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PRESERVE CROY CANYON

This special piece of land, right next to our Simons/Bauer Preserve is important for migrating wildlife, for the restoration of the Simons/Bauer wetland and the Big Wood River, and will give our community new opportunities to immerse in nature close to home.

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PRESERVE CROY CANYON | VISION

After a lengthy public outreach process, reviewing lots of comments, and exploring all the options, we are excited to announce that the Wood River Land Trust and the City of Hailey are working together to preserve Croy Canyon. The Wood River Land Trust has the opportunity to purchase a conservation easement on the Croy Canyon parcel - ensuring that this remains open space in perpetuity. The community brought their voice to the table through lots of meetings and open comment period opportunities, and the message was clear - preserve Croy Canyon! Ensuring that this piece of land remains open space is critical for wildlife, is essential for the restoration of the Croy Canyon wetland and subsequently, the restoration of the Big Wood River.

PRESERVE CROY CANYON | TIMELINE

SPRING 2021

In January of 2021, the City of Hailey announced plans to apply for a grant to develop a campground on Croy Canyon Road, on City owned land, adjacent to the Wood River Land Trust's Simons/Bauer Preserve. After hearing both concerns and support for the site of the potential campground, the City and the Land Trust hosted a series of public meetings, to discuss appropriate uses and amenities in the Croy Canyon corridor as an extension of the Hailey Greenway. Harmony Designs, the firm who facilitated the discussions around the Hailey Greenway Master Plan, led the public input process and presented their findings in a report to the Land Trust and the City in June of 2021.

SUMMER 2021

In August of 2021, the City of Hailey voted unanimously to work with the Wood River Land Trust to place a conservation easement on the Croy Canyon parcel. The Wood River Land Trust began a fundraising campaign while City staff worked with WRLT program staff to place the property under easement.

NEXT STEPS

Throughout the fall WRLT staff will be drafting the details of the conservation easement to ensure that the property is preserved. We will be working with City staff and attorney to ensure that the details of the easement meet all of our shared goals. Additionally, we will be doing an appraisal specific to the easement that we agree upon as partners, and that will then result in a final purchase price. We will incorporate stewardship costs and ongoing site management to have our final fundraising goal by winter 2021. Beyond that, we will be working on a shared management plan with the City of Hailey to ensure that we can manage the property in alignment with the goals of the Simons/Bauer Preserve.

PRESERVE CROY CANYON | VISION

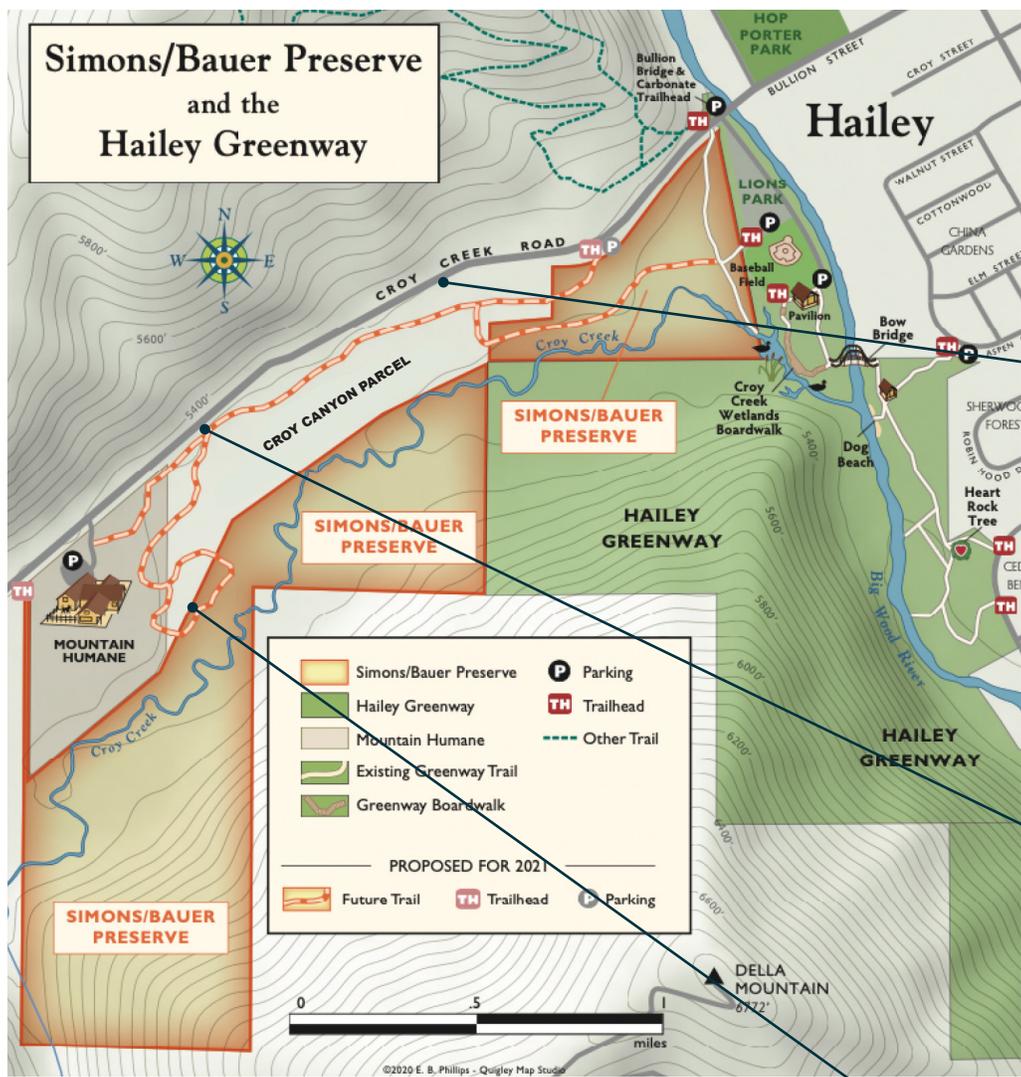
Ensuring that this piece of land remains open space is critical for wildlife, is essential for the restoration of the Croy Canyon wetland and subsequently, the restoration of the Big Wood River. Preserving places like Croy Canyon are what keeps our Valley resilient in the face of a changing climate.

In addition to the benefit to local wildlife, preserving the Croy Canyon parcel will keep the urban/wildland interface open. Protecting places where the city meets the surrounding landscape preserves our character and sense of place.

Preserving places close to home - like Croy Canyon, gives our community the opportunity to immerse in this nature. Increasing access through trails and wildlife viewing platforms is a great way for people to experience these special places.

The Wood River Land Trust and The City of Hailey have long been partners in protecting the open space and unique character of Hailey, and we are excited to continue to expand that successful partnership.

PRESERVE CROY CANYON | DETAILS



The Croy Canyon conservation easement would encompass 22.23 acres of land. The City would retain 6.18 acres for use as snow storage



Land Trust and City staff will work on a management agreement that would enable WRLT to manage the property consistently with the Simons/Bauer Preserve, including trails and interpretive signage, as well as completing stream restoration on Croy Creek.



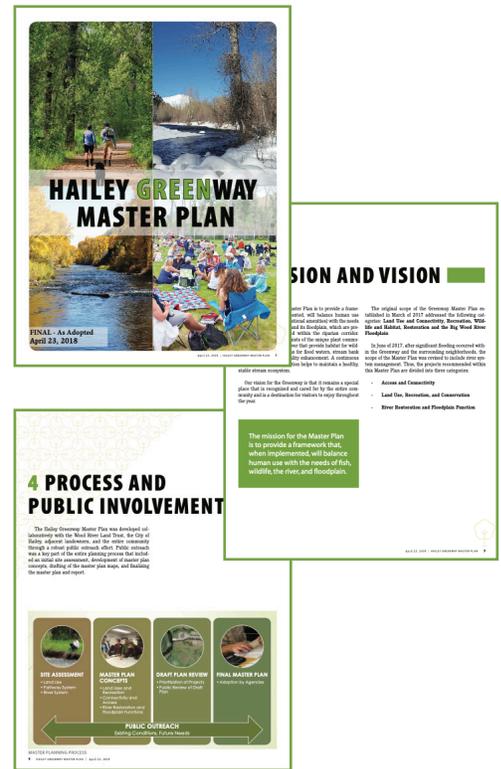
The conservation easement will be very restrictive and remove all residential development potential, ensuring this parcel remains open space in perpetuity

PRESERVE CROY CANYON | HAILEY GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

The Hailey Greenway includes lands along 1.5-miles of the Big Wood River from the Bullion Street bridge to the Colorado Gulch Road that are primarily owned or controlled by the Wood River Land Trust (WRLT) or the City of Hailey. The Greenway encompasses approximately 350 acres and includes two public parks, Lions Park and Heagle Park, as well as open space land owned by the City of Hailey and the Draper Wood River Preserve and the Colorado Gulch Preserve owned by the Wood River Land Trust. This continuous stretch of land that includes the riparian area of the Big Wood River is a tremendous asset to the community providing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, habitat for wildlife, and space for natural floodplain function.

This Master Plan was developed collaboratively with the City of Hailey, the Wood River Land Trust, and the community, and it includes guidelines for future development and preservation of the Greenway, as well as prioritization of future projects. Other planning documents and studies that pertain to the Greenway include the Big Wood Geomorphic Assessment (Biota, 2016), the Hailey Parks, Lands & Trails Master Plan, the Hailey and Blaine County Comprehensive Plans, and others.

Incorporating the Croy Canyon parcel into the Hailey Greenway Master Plan will allow the City of Hailey and the Wood River Land Trust to manage the parcel in accordance with the overall goals of the Hailey Greenway.



PRESERVE CROY CANYON | THE PUBLIC PROCESS

In January of this year, the City of Hailey announced plans to apply for a grant to develop a campground on Croy Canyon Road, on City owned land, adjacent to the Wood River Land Trust's Simons/Bauer Preserve. After hearing both concerns and support for the site of the potential campground, the City and the Land Trust hosted a series of public meetings, to discuss appropriate uses and amenities in the Croy Canyon corridor as an extension of the Hailey Greenway.

Harmony Design & Engineering facilitated the process and are compiled the results of both meetings to include in an update to the Hailey Greenway Master Plan. We presented this report to the Hailey City Council on June 14, 2021.



PRESERVE CROY CANYON | FOR ALL TOMORROWS

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As summers get hotter, and drought becomes more frequent, preserving the Croy Canyon parcel ensures that **migrating wildlife can access the much needed habitat** of the Simons/Bauer Preserve forever



Increasing the access through trails and wildlife viewing platforms makes **nature accessible for all members of our community**



Conserving this parcel is essential for **the restoration of the Croy Canyon wetland** and subsequently, the restoration of the Big Wood River



A conservation easement on the Croy Canyon parcel will guarantee that this **remains open space for all tomorrows.**



Protecting places where the city meets the surrounding landscape **preserves our character and sense of place**



Properly designed trails **create sanctuary areas for wildlife**



Preserving the Croy Canyon parcel will keep the **urban/wildland interface open**