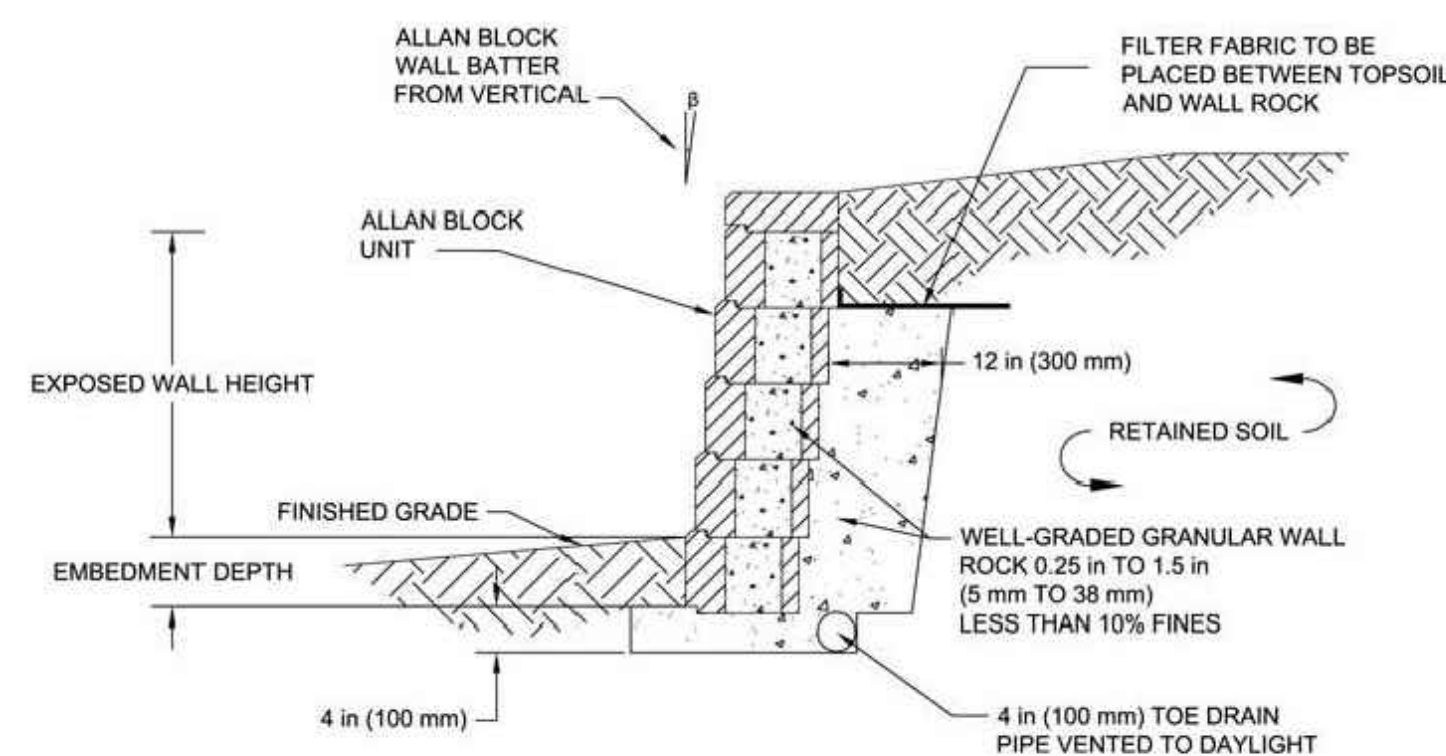
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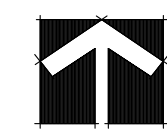
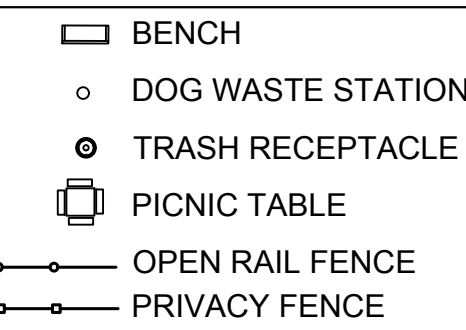
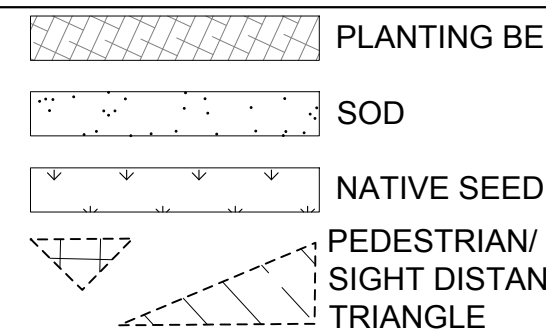
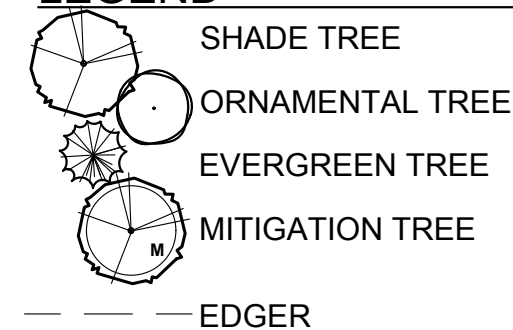
NOTE:
RETAINING WALLS GREATER THAN 48 INCHES IN HEIGHT SHALL BE DESIGNED AND CERTIFIED BY A REGISTERED ENGINEER. RETAINING WALL PLANS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OF LONGMONT FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AT BUILDING PERMIT PHASE.



RETAINING WALL DETAIL

ALLAN BLOCK, ASHLAR COLLECTION, AB CLASSIC
COLOR TO BE DETERMINED

LEGEND



0' 30' 60' 90'

SCALE 1" = 30'



1291 Great Western Drive: Minor Prairie Dog Permit

Parcel: 0.87 Acres

Estimated Prairie Dog Habitat: 0.6 acres (9 burrows)

Containment suggestions for colony at Tri-Pointe Homes

Prepared by Jaime Fraina, August 30th, 2025

Overview:

A prairie dog colony on a property in Longmont has expanded and some of the pups have moved into a park outside of the containment zone.



Issues:

- There is currently a silt fence between the properties but it's not very effective
 - Fence is chewed through
 - Fence is falling over in places
 - Prairie dogs can easily go under it



Recommendations:

1. Actively relocate the prairie dogs in the conflict area to Pueblo Chem Depot
 - a. Our CPW permit has already been approved
 - b. Using traps, catch prairie dogs and transport them to Pueblo on a weekly schedule (pre-bait Tues-Thurs, actively trap Fri-Sun, transport on Monday)
 - c. There already is a planned transport Monday September 8th that the prairie dogs from Tri-Pointe can tag along with
 - d. We'd likely want one more transport after that to move any last ones that we didn't catch in the first week (cost is \$600-\$750 depending on amount of dogs)
2. Passively relocate any remaining prairie dogs back into the containment zone
 - a. Starting with the farthest from the containment area, make any burrow in the conflict area less and less convenient for prairie dogs to live in
 - b. Close up the holes in a way that allows prairie dogs to exit, but not go back in
 - c. After seeing 3 days of inactivity, close up inactive burrows until all of the ones outside of the containment area are closed



3. Add a ground apron along the barrier, 2-3 feet out from it



- a. Add a piece of chicken wire along the ground and slightly up the barrier
 - b. Secure it to the ground using lawn staples, overlap with the existing ground apron to extend it
 - a. Make the top flop of ground apron on barrier floppy
 - i. Add new fasteners a bit below the top, so that it flops down towards the colony, making it difficult for prairie dogs to climb over
4. Allow vegetation to grow tall around barrier
 - a. This prevents prairie dogs from risking getting close (there may be a predator hiding in the tall plants)
5. Keep the colony contained until a relocation center opens next year (likely in August)

Supplies needed:

- Chicken wire for passive relocation / closing burrows
 - 12"x12" squares of chicken wire
 - 1 12"x150' roll, **(\$29)**
 - 150' is minimum amount, but it's not very expensive
 - 3 lawn staples per burrow
 - 1 pack **(\$38.99)**
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08NJSL7PY/ref=ox_sc_act_image_4?smid=A17RQS9VBUEZ01&th=1
- Rocks
 - Should be enough around the area to cover this
- Ground apron
 - Chicken wire
 - <https://stockyardsupply.com/fencing/field-fence-wire-mesh-fencing/>
 - 3 4'x150' rolls - \$117/each, **(\$351)**

- Lawn staples (to attach it to the ground and secure the existing apron)
 - https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08NJSL7PY/ref=ox_sc_act_image_4?smid=A17RQS9VBUEZ01&th=1
 - \$38.99 x 4 packs (~\$155.96)
- Fasteners (~\$40)

Total estimated budget: ~\$1,370 (~\$620 supplies + \$750 transport)

details:

- Jaime Fraina has offered to cover cost of supplies using extra funds from a previous GoFundMe campaign for a nearby colony
- Help organize and cover the cost of flea treatment
- Help organize/manage a GoFundMe to raise funds for relocation next year
- This offer is given with the mutual understanding the landowner is striving to try to preserve wildlife within an area and will not exterminate any prairie dogs in the containment zone within a 12 month time frame from when the grant is given

Timeline

- **August**
 - Submit permit to relocate with Longmont city (In Progress)
 - Setup GoFundMe, start raising funds for relocation next year (In Progress)
 - Treat colony for fleas (Completed)
- **September 2nd - 15th**
 - Actively relocate prairie dogs to Pueblo Chem Depot
 - Ideally the park can be roped off during the phrase to avoid prairie dogs being scared to come out
 - Two transports (September 8th and 15th)
- **September 15th - 21st**
 - Passively relocate any remaining prairie dogs into the larger colony
 - Check burrows for activity once each day
 - Close any burrows that have been inactive for 3+ days
- **When all burrows outside containment are closed (estimated Sept 21st)**
 - Barrier improvements (starting with front of property)
- **September 28th**
 - Check on barrier and burrows
 - Evaluate if anything else is needed