



April 2, 2019

Dear State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado;

Please accept this letter of support for the Castle Rock, Colorado 2019 GOCO Connect Initiative Grant Concept Paper application for the Colorado Front Range Trail Project. We hope GOCO will help fund this exciting project as it nears a major milestone in connecting the two largest metropolitan areas in Colorado through Castle Rock, the crossroads of the Colorado Front Range Trail. Locally, this project will provide a safe, off-street trail linking Castle Rock neighborhoods with the historic downtown, businesses, restaurants, schools, parks, community centers and other attractions, including the Cherry Creek Regional Trail.

The Town of Castle Rock is committed to leading a partnership between GOCO, local county government, developers and two nonprofit agencies. With the successful award, the Town and its partners will complete nearly 5 miles of paved and unpaved trail through Douglas County. The project is estimated to cost \$5 million and the Town is requesting the maximum award of \$2 million from GOCO. The Town and its partners will provide the remaining \$3 million needed to complete the project by the November 2022 deadline, and the Town owns the property or has commitments to provide any necessary easements to complete the project as planned.

Trails are important to the fabric of our community and consistently rank as a high priority in the Castle Rock Community Survey. This project also has statewide significance, so on behalf of the Town of Castle Rock Town Council we respectfully ask that you support this application and approve a Connect Initiative Grant for this important project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jason Gray  
Town of Castle Rock

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