



Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Community Development Department

DATE: October 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 37, Series of 2018, a Resolution adopting the 2018 Update to the 1994 Comprehensive Open Lands Plan, pursuant to Section 12-3-7, Amendment, Vail Town Code. (PEC17-0049)

Applicant: Town of Vail, represented by Braun Associates, Inc.
Planner: Chris Neubecker

I. Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to present Resolution No. 37, Series of 2018, adopting the 2018 Update to the 1994 Comprehensive Open Lands Plan (the Plan). The final refinements to the Plan based on the input and recommendations of the Vail Town Council and the public have been incorporated into the document.

A copy of the 2018 Open Lands Plan Update may be accessed:
<https://www.vailgov.com/openlandsupdate>

II. Background

Goal

The goal of the planning process was to update the 1994 Comprehensive Open Lands Plan to provide a framework for effectively implementing actions to achieve Vail's goals for the preservation of open lands, the development of trails, and the use of town lands.

Objectives for Updating the Plan:

The process for updating the 1994 Plan was designed to address the following broad objectives:

1. *Confirm the community's overall goals and priorities for the Plan.*
2. *Provide better direction for the potential development of recreation trails.*
3. *Evaluate town-owned lands for how they can be used to meet community needs.*
4. *Define management strategies for Town-owned lands.*
5. *Protection of environmentally sensitive lands/wildlife.*

Throughout the past year the Vail Town Council has reviewed the Plan over the course of seven (7) public hearings and three (3) update sessions. Public input was gathered over the last year and a half planning process which included public workshops, trails scoping sessions, six (6) Planning and Environmental Commission hearings and a web portal. Public input and Council comments have been applied to each of the sections in the Plan: 1) environmentally sensitive lands, 2) use of town lands, and 3) trails. Changes as a result of the PEC and Council processes are indicated by green and red text, respectively, and a summary has been provided (Attachment A).

III. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Vail Town Council approve Resolution No. 37, Series of 2018 as presented. Should the Vail Town Council approve Resolution No. 37, staff recommends the Council find that the Plan has achieved the goals and objectives as set forth by the community, and includes action items that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in general, and the priorities of the Vail Town Council Action Plan; *balance our economic, social, and environmental needs to deliver a sustainable community.*

IV. Attachments

- A. 2018 Open Lands Plan Update
- B. 2018 Open Lands Plan Update Appendix
- C. Summary of Refinements
- D. Resolution No. 37, Series of 2018