

**TO: Golden Parks and Recreation Board**  
**FR: Al Head & Ben Davis, Golden Giddyup**  
**Tim Waters & Jerry Harcek, Northside Golden**  
**RE: Singletrack Sidewalks Pilot Proposal**

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Thank you for your interest in working with community members to build singletrack sidewalks in Golden, we are excited about the opportunity and look forward to the discussion. As we discussed during our first meeting, we have designed two potential pilot projects - on the North and the South sides of Golden - to consider. These projects are both located near elementary schools, offering great opportunities for family use of much-needed beginner-level trails in our area.

**South Project:** Starting with a community trail at the Apex trailhead and running the length of the bike path to Heritage Dells Park, passing Shelton Elementary School, and then reconnecting at the bottom of Tripp Ranch Road before continuing to the first tunnel beneath Eagle Ridge Drive.

**North Project:** Section A starts at the northern beginning of the berm on the east side of Hwy 93 and ends where the retaining wall starts along the sidewalk.

Section B starts after the Hwy 93 underpass, along the berm and crosses over to go behind Cannonball Creek/ Anytime fitness, following along the upper edge of the retaining wall behind the building and dropping down to the east side of Washington Avenue. This section also includes a re-route of the existing trail to Ford Street.

Section C begins at the southwest corner of the Washington Street/ Hwy 93 intersection, follows the berm into White Ash Mine Park, and ends at Iowa Dr. This section also circles the drainage area and includes a reroute of the existing singletrack down from White Ash Dr. near the upper parking lot.

Section D starts at the northwest corner of the park, runs along the west and south side of the sidewalk around New Loveland Mine Park and includes a reroute of the existing singletrack on the southeast side of the park.

**Design Notes:** In this proposal phase we sketched trail alignments that we felt would bring added value to community activities, meet local desires for green, beginner-level trails and connect existing trail systems. We fully expect these proposed alignments will need to be assessed for their impacts on current water management systems in our neighborhood, as well as City of Golden property boundaries and public input requirements.

In our vision, these trails are multi-use, multi-directional packed-dirt trails with alternate lines for simple features made of rock or wood. They are built to offer all riders an opportunity to try their



bike on a natural surface trail, regardless of age or skill. And, most importantly, they are fun. Fun to ride. Fun to experience with other family members. And fun to maintain.

We encourage and can arrange a trip to Valmont for anyone curious to see examples in person. Valmont's Skills Loop and Dirt 101 trails are great examples of fun, beginner level trails built for all ages.

**Volunteer Resources:** As we've mentioned before, the Golden Giddyup has attracted hundreds of volunteers from the community in the last several years, logging thousands of volunteer hours to build and improve local trails. In the last four months alone, over 150 volunteers have already put in over 1700 hours on nearly 80 project days. We believe the people of Golden will continue to come out in support of this project to improve their neighborhood amenities, and we will put our resources (and backs) to work to ensure that the project has local support for assistance in building and maintenance.

**Financial Support:** The Golden Giddyup is prepared to partner with the City of Golden financially in funding to the construction of these trails and trail features. It is important to note that this commitment is made possible by the 500 annual Giddyup participants, REI-Coop of Denver, Yeti Cycles, and additional Golden Giddyup sponsors.

**Timeline:** The Golden Giddyup Trail Team is prepared to dedicate resources to this endeavor as soon as approval is granted by the City of Golden.



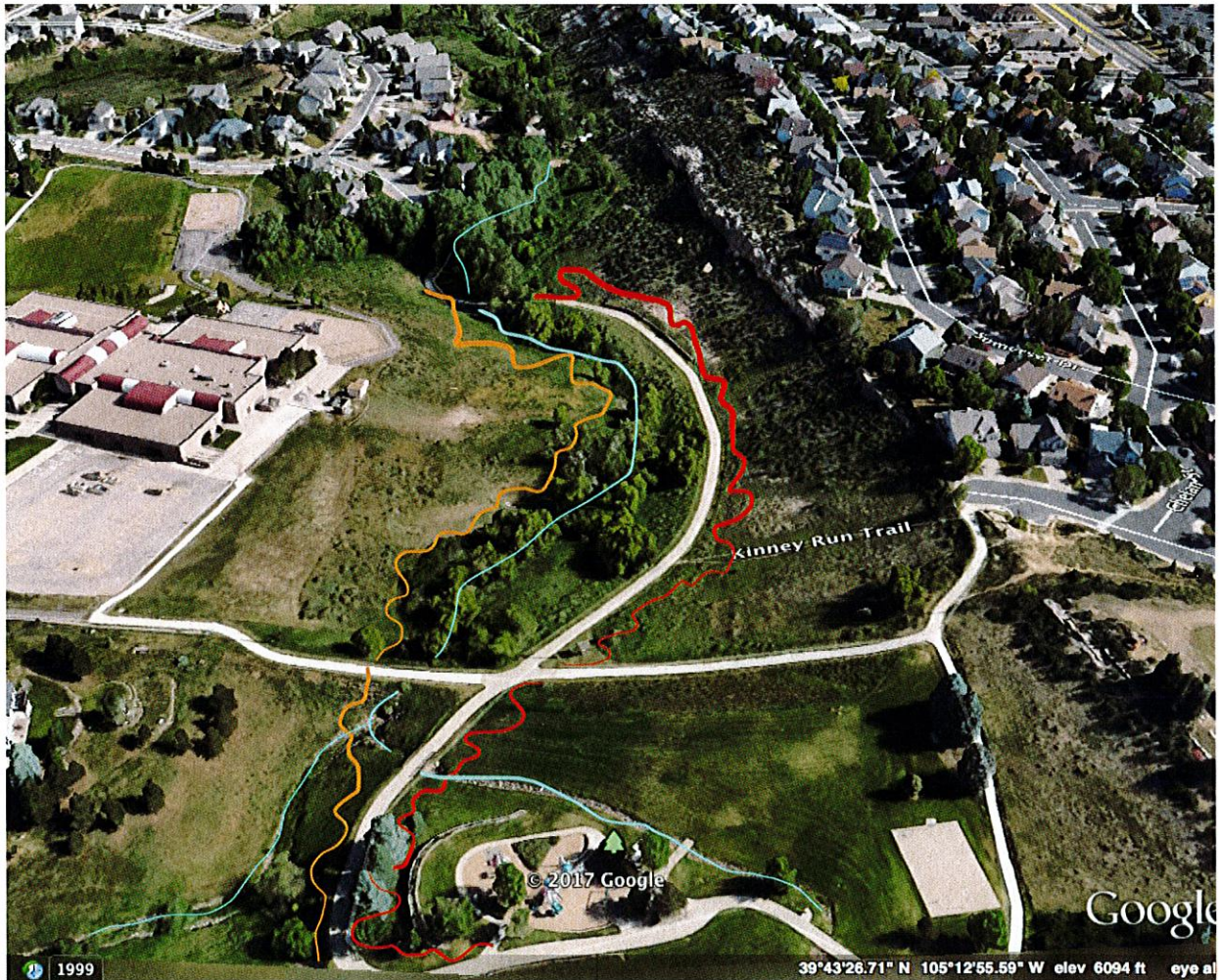
### Southern Trail Alignments:

From Apex Parking lot, North towards Heritage Dells Park (includes alignment through the Bachman Property).





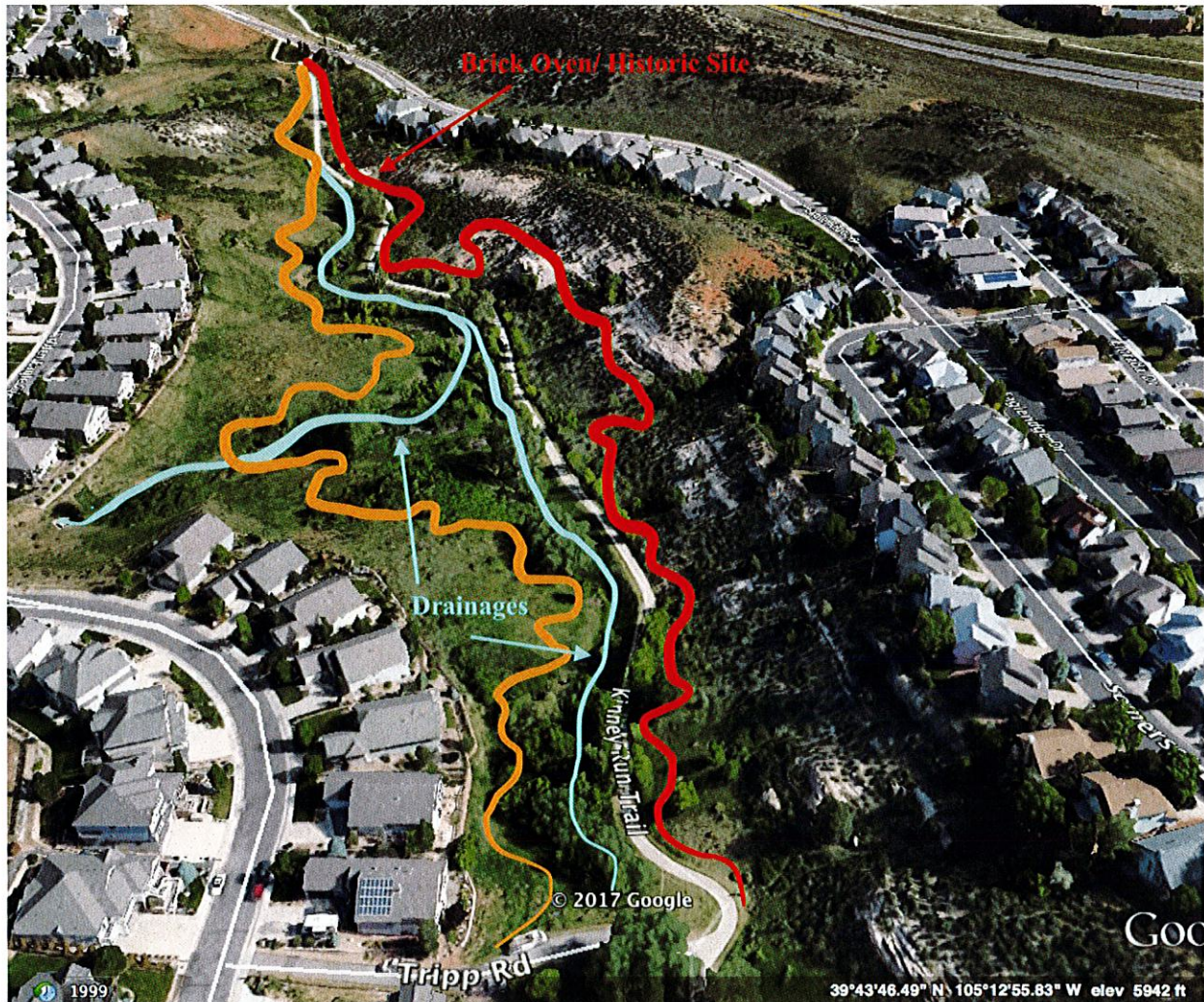
From Heritage Dells Park/ Shelton Elementary towards Tripp Ranch Rd.







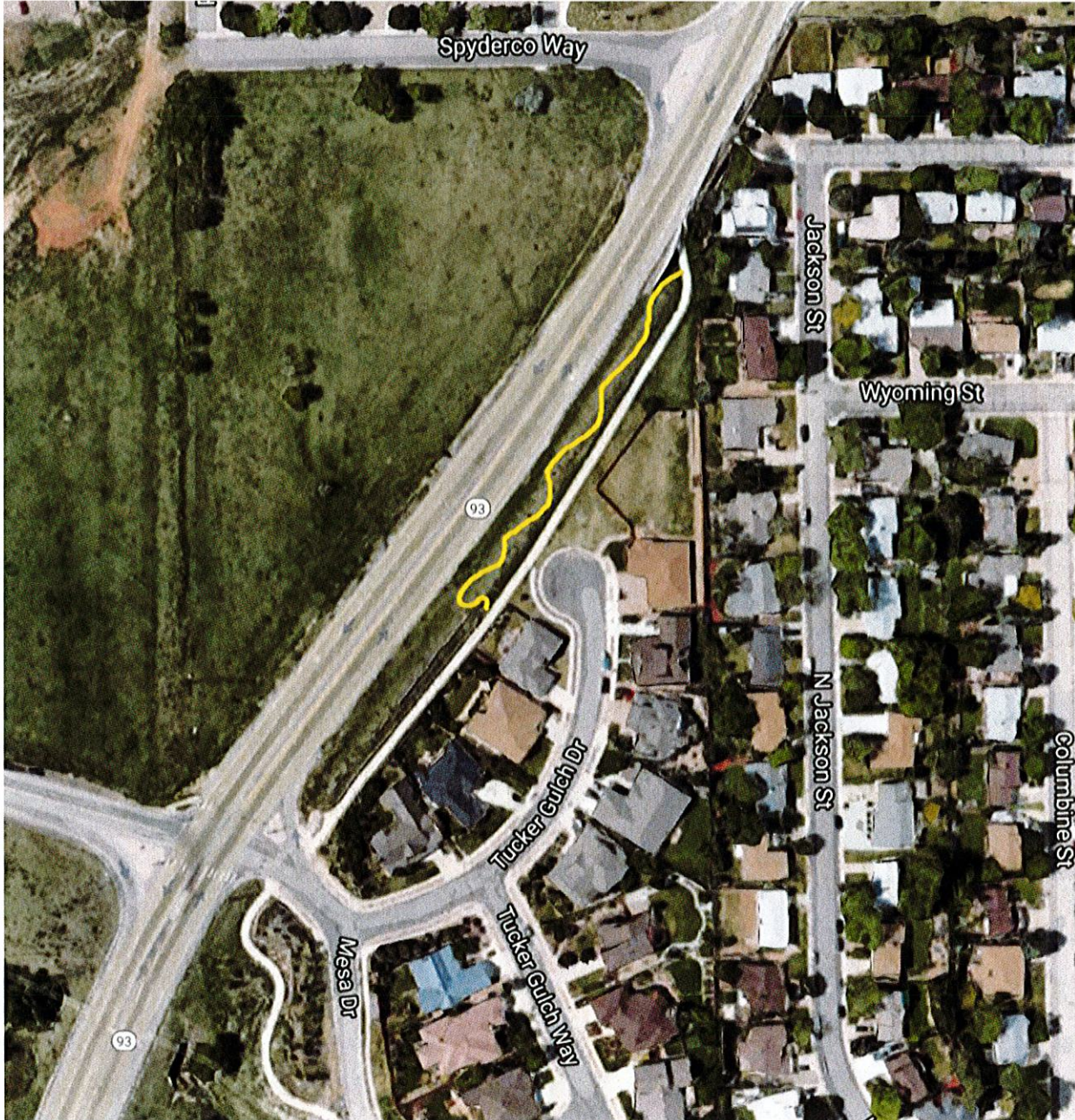
From Tripp Ranch Rd to Eagle Ridge Dr.





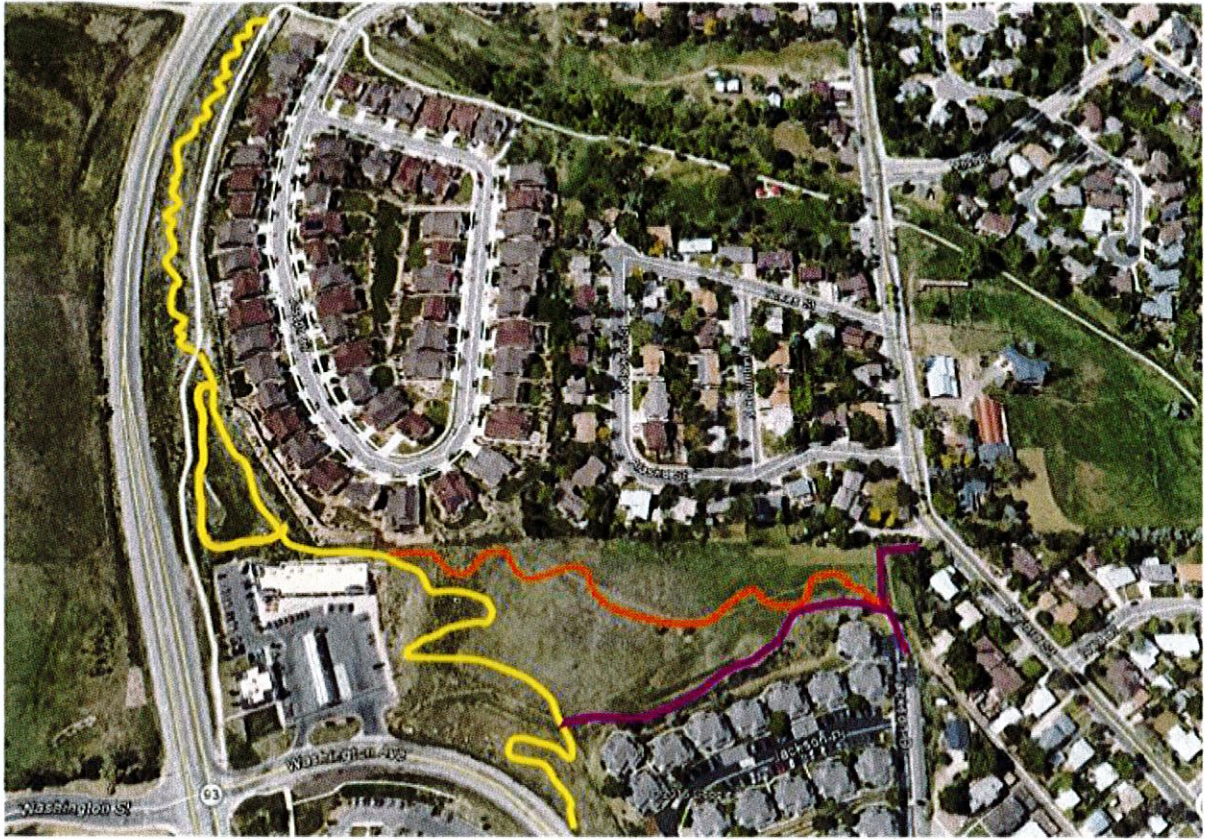
**Northern Trail Alignments:**

**A. Between SpiderCo and Pine Ridge**



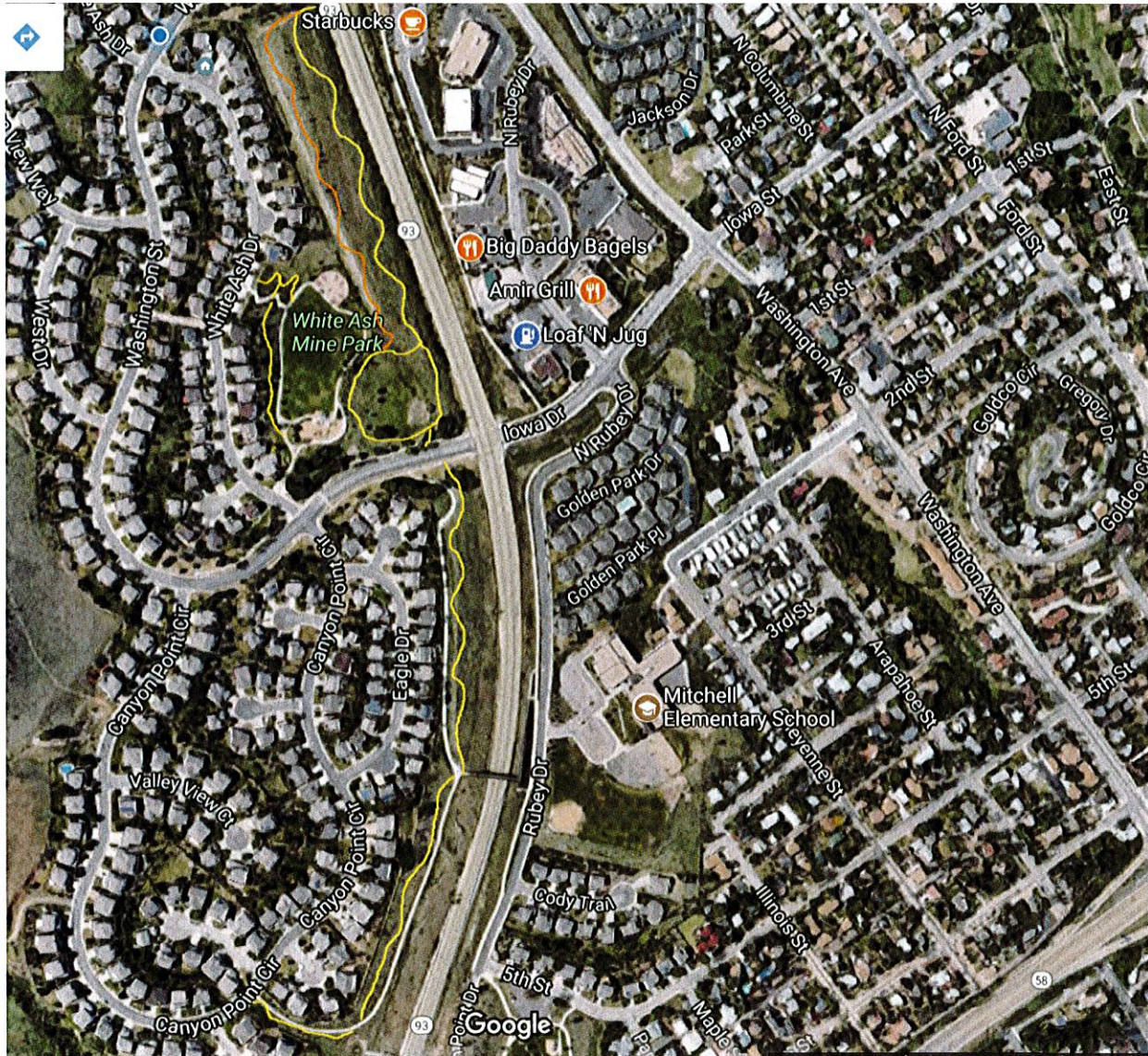
**B. Between Pine Ridge and Washington**







C. Between Washington and Iowa







D. Through New Loveland Mine Park





Example of STS in Breckenridge:





Examples of Alternate lines with Skills features (from Valmont Bike Park in Boulder):







