

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
MESA COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENTS
FIVE YEAR STATUS REVIEW
(1998- 2003)

Implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreements

**Purchase of Development Rights Program (Three years of acquisitions)
(Initiated in 2000 – first deals in 2001- through 2003)**

- \$2,181,120 awarded in grants - Great Outdoors Colorado,
Federal Farmland Protection Program, Colorado Conservation Trust

- \$1,187,594 Spent to Date
 - \$862,720 Fruita Buffer
 - \$324,874 Palisade Buffer

- \$442,183 Partners Total Expenditures to Date
(includes transaction costs for 2 donated easements and all preliminary appraisals)
 - Mesa County \$333,343 (includes \$180,982 for MLT contract)
 - Grand Junction \$88,000
 - Fruita \$13,830
 - Palisade \$4,510

- Total Leverage \$0.47/\$1.00 (\$ spent /\$ of Conservation Easement Value)
 - Fruita \$0.54/\$1.00
 - Palisade \$0.34/\$1.00

- 400 Total Acres protected through 9 conservation easements (includes 2 donations)
 - 323 Acres Fruita buffer (4 easements)
 - 77 Acres Palisade buffer (5 easements – includes 2 donations)

- 134 Total Acres per Year (Average) Conserved
 - 108 acres Fruita buffer
 - 26 acres Palisade buffer

Development Activity Summary

- 121 Mesa County land use projects since 1998
 - 65 - Palisade Buffer
 - 365.5 Acres subdivided
 - 50 New lots created
 - 56 - Fruita Buffer
 - 564 Acres subdivided
 - 99 New lots created

(Over)

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Transfer of Development Rights/Credits Program

- Fruita/Mesa County TDR/C program adopted in 2003
- No transactions to-date
- Several interested parties
- Potential amendments will be considered in 2004 annual review of program

Suggested Review Schedule

February	Present summary report to joint meeting of the elected partners
March	Complete staff analysis
April	Public input at two public meetings/workshops. Invite all buffer area property owners
June	Joint elected partners workshop on comments and recommendations
July	Joint public hearing on any proposed revisions.