

**Memorandum**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Tom Baker, Town Administrator  
**Date:** June 21, 2016  
**Re:** LiveWell Funding: Grand River Park Trail Extension

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**Purpose:** To ask Council to authorize staff to pursue the paving of the trail connection between Grand River Condos/Grand River Park and the pedestrian bridge; to install a crosswalk from the trail to pedestrian bridge (across the 105 bridge road); and modify the guardrail to allow pedestrian access to and from the bridge and trail.

**Background and Discussion:** The Town of New Castle is a member of LiveWell Garfield County and the first county municipality to become a HEAL community (Healthy Eating Active Living). New Castle also participated in the recently published Garfield County Needs Assessment, which identified gaps in mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists (sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, signage, and crosswalks).

We have been informed that LiveWell has a surplus of funds that New Castle can apply to projects identified in the Needs Assessment, see attached project map. LiveWell is offering New Castle \$10,000.

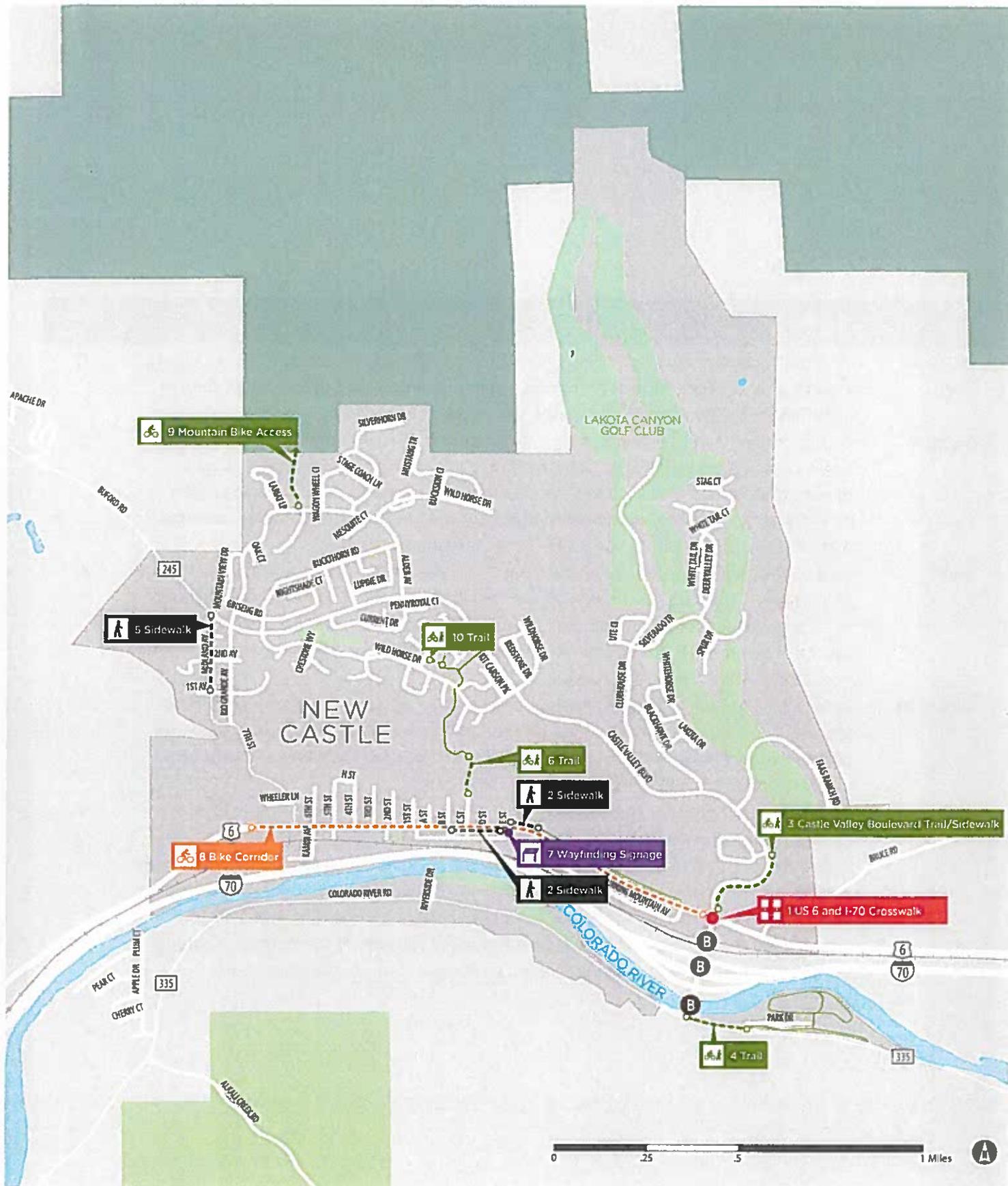
Staff suggests we pave (asphalt) the trail connection between Grand River Condos/Grand River Park and the pedestrian bridge, install the crosswalk from the trail to pedestrian bridge (across the 105 bridge road); and modify the guardrail to allow pedestrian access to and from the bridge and trail. The budget for this work is estimated to be \$28,020.

**Budget for Grand River Trail Connection**

<u>Materials</u>	<u>Estimated Cost (\$)</u>
Engineering	2,500
Surface Preparation: 7089 sf @ \$1.20/sf	8,506
2 inch asphalt overlay: 7089 @ \$1.85/sf	13,114
Guardrail Beaver Tails: 4 @ \$750 ea.	3,000
Crosswalk Striping	900
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,020</b>

Staff suggests that Council authorize staff to spend \$18,020 from the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) to complete funding for this project. In the 2016 Budget, Council allocated \$46,000 from CTF for unspecified work on our trail system. In speaking with John Wenzel about these funds, he indicated that since the town received the Sports Park Grant that staff would not spend this \$46,000 on trails this year. (The CTF is lottery money and we generally receive \$40,000 per year.)

**Recommendation:** Staff requests Council direct staff to pursue this project with CTF funds and bring a contract back to Council for consideration.



## New Castle Priority Projects

### Priority Projects

- Sidewalk
- Bike Lane
- Trail
- Crosswalk
- Wayfinding Signage

- Existing Trail
- Existing Bridge
- Existing Railroad

### Land Ownership

- Private
- Local
- Federal