

2015
Clear Creek County, Colorado
ANNUAL REPORT



Summit Lake
Photo by: John Kyler



Message from the County Commissioners

We are pleased to present this 2015 Annual Report for Clear Creek County. This is a result of our continuing effort to improve communication with our residents and taxpayers. Our County Manager, Keith Montag, County staff and Elected Officials have created this report that addresses our economic challenges.

This report is also a very important tool for private and public organizations, and we want it to serve as an educational baseline. Although the data is relative to 2015, it provides an excellent understanding of what the County is currently addressing. With the

recent news regarding revenue loss from the Henderson Mine and the future County budget challenges, we want to share our understanding and the actions we are taking. There has been a lot of talk over the past few months, resulting in a great deal of anxiety and uncertainty. We want to clarify some developments and the actions we are taking.

Early last year, mine management reported to us that the life of the mine was ten years. In November of 2015, we were told production was being rescheduled to five years. In early 2016 we were told the production schedule could again be adjusted to three years or less. Bottom line, we can expect a reduction in revenue from the Henderson Mine in the future and this will affect our budget revenues by approximately 40%. So, we are looking at things like County services, expenditures, possible staff reductions and areas we can continue to improve and maintain, while remaining responsible to the taxpayer and the County's core values.

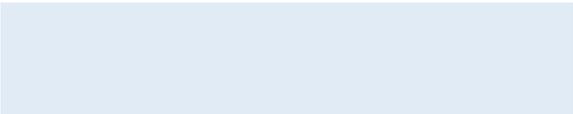
We directed County staff to assemble data providing a ten year budget forecast with possible scenarios to enable us to understand the challenges and to plan accordingly with increased interest in attracting a sustainable revenue source. While there is a great amount of uncertainty, it is clear that our spending must be reduced as our revenues decline. We have enlisted the support and assistance from the State Government, and have recently been accepted into several programs with the State Economic Development Office that will provide us assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us at anytime with any concerns or questions. We are looking forward to a healthy, vibrant and sustainable Clear Creek County in the future. We look forward to your involvement, ideas and questions.

****On February 29, 2016, Chairman Tom Hayden passed away unexpectedly. His hard work and dedication to this County are on every page of this annual report. And, we dedicate this to him.**** CCC



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Keith Montag

Message from the County Manager

What a year 2015 was! And, let me start by thanking the hard work and dedication of our amazing Clear Creek County Team. Thanks to you, it was a truly successful year full of accomplishments and significant achievements.

Throughout the year, we enhanced our communication, cooperation and transparency in the community, working with the towns, special districts, local business owners and the residents. Faced with the Henderson Mine production decrease and County revenue decline, this cooperation and teamwork is more important than ever.

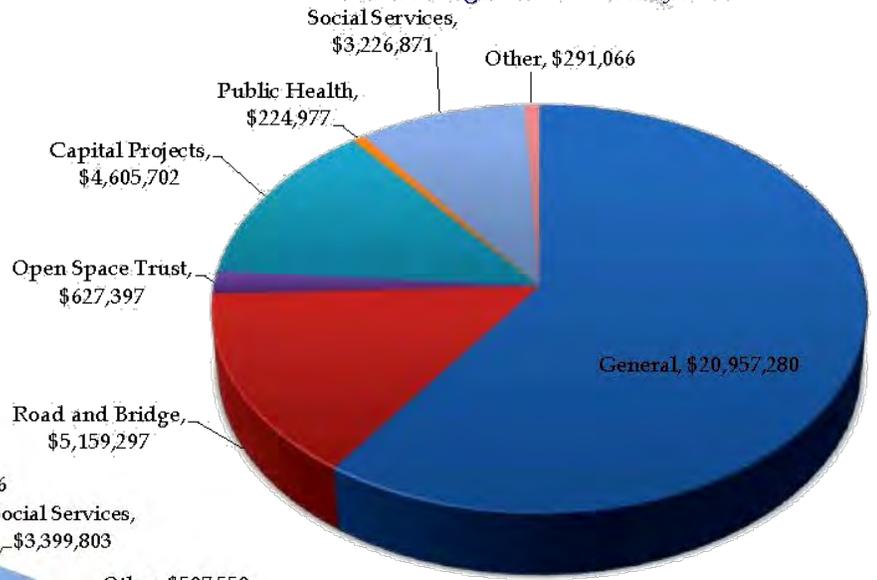
While we've begun putting the Board's and County's priorities together (economic development, healthcare, workforce housing, transportation, Broadband, etc.), one of the biggest for me and my staff is economic diversity and development. Clear Creek County needs to attract more businesses, more families and more overall development to be successful and provide a level of service commensurate with the County budget.

What does this mean? In short, we have to change how we've "always done things", if we are to survive a Henderson Mine potential closure and the dramatic loss of revenue. It means we have to look hard at the services we already provide and consider which ones are mandated by statute, and which ones are 'nice to have' but may not be economically feasible anymore. It also means we have to spend less, yet encourage growth to offset those lost revenues. We all have to work together developing those opportunities around the County, sharing information and effort, and facing the challenges we have.

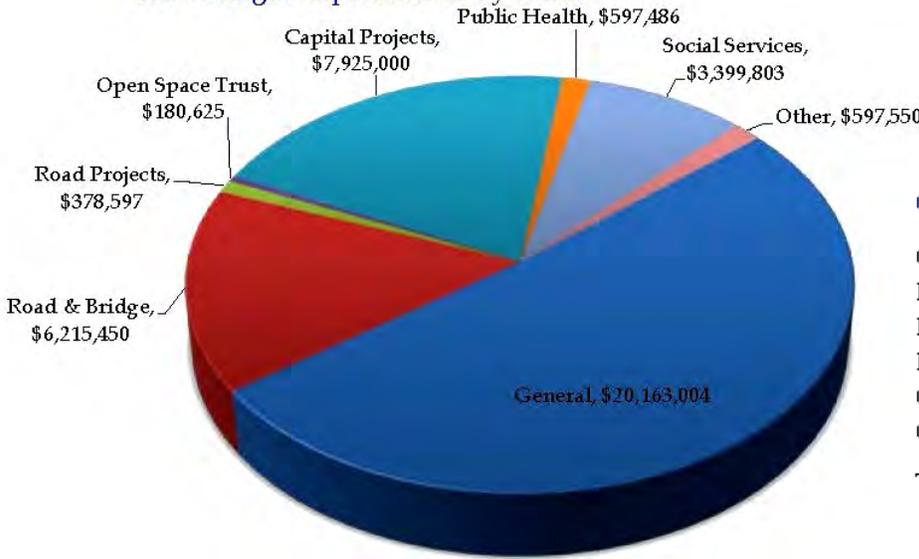
I am extremely pleased when I look back at 2015 and see the accomplishments in the County. And, I am excited to have such a dedicated team for 2016 and beyond, knowing we will overcome anything that comes our way. Now is certainly our time.

Financial Overview

2015 Budget Revenues by Fund



2015 Budget Expenditures by Fund



General Fund Expenditures

General Govt	7,196,000
Public Safety	8,796,000
Health & Welfare	1,084,000
Economic Dev	919,000
Capital/Projects	1,886,000
Other	282,000
Total	20,163,000

Clear Creek County's finances for calendar year 2015 were healthy overall, with solid fund balance reserves and no long-term debt. For 2015, total revenues were budgeted to be \$35.1 million, while expenditures were \$39.4 million, mainly due to major projects such as infrastructure (roads and trail systems), building improvements, and several land purchases.

For more information on the County's 2015 budget: <https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/750>

Finance & Budget Department can be found at: <https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/index.aspx?nid=183>

General Fund

This fund is the general operating fund of the County, and is used to account for all the financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Principal sources of revenue are property taxes, fees and permits, and state share revenues. Primary expenditures are for general administration, planning and zoning, and law enforcement.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for revenues derived from specific taxes or other earmarked revenue sources including state highway user's tax, federal and state grants, and property taxes that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. Special Revenue Funds for 2015 are: Road and Bridge; Conservation Trust; Social Services; Emergency Telephone; Lodging Tax; Public Health; Open Space Trust; Road Projects; and, Emergency Services District.

Capital Projects Type Funds

These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays. For 2015, they are: Capital Improvement and Capital Projects.

Clear Creek County Capital Assets 2014



Notable Grants To The County



Open Space

\$422,000: Peaks to Plains Trail next section design.

\$26,400: Wildfire fuel mitigation in Beaver Brook Watershed.

Planning/Site Development

\$50,000: Clear Creek County Master Plan Update with matching funds from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Emergency Management

\$212,000: Echo Hills wildfire fuel mitigation.

\$87,500: State Hazard Mitigation Program for an updated local multi-jurisdictional natural hazard mitigation plan for Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties.

Public Health

\$131,000: For community services, tobacco cessation, diabetes program, immunizations, WIC.

Public Works

\$27,500: State Agriculture Noxious Weeds.

\$200,000: Department of Local Affairs for a horizontal grinder.

Emergency Medical Services

\$151,000: Station 1A area properties connect to the Central Clear Creek Sanitation District.

Administration

\$25,000: Architectural services for courts wing remodel.



2016 Clear Creek County Organizational Chart



Mission Statement

“To provide effective, efficient services while fostering sustainable economic growth to enhance our mountain lifestyle.”

Elected Officials

Clerk & Recorder



Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 5.5
2014 Staff: 5.75
2015 Staff: 5.75

2013 Budget: \$468,916
2014 Budget: \$536,212
2015 Budget: \$506,680

Funded Through: General Fund, County Clerk Fees from Recordings, Marriage Licenses, Motor Vehicle Titling and Registrations, and Liquor and Marijuana Licenses.



Pam Phipps

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Clerk's Office recorded over 4,000 documents.
- 18,000 motor vehicle transactions were processed.
- Maintained over 7,500 voter registrations and conducted a successful election in November.

The County Clerk & Recorder's Office provides recording, motor vehicle titling and registration, voter registration, marriage licenses and election administration.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Assessor's Office completed biennial appraisals and new valuations. The valuations were sent to property owners on May 1, 2015. There were only 331 appeals with the 2015 evaluation.

Assessor

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 4
2014 Staff: 4
2015 Staff: 4

2013 Budget: \$394,379
2014 Budget: \$477,532
2015 Budget: \$434,0883

Funded Through: General Fund



Diane Settle



The major duties of the Assessor's Office can be classified into the categories of discovering, listing and valuing all real and personal property located within the County on the assessment date (January 1st of each year).

Treasurer/Public Trustee

Quick Facts

Treasurer
2013 Staff: 4
2014 Staff: 4
2015 Staff: 4

Public Trustee
2013 Staff: 1.5
2014 Staff: 1.5
2015 Staff: 1.5

2013 Budget: \$305,818
2014 Budget: \$315,256
2015 Budget: \$317,981

2013 Budget: \$19,072
2014 Budget: \$17,996
2015 Budget: \$17,836

Funded Through: Treasurer: General Fund
Public Trustee: Fees collected for services performed.

Grey's Peak

The County Treasurer is responsible for mailing property tax statements, collecting property taxes, and disbursing the taxes to the individual taxing authorities. They receive all monies sent to the County and maintain a proper accounting of all money, disbursements, and investments. The Public Trustee's Office is a statutory mediator in the Colorado foreclosure process. Responsibilities include administering foreclosure proceedings for properties in the County and the release of Deeds of Trust.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Irene Kincade was recertified by the Colorado County Treasurer's Association.
- The Treasurer's Office merged its software system in order to be more compatible with the Assessor and their records.
- Foreclosures were down dramatically with the Public Trustee processing 15 files during 2015.
- The Treasurer's Office now has monthly reports on our website. <http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/index.aspx?NID=193>
- Credit cards are now accepted in four County departments/Offices.
- The Treasurer's Office held the first on-line tax lien sale for Clear Creek County during 2015.
- We offered 145 parcels, sold 143 and had two mobile homes removed from the county lien list. The premium bid received was \$27,848.99.



Irene Kincade



Carol Lee

*Carol Lee was sworn into office as the Treasurer/Public Trustee to replace Irene Kincade on February 3, 2016.

Sheriff

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 68

2014 Staff: 68

2015 Staff: 75

2013 Budget: \$5,613,693

2014 Budget: \$5,907,641

2015 Budget: \$6,121,635

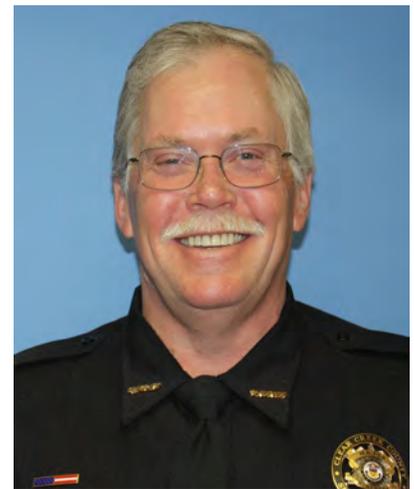
Funded Through: General Fund,
Grants, Fines, Service Charges.

Georgetown Lake

The Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office encompasses four service divisions: The Detentions and Communications Division, Special Operations, the Administration Division, and the Patrol and Investigations Division. The office works closely with the community and other law enforcement agencies to help make Clear Creek County a safe and secure place to live and play.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Jail booked 787 arrestees, with an average daily population of 53 inmates: 37 males, 16 females.
- The Jail Kitchen served 52,301 meals with an average cost per meal of \$3.06.
- The Dispatch Center received 23,396 calls via 911 calls, non-emergency calls and officer initiated calls. 373 of these calls were forwarded to the Colorado State Patrol for accidents, drunk driving and other traffic violations.
- The Sheriff's Office dispatched 12,119 calls around the County: Idaho Springs Police Department-6,355; Georgetown-1,606; Fire Authority-1,372 and EMS-1,570.
- Deputies processed 21,967 attorneys, defendants, plaintiffs and visitors through the scanner for entrance to the courts and probation.



Sheriff Rick Albers

*More data can be located in the accomplishments section.

Sheriff Continued: Animal Services

*includes Shelter
& Animal Control



Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 7

2014 Staff: 6.5

2015 Staff: 6

2013 Budget: \$367,884

2014 Budget: \$387,913

2015 Budget: \$376,943

Funded Through: General Fund, Shelter Fees, Fines and Penalties, Microchip Fees, Gilpin County Contract, Licenses, and Donations.

*These figures are combined for the Shelter and Animal Control.

The Clear Creek/Gilpin County Animal Shelter provides nourishment and a safe environment for abandoned, homeless, stray, and impounded dogs and cats. The shelter offers the public surrender and adoption services, low cost microchipping, spay/neuter vouchers for dogs and cats, and dog licenses. In addition, the shelter hosts monthly low cost vaccination clinics for dogs and cats and offers regular dog training opportunities for staff, volunteers, and the public. The shelter staff is dedicated to educating the public about responsible pet ownership and is committed to finding appropriate placements for all shelter animals. Animal Control serves the residents of Clear Creek County by helping to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents and their pets through the enforcement of County Resolutions, State Statutes and education.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sheltered 330 dogs and 47 cats; returned 160 dogs and 7 cats to their owners, and adopted out 132 dogs and 47 cats.
- Completed three major improvements, all paid for by sponsors and donors, with labor provided by volunteers, at no cost to the County (Kennel Top Project, Helen Buck Memorial Park and Outdoor Cat Patio (Catio).
- Animal Control responded to 621 calls.



Coroner

The Clear Creek County Coroner's Office is an elected position mandated to establish the cause and manner of death in all coroner-reportable cases. The coroner is a certified death investigator with the Colorado Coroner's Association and a nationally certified medical investigator.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 1
2014 Staff: 1
2015 Staff: 1



Don Allan

2013 Budget: \$115,066
2014 Budget: \$119,857
2015 Budget: \$124,835

Funded Through: General Fund

Surveyor

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 1
2014 Staff: 1
2015 Staff: 1



Greg Markle

2013 Budget: \$24,050
2014 Budget: \$22,950
2015 Budget: \$24,450

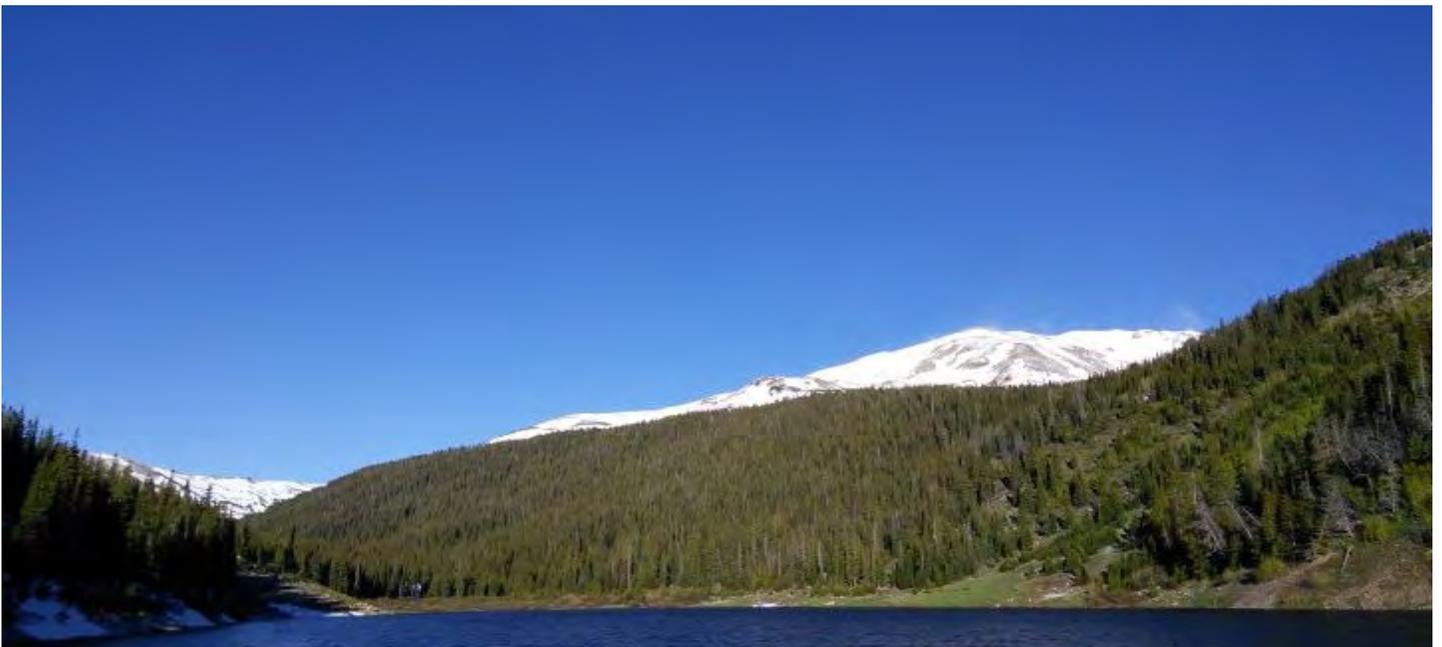
Funded Through: General Fund

The Clear Creek County Surveyor is an elected position and represents the County in boundary disputes pursuant to sections 30-6-110 and 38-50-107 C.R.S. The Surveyor works as a contractor on an as-needed basis.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Completed Phase II of III of the Gilpin/Clear Creek County Line.

Lake Urad



County Administration

Administration

The Administration Department provides a variety of internal and external services to the County Manager, the County Commissioners, Division Directors, Elected Officials, and most importantly, the public. Administration includes the Communication Specialist and the Transportation Liaison, added in 2015.

Georgetown Loop Railroad



Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 3

2014 Staff: 3

2015 Staff: 5

2013 Budget: \$237,310

2014 Budget: \$305,633

2015 Budget: \$466,692

Funded Through: General Fund

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with the Road and Bridge Department to conclude the design and installation of an interpretive sign project for Colorado 103 and to develop a grant application for flood resiliency.
- Completed Game Check Station and stream improvements project at Veterans Memorial Tunnels.

Transportation Liaison

JoAnn Sorensen

The Transportation Liaison represents Clear Creek County on I-70 corridor and other Colorado Department of Transportation projects. This includes Berthoud Pass Sediment Control Action Plan, Wetlands Mitigation Bank, Empire Traffic Calming, Design Speed Study, Eastbound Acceleration Lane, Eastbound Peak Period Shoulder Lane, and the Twin Tunnels/Game Check Station/Frontage Road.

Attorney Robert Loeffler

The Clear Creek County Attorney is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Attorney's Office provides legal advice to the Board as well as to other elected officials, county departments and advisory boards.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Assisted with multiple Open Space Commission property acquisitions including property located in the Dumont Area providing greenway and river access, and in Clear Creek Canyon for the purpose of trail development along Clear Creek as part of the Peaks to Plains Colorado trail system.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 3.75

2014 Staff: 3.75

2015 Staff: 3.75

2013 Budget: \$448,249

2014 Budget: \$473,698

2015 Budget: \$531,724

Funded Through: General Fund

- Contracting for new telecommunications towers and systems.
- Administering liquor and marijuana licensing for businesses located in unincorporated areas of Clear Creek County.

Health & Human Services

Environmental Health

Clear Creek Environmental Health permits and inspects On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems. They investigate and obtain compliance with land use, environmental and building regulations. They also manage environmental complaints, perform environmental site assessments, manage zoonotic disease response, and work to prevent diseases and hazardous conditions for County citizens.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reached 100% of required restaurant, school, and childcare inspections.
- Closed a case of illegal mining and mine waste dumping.
- Provided assistance to the Town of Empire during their drinking water system upgrade.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 2.5

2014 Staff: 2.5

2015 Staff: 1.5

2013 Budget: \$103,750

2014 Budget: \$111,128

2015 Budget: \$131,030

Funded Through: General Fund, State LPHA Contracts, Permit & License Fees.

- Managed a disease prevention event that took place in Downieville, Lawson and Dumont.
- Partnered with other County Departments to create a new educational after school program where students and their families can learn about safe, healthy, affordable cooking options.

Public Health

The Public Health Department works to control and prevent diseases, protect against environmental hazards, promote safety, respond to health emergencies, teach healthy behaviors and ensure the quality and accessibility of health services for everyone. Preventing the outbreak and spread of disease, offering health screenings, establishing local health policies, and providing educational services are critical programs in a community-based health mission. Conducting disease investigations and providing public health nursing services ensures community-based health for County residents.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Held a mass vaccination exercise to fulfill capabilities funded by a federal grant.
- The health department was selected by VaxCare Corp to pilot a vaccine business model that allows the agency to receive reimbursement from commercial insurance plans. Since its implementation, we increased our vaccination rate by 252% in the 4th quarter in comparison to last year.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 5.7

2014 Staff: 5.95

2015 Staff: 5.35

2013 Budget: \$612,290

2014 Budget: \$650,198

2015 Budget: \$432,207

Funded Through: General Fund

- Tobacco cessation projects continue through 2018 and include working with community partners to develop policies that reduce public tobacco use, increase cessation attempts, reduce youth initiation of tobacco and minimize exposure to second-hand smoke.
- Completing 2013-2017 Public Health Improvement Plan. Includes health priority areas that focus on Access to Care, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention, and Mental Health & Substance Abuse.

Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management establishes and facilitates a process and structure for the systematic coordination and effective delivery of public safety services that address the consequences of the destructive forces of natural and man-made disasters. This is done through a comprehensive program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided support and coordination for the development of the Mobile Emergency Operation Center/Command vehicle.
- The Clear Creek Emergency Operations Plan was formally adopted.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 2.5
2014 Staff: 2.5
2015 Staff: 2.5

(Grant Funding)

2013 Budget: \$211,297 (\$67,000)

2014 Budget: \$213,963 (\$70,000)

2015 Budget: \$207,117 (\$70,000)

Funded Through: General Fund,
Grants.

- The CodeRed system allows emergency dispatchers the ability to deliver public safety messages to a targeted area or the entire County. If you are a resident of Clear Creek County and would like your contact information added to the CodeRed database, please use the following link:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/F2FD39D5D3DE>



Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Medical Services is dedicated to the health and safety of Clear Creek County and provides medical services and community outreach programs to Empire, Georgetown, Idaho Springs, Silver Plume and the many rural areas around the County. In addition, CCEMS provides emergency care and transport for outdoor enthusiasts and visitors, 24/7.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reduced requests of mutual aid assistance and use of mutual aid.
- A fully equipped grant funded ambulance was put into service in 2015.
- \$200,000 increase in reimbursement collections.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 35
2014 Staff: 35
2015 Staff: 35

2013 Budget: \$1,328,802

2014 Budget: \$1,356,262

2015 Budget: \$1,419,341

Funded Through: General Fund

- Trained 94 people in CPR, 60 in first aid, 4 CPR instructors, and held one canine CPR/First aid class.
- Delivered one baby, treated 15 lightning strike patients, and saved 28 lives.
- Provided system coverage for Summit County on Flight for Life helicopter crash.

Veterans Services/Adult Protection

Serves 1600+ Veterans to address the statutory requirements for a Veterans Service Officer. Acts as the Adult Protection Case-worker to promote the humane, thorough, efficient and uniform investigations of allegations of abuse, self-neglect, neglect, mistreatment and/or financial exploitation of at-risk-adults.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Veterans Services enhanced an outreach component to the position and provided for an easier way for Veterans to access services available to them.
- Developed service projects with local youth through the school system, and raised awareness and participation in Patriotic Observances.
- The Veterans Service Office provides services to Veterans who are in need of support from our local food bank, free transportation or in some cases, mentoring and guidance through the judicial system.

Quick Facts

Veterans Services	Adult Protection
2013 Staff: 1	2013 Staff: .75
2014 Staff: 1	2014 Staff: .75
2015 Staff: 1	2015 Staff: .75
2013 Budget: \$12,068	
2014 Budget: \$13,015	2014 Budget: \$8,515
2015 Budget: \$13,950	2015 Budget: \$29,872

Funded Through: General Fund, Federal, State, County Funding.

Children/Family Services

The Division of Child Welfare primarily focuses on the needs of Colorado's at-risk, abused and neglected children and youth, and their families. Child Care authorizes care based on the needs of the children and promotes consistency for the child and the participants.

Quick Facts

Child Welfare	Child Care
2013 Staff: 6	2013 Staff: 1
2014 Staff: 6	2014 Staff: 1
2015 Staff: 8	2015 Staff: 1
2013 Budget: \$968,564	2013 Budget: \$80,984
2014 Budget: \$893,540	2014 Budget: \$61,373
2015 Budget: \$893,540	2015 Budget: \$57,072

Funded Through: General Fund, Federal, State, County Funding.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- New initiatives were implemented from the State Department of Human Services.
- Statewide child protection hotline was launched.
- Implemented "RED" teams requiring assessments on new referrals.
- Two successful child adoptions.



Clear Creek County Goes Green!



In late 2015, Clear Creek County partnered with Iconergy Energy Management & Sustainability and the State of Colorado, to perform a technical energy audit of all County facilities and equipment in an effort to make them more efficient and better for our environment.

Audit Details?

- Performed nearly 125 hours of utility bill analysis for 18 buildings, 4 towns and 12 utility providers!
- Investigated 72 potential energy, maintenance and capital improvement opportunities for the County, moving forward only the best measures meeting the rigid County financial and technological requirements!
- In total, 18 buildings on 16 sites, with over 104,000 sq. ft. are improved with this project!
- Nearly 98% of the County's owned property are included in this energy performance contract!
- Scope of work included LED lighting and controls, plug loads, water efficiency, HVAC improvements, retrocommissioning study and implementation of recommendations, solar PV installations, environmental, health and safety improvements!

Water Benefits:

- Reduce water by over 1,006,000 gallons/year, which is approximately the annual usage of 275 people!

Natural Gas Benefits:

- Reduce natural gas usage by 18,091 therms/year
- Will reduce over 211,464 metric pounds of CO2E annually, which is equivalent to:
 - Removing 228,377 miles driven annually OR
 - Not burning 103,027 pounds of coal OR
 - Not consuming 10,793 gallons of gasoline OR
- Sequestering as much carbon as:
 - 2459 tree seedlings grown for 10 years
 - 78.6 acres of US forests in one year!

ELECTRICAL Benefits:

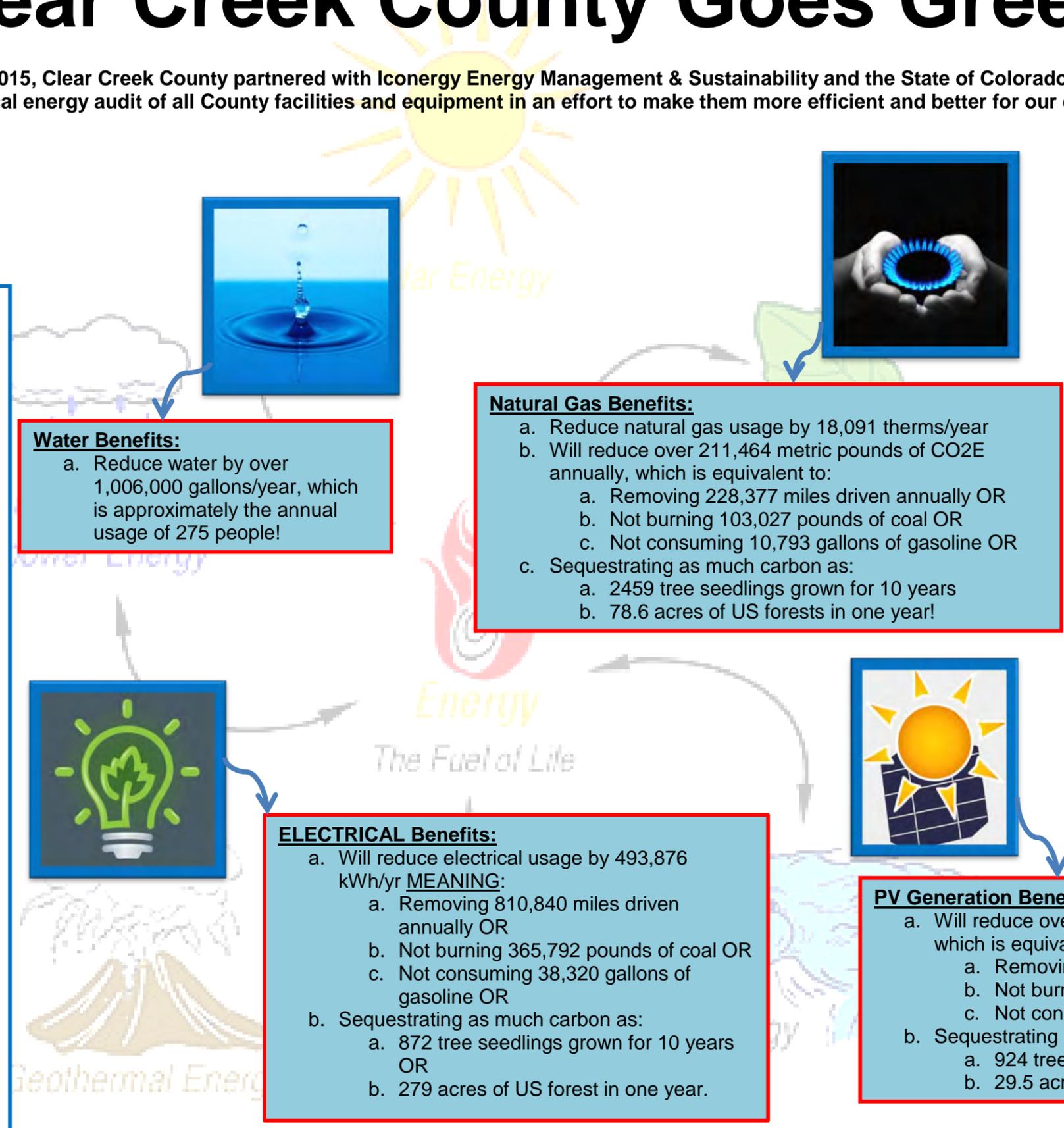
- Will reduce electrical usage by 493,876 kWh/yr MEANING:
 - Removing 810,840 miles driven annually OR
 - Not burning 365,792 pounds of coal OR
 - Not consuming 38,320 gallons of gasoline OR
- Sequestering as much carbon as:
 - 872 tree seedlings grown for 10 years OR
 - 279 acres of US forest in one year.

PV Generation Benefits:

- Will reduce over 79,458 metric pounds of CO2E annually, which is equivalent to:
 - Removing 85,813 miles driven annually OR
 - Not burning 38,713 pounds of coal OR
 - Not consuming 4056 gallons of gasoline OR
- Sequestering as much carbon as:
 - 924 tree seedlings grown for 10 years, OR
 - 29.5 acres of U.S. Forest in one year!

Project Benefits?

- New equipment to replace aged, failing equipment – done without current or future budget pressures.
- Installation of proven and productive renewables.
- 3 years of ongoing energy expertise and ongoing training.
- Over \$55,000 of annual guarantee utility savings.
- Reduces usage: electrical by 37%, natural gas by 14% and water by 40%.
- Leverages investment of County funds 5:1!



Public Works

The Division of Public Works strives to improve the quality of life for all citizens in Clear Creek County via administration, engineering and surveying, construction management and inspection, public infrastructure operations and maintenance, fleet maintenance, solid waste/recycling and noxious weed management. The Division is responsible for 192 miles of streets/roadways - 6 state certified bridges - 3 bike path bridges - 1902 culverts - 4 parks/open space - 984 regulatory signs - 176 vehicles/equipment - 6 miles of dedicated bike paths - 1 state certified transfer and recycling facility - 1 public works service and operations center & 2 satellite service and operations yards.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 426 Public Service Requests and special capital improvements projects in the amount of \$100,403.
- Implemented standardized division hats and uniforms.
- Designed and installed new entry-way sign for operations center on County Road 312.

Quick Facts

Administration

2013 Staff: 4
2014 Staff: 4
2015 Staff: 4.5

Engineering

2013 Staff: 2
2014 Staff: 2
2015 Staff: 2

Road & Bridge

2013 Staff: 20
2014 Staff: 18
2015 Staff: 19

Fleet Services

2013 Staff: 3
2014 Staff: 4
2015 Staff: 4

Weed Management

2013 Staff: 3
2014 Staff: 2.5
2015 Staff: 3

Budget

2013 Budget: \$4.3 Million
2014 Budget: \$8.5 Million
2015 Budget: \$5.7 Million

Funded Through: General Fund, HUTF, Development Fees and Grants.

Solid Waste

Solid Waste & Recycling maintains an environmentally safe containment area for all acceptable refuse. They collect and ship most recyclables, diverting them from roadsides and landfills. And, they provide for the safe disposal of household hazardous waste, supporting a healthy watershed for residents, visitors and downstream neighbors, while ensuring compliance with federal, state and County regulations.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1,449 tons of municipal solid waste was transferred off site to the landfill.
- 832,140 pounds of items were recycled including: mixed metal, glass, plastic, cardboard, paper and electronics.

Quick Facts

Solid Waste

2013 Staff: 4.5
2014 Staff: 4.5
2015 Staff: 4.5

2013 Budget: \$414,000
2014 Budget: \$338,000
2015 Budget: \$388,000

Funded Through: General Fund, User Fees.

- 3250 gallons of motor and cooking oil were recycled.
- 538 pounds of household batteries were recycled.
- 4,595 cubic yards of slash came in for disposal.
- 2,897,860 pounds of household trash, construction material, furniture and rubble were shipped.

Internal Services

Finance

The Finance Department maintains the County accounting system. This includes financial reporting, budget preparation, processing payables, processing payroll, and coordination with all County Departments for management decisions regarding financial records and budgetary controls.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The budget was reduced by implementing new payroll and Human Resources software.
- For Accounts Payable 4,679 checks and 9,144 invoices were processed.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 3.5

2014 Staff: 3.5

2015 Staff: 3.5

2013 Budget: \$588,500

2014 Budget: \$372,837

2015 Budget: \$355,205

*2013 budget includes Human Resources

Funded Through: General Fund



Charlie Taylor Water Wheel

Human Resources

Human Resources works to ensure the County's workforce, goals and business strategies are met through strategic human resources.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Human Resources manages a County Wellness Program, which was developed to help employees be healthier. Goals include:
 - * Reduction of health care costs
 - * Better attendance for the work force
 - * Mental health benefits for a happier workforceSimultaneously saving the County Money in health care expenses.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 2

2014 Staff: 2

2015 Staff: 2

2014 Budget: \$226,823

2015 Budget: \$241,315

Funded Through: General Fund



- Total County employees (including full & part time)
 - * 2013: 233
 - * 2014: 238
 - * 2015: 231
- Average Tenure: 8 years

Information Technology

The Information Technology Department is responsible for I.T. network administration and support, personal computer support, server administration and support, systems security, technology procurement and web and application development.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Integrated support services for Elected Officials' Offices, Emergency Medical Services.
- Upgraded County and the Clear Creek Sheriff's Office network and computing infrastructure.
- Planned Disaster Recovery/Response facility implementation for 2016.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 3

2014 Staff: 4

2015 Staff: 4

2013 Budget: \$415,863

2014 Budget: \$448,018

2015 Budget: \$598,500

Funded Through: General Fund



Archives

The County Archives is an internal service department which provides storage, records management and research support for county offices. As time permits, the staff also assists people interested in local history, genealogy and other research projects that relate to county history in a broad sense.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed scanning 54 years of Clerks documents (through an outside vendor) with the review and organization of the Archives Department.
- Reviewed and updated retention schedules in accordance with State approved retention schedules.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 2
2014 Staff: 2
2015 Staff: 2

2013 Budget: \$114,300
2014 Budget: \$116,975
2015 Budget: \$122,820

Funded Through: General Fund

- Created reference documents to allow department heads and the visiting public to locate information as needed.
- 91 boxes of County records were scanned and transferred for shredding.

Building Maintenance

The purpose of the Maintenance Department is to provide a safe, clean, environment for county employees and customers. This is accomplished by failure prevention practices that maximize the performance and extend the useful life of equipment and systems throughout the county's facilities, as well as maintaining the aesthetic qualities of facility interiors and landscapes.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- County Administration and Maintenance partnered and entered into an Energy Performance Contract (EPC). With the savings produced by the EPC, the county will be able to modernize lighting, replace outdated HVAC equipment and install digital controls throughout several county buildings.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 5
2014 Staff: 5
2015 Staff: 5

2013 Budget: \$602,089
2014 Budget: \$627,363
2015 Budget: \$580,467

Funded Through: General Fund

- Implemented a work order system to allow facility occupants to request work and track work completed. From April through December 452 work orders were created, 306 were closed.

Community Development

Until June 2015, the Land Use Division Director provided supervision, support and coordination for the Land Use departments – Building, Planning, Site Development and Solid Waste, and represented these interests in coordination with the state. This position participates in projects that involve multiple County divisions and represents the County on regional transportation committees in addition to providing support to the Board of County Commissioners on matters relating to I-70.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The 2015 reorganization renamed the Land Use Division as “Community Development,” which now includes:
 - * Planning/ Site Development
 - * Building
 - * Mapping/GIS
 - * Special Projects
 - * Open Space
 - * Water Resources
 - * CSU Extension
 - * Housing

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 3.5

2014 Staff: 3.5

2015 Staff: 4

2013 Budget: \$243,365

2014 Budget: \$241,245

2015 Budget: \$304,409

Funded Through: General Fund with some donation offsets from the Henderson Mine.

- Support Staff provides customer service to property owners and their agents who are seeking land use permits, plus members of the public and several County Departments who are seeking information on individual parcels.
- Support Staff is engaged in the ongoing process of converting the extensive collection of older records from paper to electronic format.



Completed westbound lanes of the Veterans Memorial Tunnels along I-70 outside Idaho Springs in 2015.

Planning/Site Development

The Planning/Site Development Department ensures all new development is in compliance with applicable development regulations. We also provide effective comprehensive planning, and code enforcement services to the County Commissioners and citizens.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Site Development issued 105 permits.
- Developed Regulations for Marijuana Cultivation.
- Developed Regulations that allow for Accessory Dwelling Units.
- Began updates to the Clear Creek Master Plan 2030.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 6

2014 Staff: 6

2015 Staff: 6

2013 Budget: \$449,899

2014 Budget: \$431,245

2015 Budget: \$443,258

Funded Through: General Fund and Permit/Application Fees.

- Developed a 5-acre minimum lot size requirement to protect groundwater resources.
- Streamlined the variance process and regulations.
- Streamlined parking regulations to accommodate various recreational uses.

Building

The Building Department provides the citizens of Clear Creek County protection for health, welfare and safety through the enforcement of the Adopted Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Energy Codes.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Processed and permitted 321 building permits.
- Performed 140 extensive plan reviews.
- Developed 44 Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 2.5

2014 Staff: 2.5

2015 Staff: 2.5

2013 Budget: \$231,436

2014 Budget: \$235,214

2015 Budget: \$238,489

Funded Through: General Fund and Fees from Permitting.

- Performed 1,560 building inspections for over 30 types of inspections.
- Implemented electronic submittal for peripheral permitting plans.

Mapping/GIS

The Mapping/GIS Department generates and maintains spatial information which is essential in the creation of maps and data analysis. Mapping/GIS provides support to all County departments while offering data distribution, map production and property information to the public via the online GIS viewers, and in person.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Spatially restructured 1,590 property boundaries and 71 subdivisions in the parcels database.
- Migrated primary GIS data to new datum per the State Geodetic Advisor recommendation.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 4
 2014 Staff: 4
 2015 Staff: 4

2013 Budget: \$386,262
 2014 Budget: \$404,121
 2015 Budget: \$403,628

Funded Through: General Fund and Service Charges.

- Set up GPS collector application utilizing newer and cheaper technologies.
- Experienced a 216% usage increase of the department's interactive maps as a result of migrating them to a new template.
- Added 76 photos of parks and trailheads in the County to Google Maps, resulting in over 1.28 million public views.

Special Projects

The County Commissioners assign the Special Projects Team to various long and short term projects involving land management issues, motorized and non-motorized recreation, wildfire mitigation and infrastructure development. The Special Projects Department managed two programs through 2015; 67% of staff time was devoted to the County Lands Program and 33% was dedicated to other County projects. The County Lands Program was responsible for the administration of 7,300 acres given to the County by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Concluded the 20-year "County Lands Program" of selling former-BLM land that was given to Clear Creek County through the "Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993".

Quick Facts

Special Projects County Lands

2013 Staff:	.33	.67
2014 Staff:	.33	.67
2015 Staff:	.33	.67
2013 Budget:	\$28,500	\$179,925
2014 Budget:	\$35,800	\$218,635
2015 Budget:	\$36,255	\$540,967

Funded Through: General Fund/
 Special Projects, County Lands/County Lands Program.

- The "County Lands 20-Year Program" concluded with \$581,573. The funds will be retained for environmental protection of the lands, specifically for fire mitigation.

Open Space

Open Space preserves and maintains the county's unique character and natural environment by protecting our streams, woodlands, meadows, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, prominent vistas, geologic features and cultural resources to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Finalized several key acquisitions which will contribute to the development of the Clear Creek Greenway.
- With a \$2.8 million grant from Great Outdoors Colorado, constructed the Peaks to Plains: Clear Creek Canyon Phase Greenway Trail.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 1

2014 Staff: 1

2015 Staff: 1

2013 Budget: \$670,158

2014 Budget: \$623,024

2015 Budget: \$625,400

Funded Through: Open Space Trust Fund, Grants.

- Working with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, 200 feet of the Rutherford Trail were improved. Financial assistance was provided to Georgetown to purchase land for the Rutherford Trail Parking Area.
- The Philadelphia Millsite Fishing is Fun Project was completed and opened to the public. A parking lot, restroom, and ADA accessible trails and fishing piers were built.

Water Resources

The purpose of the Water Resources Department is to develop and manage a Clear Creek Basin Water Bank in order to provide a legal water supply for economic development; and, to place County water resources to beneficial use through implementation of a recently completed Strategic Water Plan.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Water court decrees were secured.
- A Strategic Water Plan for Clear Creek County was completed.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 1.25

2014 Staff: 1.25

2015 Staff: 1.25 End .75

2013 Budget: \$489,497

2014 Budget: \$316,549

2015 Budget: \$219,891

Funded Through: General Fund and Water Lease Payments.

- Arranged for Clear Creek County to be included in the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan for the Colorado State Water Plan. *This established eligibility for funding through the Colorado Water Conservation Board for water projects.

CSU Extension

The CSU Extension Office provides access to research-based educational resources and programs to the citizens of Clear Creek County. The Extension agent is a specialist in the areas of youth development, consumer and family education, and horticulture and small acreage management.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Secured over \$25,000 in revenue from program fees, grants, raffle ticket sales, seed sales, general donations.
- Formed a nine-member Advisory Committee.
- Coordinated and hosted numerous outreach booths at local events.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 1.5
2014 Staff: 1.5
2015 Staff: 1.5

2013 Budget: \$40,800
2014 Budget: \$46,500
2015 Budget: \$54,660

Funded Through: General Fund and funding from CSU.

- Planned and implemented Explore 4-H Summer Camps and Mountain to Metro Overnight Adventure Camps.
- Planned and implemented STEM and other 4-H programming with the school, recreation, and library districts.
- Secured \$2,000 plus in grants for a robotics competition.

Housing Program

The County Housing Program works in partnership with the Summit Combined Housing Authority. The ground work is being established to provide and develop quality attainable housing opportunities, while promoting economic independence and self-sufficiency to help improve the overall quality of life for our residents through programs and education.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Formed the Housing Advisory Group. County officials, business leaders and volunteers participated in discussing the vision and possibilities for our County.
- Offered classes in home buying, home ownership, financial fitness and landlord/tenant issues.

Quick Facts

2015 Staff: 1 (as partners SCHA)
1 Clear Creek Assistant

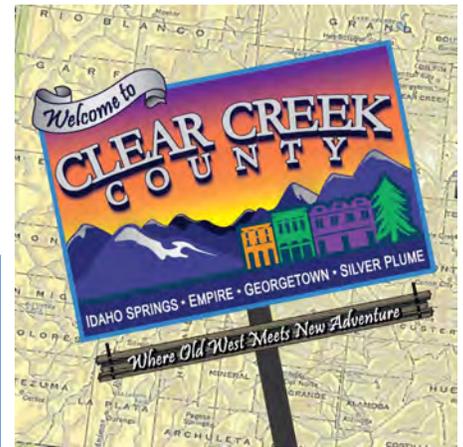
2015 Budget: \$50,000

Funded Through: General Fund

- Provided Rehabilitation Loans to homeowners needing home improvements for health and safety issues, and provided information on other weatherization programs available.
- Participated in the County's transient housing task force.
- Provided "Down Payment Assistance Loans" for homebuyers.

Clear Creek County Tourism Bureau

As the Clear Creek County Tourism Bureau, our goal is to increase awareness of the County within the Front Range, national and international markets, increase overall County visitation, promote tourism related businesses, events, and activities happening within the County, and to grow partnerships and strategic alliances with stakeholders and business entities. (This is not a County Staff function)



2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ClearCreekCounty.org had 202,161 page views with 104,794 users.
- 2,881 Facebook followers and 1,216 Twitter followers.
- 2014/2015 season Loveland Ski Area tallied 344,165 skier visits and the Georgetown Loop Railroad reported 130,595 passengers.
- The virtual visitors guide had 7,297 impressions and 1,653 reads.

Quick Facts

2013 Staff: 1

2014 Staff: 1

2015 Staff: 1

2013 Budget: \$102,533

2014 Budget: \$185,000*

2015 Budget: \$170,000**

Funded Through: Lodging tax and a small portion of sales tax. revenues.

*\$10,000: State Grant/\$50,000: County

**\$50,000: County

- 30,000 visitors guides were printed and distributed.
- The Idaho Springs visitor center had 37,330 visitors and the Georgetown visitor center had 413,911.
- The rafting industry brought more than 72,000 guests to Clear Creek, which is now the second busiest river rafted in Colorado.



Guanella Pass

Accomplishments, Recognitions & Awards

Accomplishments Sheriff's Office

Detentions

- * Examined (nurse) 3,650 inmates

Special Services

- * Responded to 5 wildland fires
- * 95 rescue calls
- * 21 rafting/water rescue calls
- * 25 snow cat calls

Administration

- * 1,271 civil process documents were prepared for service
- * Records processed 2,082 case reports
- * Issued 86 new & renewed 29 permits for concealed handguns.

Patrol

- * Handled 12,119 calls
- * Generated 2,082 case reports
- * Arrested 913 people
- * 2,321 traffic stops
- * 506 motorist assist contacts
- * 240 public relations contacts

Animal Shelter

- * 3,105 volunteer hours at the shelter
- * 1,800 followers on Facebook (with over 7,000 views)

CSU Extension

- * Chartered two 4-H clubs
- * Over the Clover Community Club
- * Two High School C2 BOTZ Robotics Clubs

Mapping/GIS

Created and reviewed legal descriptions and generated a final former-BLM County Lands Transfer map after project completion.



Recognitions Emergency Management

Kathleen Krebs: S-248 Status Check-In Recorder and Demobilization Unit Leader certification.

Jane Thomas: S-248 Status Check-In Recorder and Demobilization Unit Leader certification.

Building Department

The Inspectors and Plan Review: Certified thru the International Code Council for commercial and residential projects.

Health & Human Services

Adam Thomas: Paramedic School.

Ezekiel Peter: National Health Care Coalition Conference presenter.

Nicolena Johnson, Bryon Monseu, Andrew Bradberry and Robert Marlin: Foothills RETAC Board members.

Nicolena Johnson & Robert Marlin: Co-Chairs Foothills RETAC MCI Committee.

Nicolena Johnson, Ezekiel Peter and Robert Marlin: UASI/NCR EMS Committee members.

Animal Shelter

Sue LeBarron: Level 1 Certification with Rocky Mountain Regional Dog Trainer Academy.

Jeromie Morgan: Level 1 Certification with Rocky Mountain Regional Dog Trainer Academy and certified in large animal handling through Colorado Humane Society.

Zach Whetstine: Certified in large animal handling through Colorado Humane Society.

Planning/Site Development

Fred Rollenhagen: Water Fluency Course completion from CO Foundation for Water Education and DRCOG Transportation Advisory Committee (Alternate).

Brad Boland: Code Enforcement Officer Advanced Certification from the Colorado ACEO, Communications Co-Chair; Emerging Planning Professionals Committee of APA CO and Urban Land Institutes Younger Leader's Partnership Forum.

Adam Springer: County Wellness Committee.



Recognition

Public Works

L-Tap certifications:

Frank Duran: Confined Space Entry for Construction.

Michael Johnson, Bob Knapp & Scott Naegel: Drainage and Safety on the Job.

Marc Lamourex: Drainage, Signing, Pavement Markings & Managing other Traffic Control Devices and Sign Inventory Management.

Jim McGrath: Signing, Pavement Markings & Managing other Traffic Control Devices and Roadway Safety & Work Zone Traffic Control

Fred Nelson : Geosynthetics and Stabilization of Unpaved Roads.

Doug Opel: Stabilization of Unpaved Roads, Confined Space Entry for Construction and Work Zone Safety Inspection.

Jeff Rabus: Confined Space Entry for Construction.

Darin Vashaw: Fork Lift Competency

Bart Schmelzer: Sign, Pavement Markings & Managing other Traffic Control Devices and Roadway Safety & Work Zone Traffic Control

Jason Wiggins: Stabilization of Unpaved Roads and Work Zone Safety Inspection.

Shane Evans: Sign Inventory Management.

Johnny Sanchez: Work Zone Safety Inspection and Confined Space Entry for Construction.

Administration

JoAnn Sorensen represents local government on the Colorado Inactive Mine Reclamation Program Advisory Council and represents Clear Creek County on the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association.

JoAnn serves on:

- * I-70 Design Speed Study
- * Eastbound Acceleration Lane Loveland to Herman Gulch
- * Empire Traffic Calming Median
- * Twin Tunnels/Veterans Memorial Tunnels
- * Frontage Road/CR 314
- * Old Game Check Station Trail-head,
- * Wetlands Mitigation Bank
- * Eastbound Peak Period Shoulder Lane
- * Berthoud Pass Sediment Control Action Plan

Donna Gee: Serves on the County Wellness and Safety Committees.

Emergency Management

Kathleen Krebs:

- * County Representative on the Front Range Fuel's Treatment Roundtable Partnership.
- * Chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- * County Representative on the North Central Homeland Security Region Board of Directors.
- * Vice President of the State All Hazards Advisory Committee.

Jane Thomas:

- * Red Cross Liaison
- * County Alternate Representative on the North Central Homeland Security Region Board of Directors.

Archivist

Christine Bradley:

- * Legacy member on the Colorado Historic Records Advisory Board via executive appointment of the Governor of Colorado.
- * University Press of Colorado accepted manuscript for publication

Archivist - Continued

* Received the Clark Spence Award from the National Mining History Association.

Environmental Health

Charlotte Hampson:

- * Northern Central Environmental Crimes Task Force
- * Western Regional Air Quality Collaboration Group
- * County Representative for Colorado Environmental Health Directors
- * County Representative for Colorado Professionals of On-Site Wastewater
- * County Representative for Colorado Environmental Health Association
- * County Representative for Changing Landscapes Environmental Health Data Partnership

Awards

Animal Shelter

Dawn DeMaster: County Employee Merit Award/2nd quarter 2015.

Marty Gitlin: Lyle Wohler's Citizen of the Year.

Administration

Donna Gee: Lyle Wohler's Citizen of the Year.

County Attorney

Nanette Reimer: Lyle Wohler's Citizen of the Year Award.

Community Development

Shauna Larkin: County Employee Merit Award/3rd Quarter 2015.

Emergency Management

Jane Thomas: Lyle Wohler's Citizen of the Year Award.

Health & Human Services

Robert Marlin: C.J. Shanaberger Lifetime Achievement Award.

Clear Creek County History

A celebration day in Silver Plume around the turn of the century. Denver Public Library, Western History Collection x202180



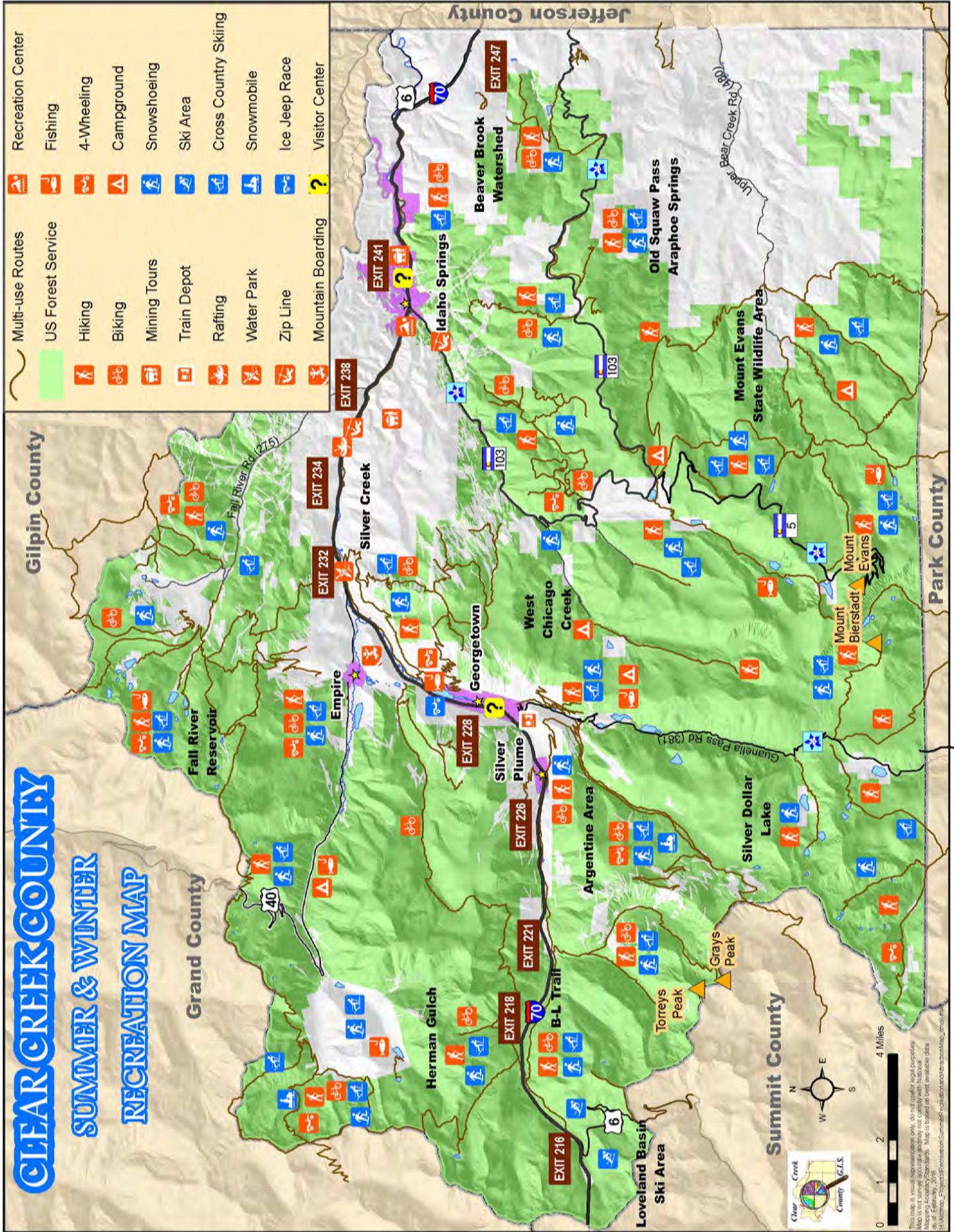
Clear Creek County sits on the eastern slope of the Continental Divide, 30 miles and 3,000 feet above Denver. The creek (originally known as Vasquez fork) held the flakes of gold which drew miners to the mountains early in 1859. Gold and silver mining would be the early draw to the area followed quickly by tourists interested in the high peaks and cool air of the area around the Continental Divide.

Towns soon developed with Georgetown outgrowing rival Idaho Springs to claim the county seat. The silver mines of Silver Plume created a booming miner's community while Empire balanced gold mining with its growing role as gateway to Berthoud Pass and the Middle Park area of central Colorado. By the mid-1880s the county's population topped 7,800, only to drop to 2,100 by the 1930s as the economics of hard metal mining quieted the hammers and drills.

The county's resurgence came as tourists continued to travel to the mountains, fueled by the growth of state and later federal highway systems. While the railroad left the county during the hard years of the Depression, automobile travel picked up and kept the county alive. The growth of the skiing industry after World War II added a new and valued industry as Berthoud Pass and Loveland Ski Area began to draw skiers as well as travelers that would drive through the county on the way to areas in Summit and Grand counties. The production of steel during World War II also spurred development of the county's large molybdenum reserves.

By the 1950s people began to realize the value of the historic structures throughout the county. The older residential and commercial structures soon took on a new value, creating another industry: cultural tourism.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SUMMER & WINTER RECREATION MAP



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| | Multi-use Routes |
| | US Forest Service |
| | Hiking |
| | Biking |
| | Mining Tours |
| | Train Depot |
| | Rafting |
| | Water Park |
| | Zip Line |
| | Mountain Boarding |
| | Recreation Center |
| | Fishing |
| | 4-Wheeling |
| | Campground |
| | Snowshoeing |
| | Ski Area |
| | Cross Country Skiing |
| | Snowmobile |
| | Ice Jeep Race |
| | Visitor Center |

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