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### For Immediate Release

The department of Public Works & Natural Resources is in the process of updating the City's Open Space Master Plan. The intent of this comprehensive plan is to evaluate our community's open space needs so we can proactively plan for the future.

The City has engaged the services of GreenPlay LLC, a nationally renowned park / open space and recreation consulting firm, to help in analysis and development of the updated plan. GreenPlay LLC drafted the initial Open Space and Trails Master Plan in 2002.

As a component of the planning process, City staff and GreenPlay are working together to conduct a community needs assessment. This will take shape in two forms, surveys and workshops.

A survey will be distributed via mail to a random selection of households across Longmont in early-mid February. This survey will be used to produce a statistically valid sample and results. If your household receives this mailed survey, your participation is greatly appreciated. A web questionnaire will also open in mid-late February for the general public until mid-march (watch for another announcement when it is live).

In addition to the surveys, two public workshops will be held on the evenings of Thursday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, March 22. These meetings will consist of a presentation and interactive work stations. Participants will be asked a variety of questions to evaluate Open Space accomplishments over the past 15 years and to assess the needs of the community that should be addressed in this updated comprehensive plan.

We thank you in advance for participating in our master plan update and encourage youth participation in this process, too. As well, Spanish translators will be available at both public workshops. Your input will help guide the future of the City's Open Space program – improving the quality of life in our community for generations to come. **Find details on the public workshops more at [bit.ly/openspaceplan](http://bit.ly/openspaceplan) or by calling 303-651-8416.**