Path to Prosperity
A vision for parks, trails, and open space
Path to Prosperity is the Grand Vision

• Three-Pronged Approach
  ○ Restore the waterway habitat along riparian corridors
  ○ Institute an Open Space Ranger Program in the County
  ○ Provide employment opportunities, resources homeless

• Results in a landscape primed for Economic Development

• Partnership Opportunities
Habitat Restoration

- Riparian Corridors are severely distressed
- Non-Native Species have overtaken the landscape
- Created hiding spaces, erosion issues and are choking out native species
Current Process

- We’re playing "Whack-a-Mole"
- A comprehensive approach is needed
- Much bigger than the homelessness issue
- County is spending around $75k plus staff time
- How much are you spending on this issue?
Habitat Restoration (reprise)

- This program has been piloted in several areas
- Habitat is much improved
- Hiding spaces are eliminated
Open Space Rangers

• Looking to make residents feel safe
• Regular patrols of the trail system
• On bike or ATV
Open Space Rangers (continued)

- Focus on triaging the situation with homeless
- Connecting them to resources
- Emphasis on interactions being positive and compassionate
Homelessness to Work

- Work with a non-profit in coordination with our Workforce & Business Center to provide employment opportunities
- Focus on short-term employment for those that want a hand up
- Also provide resources to help place them in more permanent employment
Homelessness to Work (continued)

• Short-term work in the community
• Pilot tasks in open space maintenance
• Pilot to require participant supervision at all times
• Rangers help identify need and get them to work immediately
• Also connect homeless to other community resources
Economic Development Opportunity

- Clean, safe riparian corridors
- Opens the county to economic development in these areas
- Similar to what Denver has done with RiNo
- Time is now
Summary

• Provide systemwide habitat restoration
  ○ Environment Prospers
• Ensure a safe experience for those using the trails
  ○ Individuals Prosper
• Provide hand up to homeless
  ○ Humane Approach to Prosperity
• Open these areas to Economic Development
  ○ Business Community Prospers
• Won't completely solve all problems related to homelessness but...
• ...All paths lead to Prosperity on the riparian corridors in Adams County