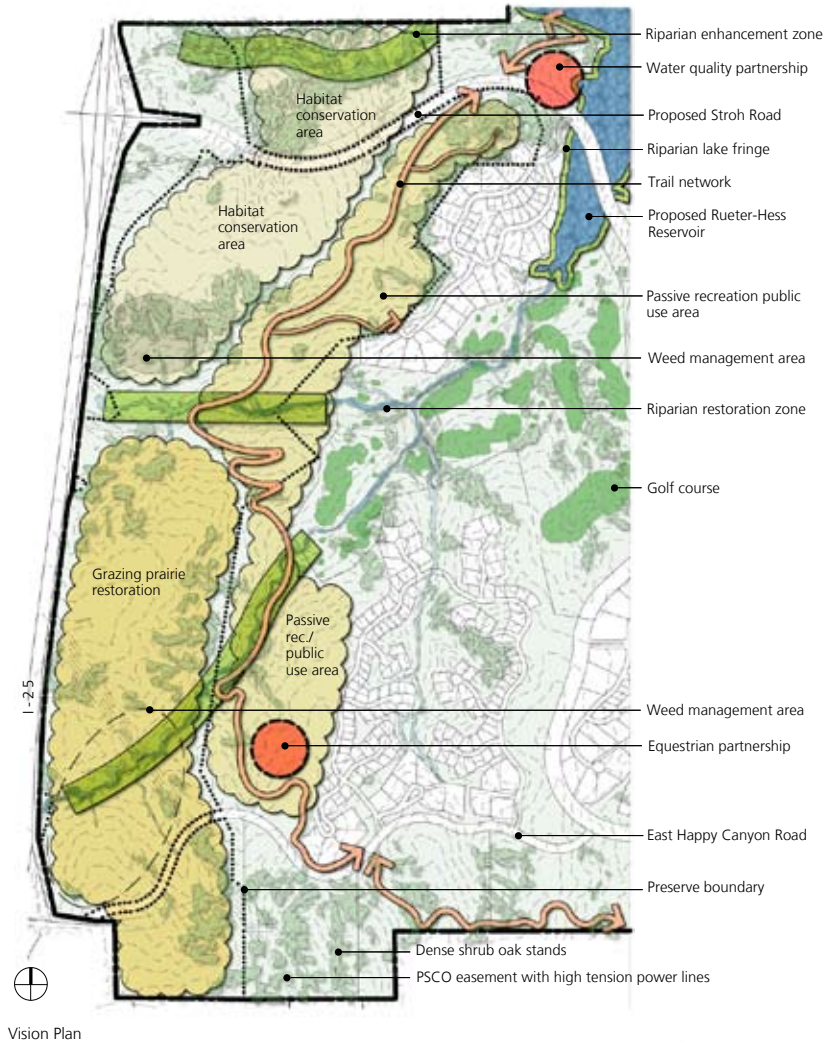


# The Canyons Preserve Master Plan, Douglas County, CO



Ranching Artifacts

The developer of a 5,500-acre parcel of ranchland in Douglas County identified in their master plan a 500-acre portion of the development to be a special part of the overall open space system, set aside as a preserve. Lime Green Design was asked to develop a vision and master plan for the Preserve. The emphasis was on enhancement of the natural resources - habitat and wildlife, identification of public uses, and recommendations on possible partnerships that could be pursued for the development and management of the Preserve.

The first phase of the master plan provided the owner with a range of visions and management options, with projected implementation and maintenance budgets. Innovative visions included: the development of an equine center that would use horses to graze and manage the grasslands, and provide horse-owners with a physical and educational resource. Another concept was to form a partnership with the water and sanitation district that is building a new reservoir abutting the Preserve, to form environmental education programs and resource management emphasizing watershed conservation.

The final report included an extensive precedent study, financing options and preliminary budgets to help the owner determine a strategy for future restoration, development and management.