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From: Mark Kwiecienski <mark@aspencorerealty.com>
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Subject: Please post to the Ourtown website and include in council packets for tomorrow. Thank you

An Unbiased review of the Masterplan is called for. One developer being given an option on what the most important parcel in the town's future, which really is a quasi-public parcel for all the reasons I have previously stated, sets the frame work for a biased review process. The option granting by the CDC was not by any sort of open bid or interview process that the town's people had a voice in. We are being sold this idea that "expert planners" know what is better for Basalt than the citizens do. A developer with tens of millions of profit on the line, **has different priorities and values than those that would be best for the majority of citizens.** The public is at a disadvantage in this process because they do not have full time folks on their side lobbying and holding carrots out to as many are needed to sell a short term privatized vision. **The process has been directed by planners, architects, and consultants who work hand in hand, with the hope to be developers, so it really becomes the developer's vision that is spun as what is best for the town.** This is no way for a town to direct the revision of a master plan. As a citizen of Basalt, and having watched with amazement and disappointment as the conflict of interest laden process has been unfolding, I have 1000% greater faith in the collective intelligence of the town's citizens, with intentions in the right place, than the developers planning team, to determine what is best for Basalt. For fifty years the river was blocked from Basalt and in our minds this area was unrecognized for its beauty. Plans were set in motion based upon replacing a trailer park with something better than that. Now we have seen the magic sparkle of the river from the streets of Basalt and so has the developer. The lobbying is running at full throttle to get the developers agenda memorialized into a masterplan. The public is now awake to the spectacular value of this property that was not apparent one year ago when the last trailers were just being moved off site and the property had not been regraded. The public deserves to have a river park that is worthy of the only town in North America with two gold medal trout rivers. This is the time for Basalt to seize the golden ring and make sure we get it right. A largely open river park serving the public will ensure that Basalt is all it can be. That is why Basalt needs to pause and look at all the options for the River property, specifically those that were not allowed to be considered during this developer driven process since November 2014, before making any moves to amend the master plan. If what this developer has is so good for Basalt, it will bear the test of comparison option shopping. A referendum may be the only acceptable choice unless a master plan is amended so that it does not have a pre-determined developer's welfare as its highest priority.



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Hon. Mayor (very honorable) and Town Council:

Please read the information provided by the Roaring Fork Conservancy on the economic effect of the Gold Medal category of our Frying Pan and Roaring Fork Rivers. I understand you will be having a work session on Friday morning to tour the Pan and Fork, and perhaps it will have an impact as you see what you might lose by turning over this precious resource to anyone but the Town of Basalt and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Christine Sagris

Roaring Fork Conservancy Releases Lower Fryingpan River and Ruedi Reservoir Economic Study

Posted on 08/03/2015 by Angling Trade

From Roaring Fork Conservancy:

Roaring Fork Conservancy partnered with Colorado State University to better understand the role angling in the Lower Fryingpan River and Ruedi Reservoir play in the local economy. Fishing in Colorado provides unique recreational opportunities and generates economic activity through the purchase of gear and clothing, guide services, and other recreation-related expenditures such as travel, food, and lodging. Fishing also generates economic activity beyond these direct expenditures because they create spin-off purchases. This study analyzed the direct and spin-off economic activity created from recreational fishing on the Lower Fryingpan River and Ruedi Reservoir. Data was obtained by surveying anglers both on Ruedi Reservoir and Lower Fryingpan River during 2014.

The study revealed the following results:

- The economic impact of fishing on the Lower Fryingpan River is \$3.8 million annually.
- The combined impact of recreational fishing on both the Lower Fryingpan River and Ruedi Reservoir is nearly \$4 million dollars.
- Total angling expenditures for the year on the Lower Fryingpan River were \$3.3 million, with almost half of the expenditures coming in June, July, and August.
- Recreational fishing on the Lower Fryingpan River contributes 38.3 jobs to the region.
- On average, 44% of expenditures associated with fishing on the Fryingpan River occur in downtown Basalt; corresponding to \$1,692,454 in economic impact, 17 jobs, and \$1,041,370 in value added in downtown Basalt.
- The additional economic impact to the regional economy of a policy managing winter flows to mitigate anchor ice for angler recreation is estimated to be \$1.5 million dollars in additional output, 15 jobs and \$944,401 in value added.
- The estimated additional economic impact from spending in the region from the increased trips due to managing late summer flows is estimated at \$1.1 million dollars, 11 jobs and \$708,300 in value added. (This refers to keeping late summer flows at a "wadeable" level.)

"The Fryingpan River provides a one of a kind fishing experience. We are thrilled to begin to quantify the monetary value of fishing in the Roaring Fork Valley," said Rick Lofaro, Executive Director of Roaring Fork Conservancy. "The ecological value is apparent to the many visitors who experience the Fryingpan Valley each year. This study puts a dollar value on protecting and maintaining high water quality and quantity

and the thriving Gold Medal waters in the Fryingpan. We will use the information generated from this study to help inform decision making and management going forward.”

Dr. John Loomis and Dr. Rebecca Hill, from Colorado State University Agricultural and Resource Economics Department, performed the economic analysis and are the primary authors of this report. They will be in Basalt on Wednesday, August 5 at 5:30pm to present their findings in greater detail and answer questions. Additional details about this presentation will be available on Roaring Fork Conservancy's website by the end of the week.

Funding for this study was provided by Eagle County, Pitkin County Healthy Rivers and Streams, the Town of Basalt, and private donations.

About Roaring Fork Conservancy:

Since 1996, Roaring Fork Conservancy has inspired people to explore, value and protect the Roaring Fork Watershed. We bring people together to protect our rivers and work to keep water in local streams, monitor water quality, and preserve riparian habitat. Roaring Fork Conservancy is an independent, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For more information call (970) 927-1290 or visit www.roaringfork.org.