

# NEW CASTLE EAST SECTION of the LOVA TRAIL

## From the POSTR Committee

### Basic Facts

From Castle Valley Blvd. to Canyon Creek

Distance: Approximately 3.7 miles

Specs: Consistent with the LoVa Master Plan, the trail will be 8-foot wide and paved (probably asphalt)

Estimated Cost: approximately \$400,000 per mile (based on cost for Apple Tree Trail)

Will eventually connect with the LoVa Trail from Glenwood Springs through South Canyon, which hopefully the City of Glenwood Springs will take on as their responsibility.

Initial planning (design and engineering) is needed.

Will require a standard IGA (License Agreement) with CDOT.

### Benefits

Economic development, especially for NC restaurants.

A safe and easy recreational amenity for current and future NC residents and visitors.

An alternative, non-motorized transportation route to Glenwood Springs.

User numbers are expected to rival those of the Rio Grande Trail.

### Planning

We propose that the Town write a grant to the DPW Trails Program (aka State Trails), with the assistance of LOVa, in November, 2015; awards announced in early spring, 2016.

Due date: November 1, 2015

For a project of \$64,250 or more, the **max grant is \$45,000** (requiring a 30% match requirement of \$19,750)

Estimated Cost from SGM: \$77,000

Planning will recommend a trail alignment, identify problem areas, and address CDOT requirements.

Result of Planning Effort: We would have the initial design complete to be able to construct the trail in phases beginning in 2016 or 2017.

### What We Are Asking of New Castle

1. To commit to taking on the responsibility of planning and constructing, and maintaining this section of the regional LoVa Trail.
2. With LoVa's assistance, the town would write a planning grant to State Trails, due November 1, 2015.
3. With LoVa's assistance, identify the matching funds for this planning effort. Apparently, we cannot use Conservation Trust Funds for planning for land NOT owned by the Town. Possibilities include Live Well, Garfield County, and FMLD.