



## Town of Green Mountain Falls

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Committee

P.O. Box 524; 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road

Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

Wednesday, 12/14/2022 at 3:00 p.m.

In-person OR Zoom meeting

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87582362979?pwd=TE9ibENQSVpZVk8zd2JpeWdINGFIUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 8236 2979; Passcode: 480459; Dial-in: 346-248-7799

### REGULAR MEETING:

	ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	<b>PRT Action Requested</b>
3.	PUBLIC COMMENT: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Public Comment
4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Meeting Minutes from 11/10/2022 PRTA Committee Meeting b. Minutes from 11/30/2022 PRTA Committee Work Session	<b>PRT Action Requested</b>
5.	OLD BUSINESS	
	a. Wayfinding/Parking Signage Update	Info Only
	b. Gazebo Island Paver Project	Info Only
	c. CWP Grant - Gans Dumpster Blind report	Info Only
	d. Stilling basin	Info Only
	e. CDBG Phase II - Gazebo Park	Info Only
6.	NEW BUSINESS	
	a. Catamount Trailhead	<b>PRT Action Requested</b>
7.	Correspondence	Info Only
8.	Reports a. End of Year Friends of Ute Pass Trails report	Info Only
9.	ADJOURN	

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**Town of Green Mountain Falls  
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes  
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road  
Wednesday, November 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Chair Jesse Stroope (Zoom)  
Vice Chair Jay Kita (Zoom)  
Member Nancy Dixon  
Member Don Walker

**Board Members Absent**

Member Ron Gans

**Secretary**

Member Nancy Dixon

**Town Staff Present**

**Trustees Present**

Mayor Todd Dixon

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**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 3:02pm by Chair Stroope.

**2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Stroope accepted the agenda.

**3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No public speakers.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Kita moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 14, 2022. Dixon seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Chair Stroope reported that three of the town signs have been repainted and replaced. There are three more town signs to be repainted. Dixon asked about the parking signs. **Chair Stroope will send it to the sign company and have a draft for the next PRT meeting.**
- b. Trustee Guthrie was not at the meeting to give info on the Gazebo paver project. **Chair Stroope will reach out to Pastor Darlene to see who they use for the church paver project.**

The next three agenda items were tabled until TM Frank could join the meeting.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The TM is requesting PRT to provide input for Phase II of the Gazebo Park CDBG grant. Chair Stroope suggested that the PRT have a Work Session to walk Gazebo Park. Walker recommended an asset inventory with repair status to prioritize what is to be put in the grant. He has inspected the bridge and stated there are serious issues that need to be addressed. Pylons seem to be sinking but do not need to be replaced. The timbers do need to be replaced. Chair Stroope is having a contractor inspect the Gazebo roof to see if it can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced. Dixon voiced disappointment that the GOCO grant was not resubmitted in November. Chair Stroope said the DOLA grant to assess the pool was submitted instead and that the GOCO grant will be resubmitted in February. He suggested that the GOCO resubmittal include weaknesses and needs of the town parks. Walker asked if there were infrastructure maps for sprinkler systems and power lines. Chair Stroope said Tom Hughes would be a resource for the sprinkler systems since he installed them and that it would be helpful to have the drawings for future park design projects. Chair Stroope also suggested having a capital project list so projects being earmarked for the Master Plan would stay visible. **A PRT on-site Work Session will meet at the Farmstand on November 30th at 1pm.**

## 7. Correspondence

- a. The TM email with updates on town projects was referenced for agenda item discussion. Chair Stroope expressed his appreciation to the TM for providing the PRT with this information.

## 8. Reports

- a. Kita reported on his attendance of two PPORA meetings. He is also attending Outdoors Pikes Peak Initiative (OPPI) which is discussing a new Ring the Peak trail.
- b. Walker reported on his walk through of potentially improving the Catamount Trailhead with Stroope representing HGMFF and Blasi representing Friends of Ute Pass Trails. HGMFF is wanting to install proper signage that would include trail information as well as historic information. Restoring or beautifying the view of the Catamount Falls was a goal that the Friends group will be asked to help with. Brush needs to be mitigated so the water flow is diverted to prevent the ice flow that occurs in the winter.

Chair Stroope informed the committee that the TM would not be able to join the meeting so the committee went back to the three agenda items that had been tabled.

## OLD BUSINESS

- c. TM Frank had asked the PRT to recommend a concrete tint to blend in more with the natural colors of Gazebo Park. The estimated cost of using an integral stain in the concrete is \$2300. Walker suggested a broom finish and will talk with the contractor as to what broom finish will be appropriate. Adding slight contours to the long pathway was

discussed and decided that could be accomplished with the gravel path on either side of the concrete. **Chair Stroope moved to recommend to the Board to add an integral stain color, terra cotta, and have a broom finish as suggested for safety.** Dixon seconded. Motion passed 4/0. **Dixon will write an advice memo.**

- d. TM Frank is asking that Gans do a walk through with her at the stilling basin to produce a site plan. If Gans is not available, Walker will fill in.
- e. The CPW grant concept has changed. The location of the dumpster blind will be behind the post office where four trees will need to be removed. Three of the trees are diseased and all are at end of life. Chair Stroope, TM Frank, property owner Penman and a representative from the trash company met at the site. The trash receptacle will now be a roll off construction dumpster which will have a smaller footprint. PRT is asked to make a site plan and design the blind. At a previous PRT meeting, Gans volunteered to make the site plan when specifications have been made. **Chair Stroope suggested that the November Work Session include a walk through of the dumpster blind location.**

A DOLA grant has been submitted to have an assessment of the pool. If the grant is not awarded, the assessment will be done in-house.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 4:22pm.



**Town of Green Mountain Falls  
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes  
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road  
Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

**ON-SITE WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Chair Jesse Stroope  
Vice Chair Jay Kita  
Member Nancy Dixon  
Member Ron Gans  
Member Don Walker

**Board Members Absent**

**Secretary**

Member Nancy Dixon

**Trustees Present**

**Town Staff Present**

Town Manager Becky Frank

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**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

PRT members met at the Farmstand at 1:00pm.

**2. ON-SITE WORKSHOP**

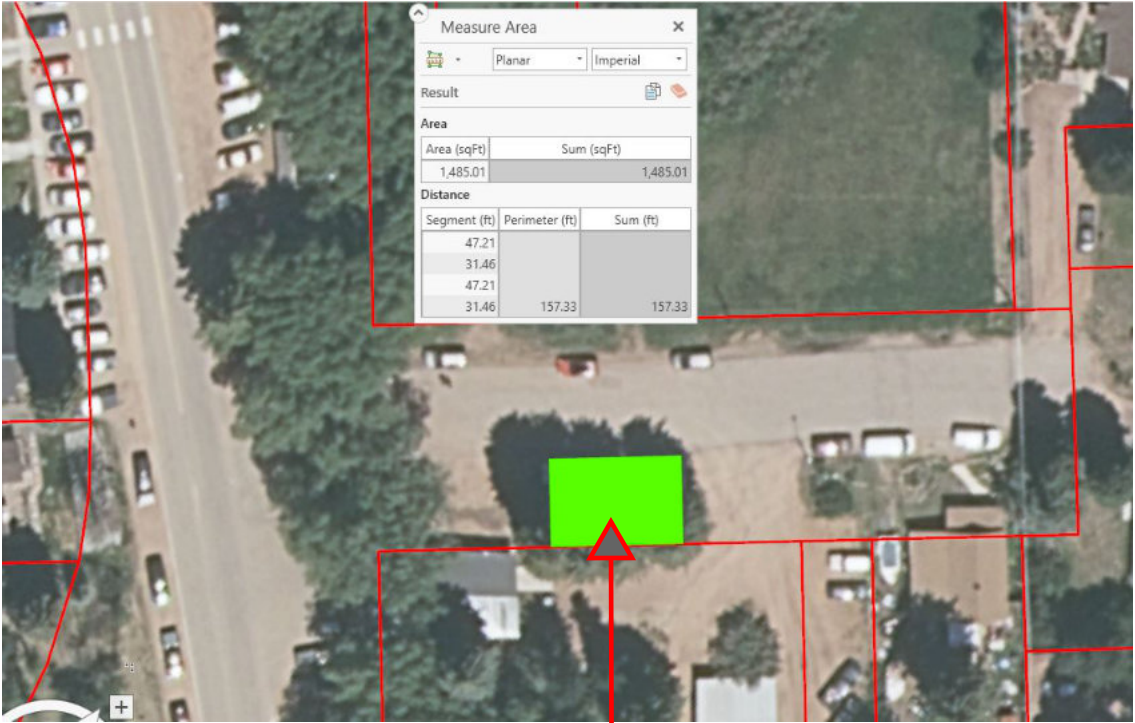
- a. Committee members met with Wilson Engineering and the TM at the stilling basin location to discuss the new location for the memorial benches and markers that had been disturbed due to the construction. **TM will connect Gans with Wilson Engineering for the site plans so Gans can produce a visual for the new area. Chair Stroope asked to be added to the distro.**
- b. Next the committee members walked to the location of the new dumpster blind located behind the Post Office that will house the rolloff container that will be used by businesses. **TM will email Gans the specs of the rolloff and location of property lines. Chair Stroope asked to be added to the distro.**
- c. Gans and the TM needed to leave for other appointments. The remaining members discussed what Phase II of the CDBG grant should include. Walker provided each member with a detailed Gazebo Park inventory checklist. From this list, all agreed that the Gazebo bridge, the Gazebo, the Gazebo park playground, bathrooms and picnic tables were priority for the grant. **The following action items were assigned: Dixon - updating the playground and composing a writeup of the importance of the Gazebo, Walker - price of materials and labor for replacing the bridge, railing and benches, Chair Stroope - cost of renovating the Gazebo and installing more electrical outlets, Kita - bathroom options and standardizing the picnic tables.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT at 3:00pm.**





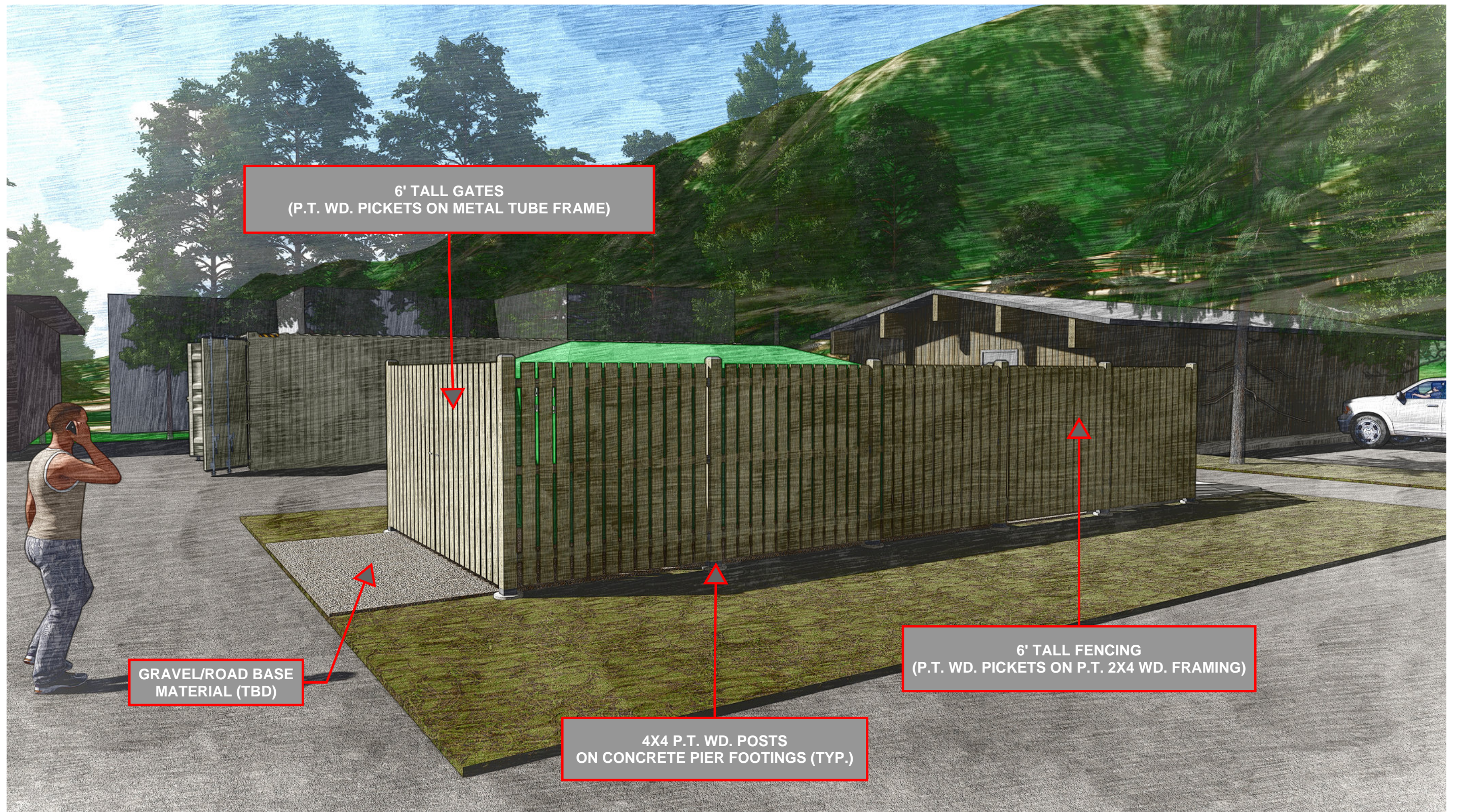
PROPOSED SITE AREA



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47.21' X 31.46' (1,485 SF)

GMF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER SITE - EXISTING CONDITIONS





6' TALL GATES  
(P.T. WD. PICKETS ON METAL TUBE FRAME)

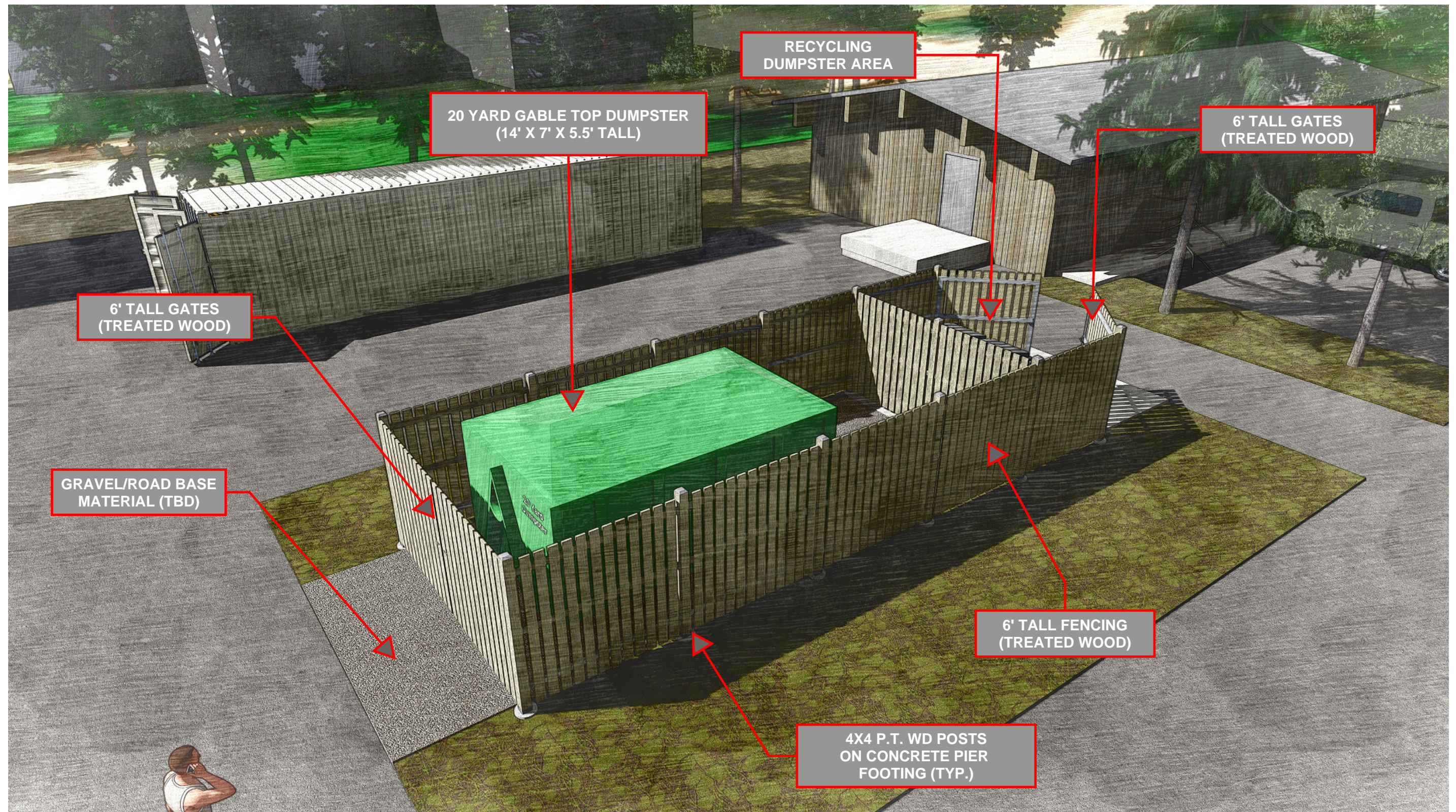
GRAVEL/ROAD BASE  
MATERIAL (TBD)

4X4 P.T. WD. POSTS  
ON CONCRETE PIER FOOTINGS (TYP.)

6' TALL FENCING  
(P.T. WD. PICKETS ON P.T. 2X4 WD. FRAMING)

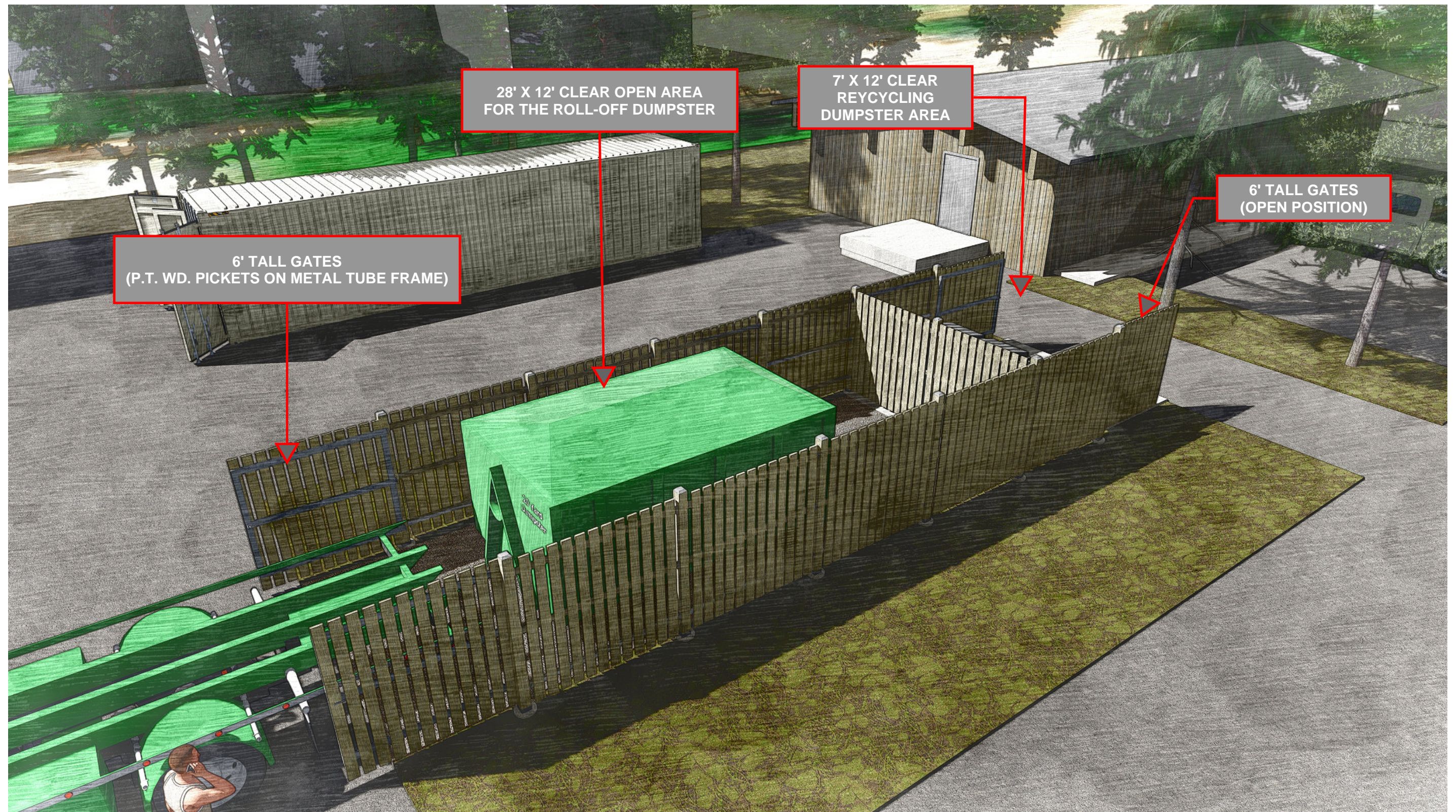
GMF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER VIEW 1





GMF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER VIEW 2





28' X 12' CLEAR OPEN AREA  
FOR THE ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER

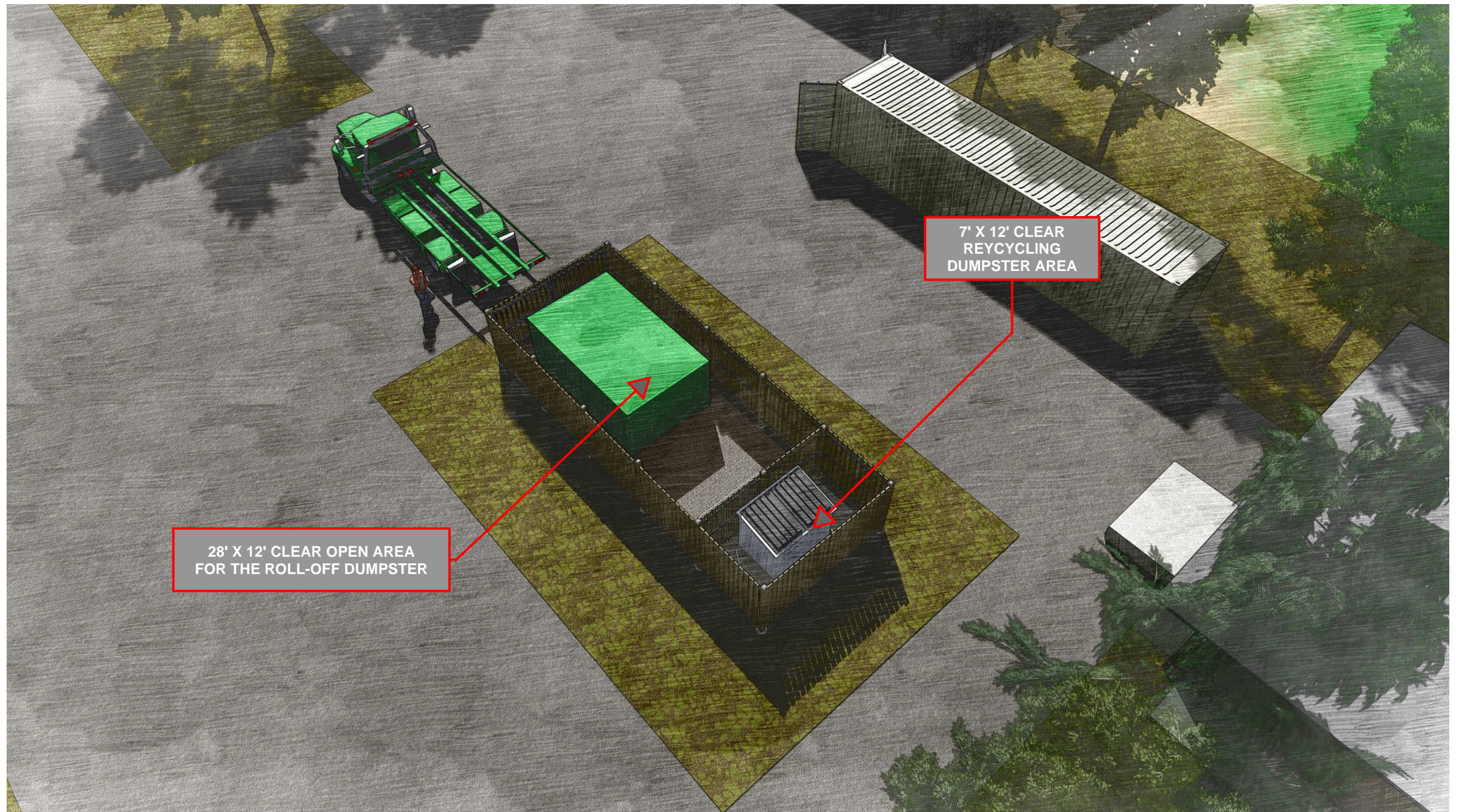
7' X 12' CLEAR  
RECYCLING  
DUMPSTER AREA

6' TALL GATES  
(P.T. WD. PICKETS ON METAL TUBE FRAME)

6' TALL GATES  
(OPEN POSITION)

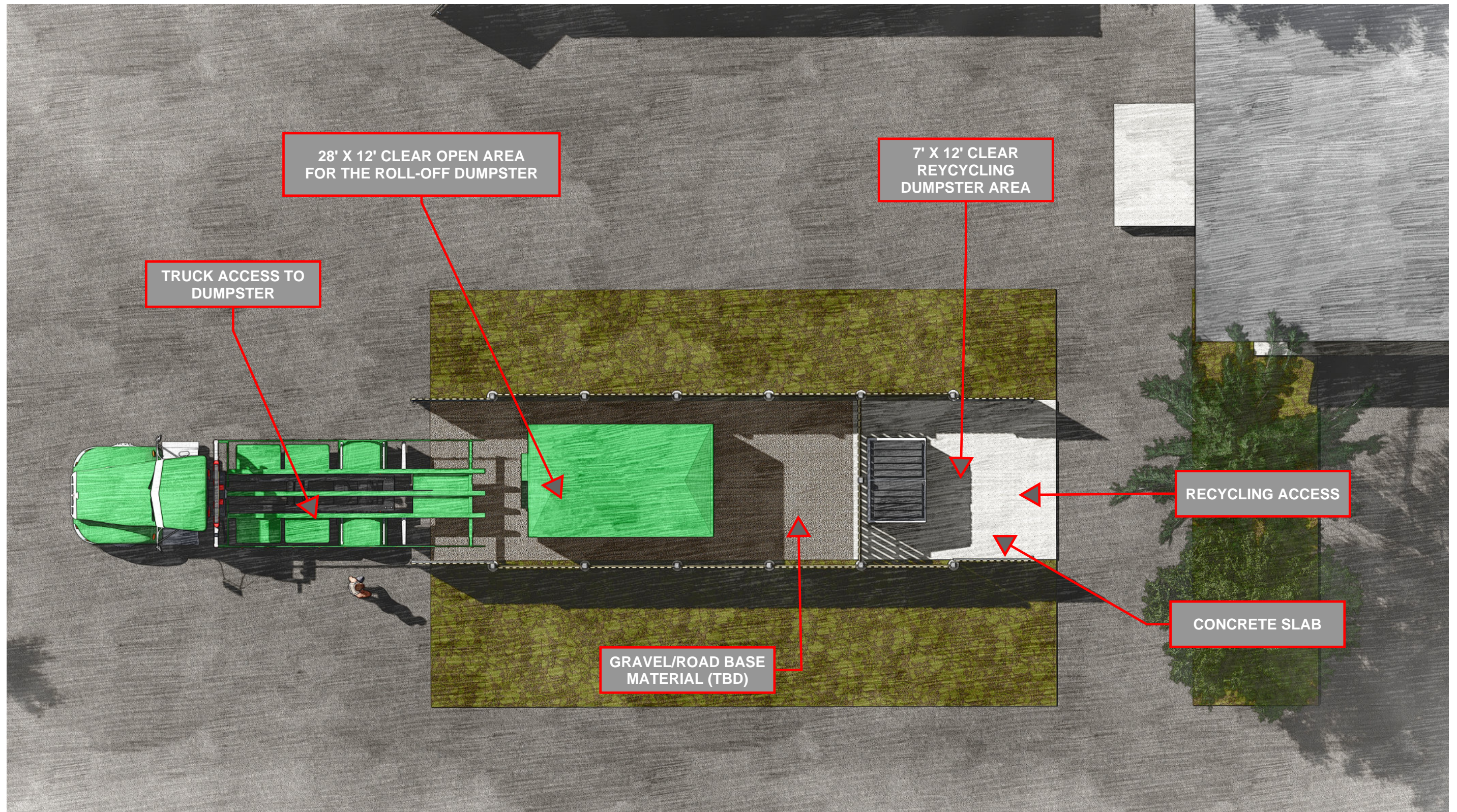
GMF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER VIEW 2A





GMF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER VIEW 3





GMF ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER SITE PLAN



# FINAL TRAILS REPORT

## Friends of Ute Pass Trails for the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado

November 11 2022

This report is a compilation of work performed by Friends of Ute Pass Trails on Town of Green Mountain Falls land beginning June 2022. This deliverable satisfies the Trails Maintenance Agreement between Friends of Ute Pass Trails and the Town of Green Mountain Falls signed July 5 2022, which states "Friends will provide final trails report, to include work accomplished and work outstanding (deferred maintenance), to the PRT by December 1, 2022."

### **Work Accomplished**

Friends coordinated 343 volunteer hours, totaling \$10,255 as follows:

- June 18: Thomas Trail above Boulder St. 18 volunteers, 85 in-kind hours
- July 11: Angel's Trail. 1 volunteer, 5 in-kind hours
- July 17: Catamount Trail, multiple locations. 16 volunteers: 80 in-kind hours
- August 20: Thomas (west) & Bratton Trails. 22 volunteers: 102 in-kind hours
- September 7: Catamount & Bratton Trails. 9 volunteers, 39 in-kind hours
- September 16: Thomas Trail. 7 volunteers, 32 in-kind hours

Angel's Trail. Added rock step to ease hiker transition, pruned and cleared debris.

Bratton Trail. Removed potential trip hazards: multiple aspen roots (4-5" tall) on trail tread. Shored up muddy spring crossing with rock and created rock causeway. Removed tree limbs / tree trunks encroaching onto trail. Cleaned trail tread, removed roots, added log barriers, cut back vegetation.

Catamount Trail. Added rock steps to ease climb at 2 locations, removed trip hazards and cleaned tread, added logs to prevent cutting switchbacks, cleared vegetation and removed weeds in Garden of Eden (removed almost 50 lbs. of thistle heads/seeds), removed vegetation along initial portion of trail. Reclaimed creek area above and at Catamount Falls, removed tree stump trip hazards, cleaned trail tread, added backslope above trail, cut back encroaching vegetation.

Thomas Trail. Removed large aspen and addressed boulders at spring. Removed highest priority root/trip hazards. Chiseled rock to ease climb, shored up critical edge with rock wall, built rock steps, removed root & branch trip hazards, cut back encroaching vegetation. Cleaned trail tread, removed fallen/leaning trees. Stabilized trail edge with rock, created rock walls to control erosion and guide hikers; fixed stone steps and emplaced additional steps to ease hiker transition; flattened and smoothed trail surface. Over 16 hours of vegetation clearing: moved slash to block off-trail hiker encroachment, repaired timber step.



## **Work Outstanding**

### **Catamount Trail.**

- Behind saddle before drop down to Garden of Eden: address erosion by creating waterbars and develop minor re-route. Possibly emplace split rail fence to direct hikers away from erosion.
  - Just below cliff near initial summit: reinforce critical edge with rock. Block social trail.
  - Cliff (near top): Pulaski exposed roots, add sign post with sign "Blue Dot, left arrow."
  - Below Bratton Intersection, chisel troublesome rock climb (approx. 5' elev. rise)
  - Chisel rock at sign post below Thomas/Catamount intersection.
  - Beautify Catamount Falls area by removing excessive brush and vegetation/debris.
- Recommend: PRT develop overall plan for trailhead at waterfall to include sign board, bench and potential stair steps. Develop cost estimate and coordinate with FOUPT for future scheduling and labor.

### **Conn Trail.**

- Muddy: increase elevation of tread, protect with rip-rap or RR ties, add appropriate gravel base to tread. Recommend: PRT perform cost estimate for materials to raise trail tread and shore up/ raise side of trail next to Catamount Creek. Coordinate with FOUPT for labor.

### **Crystal Trail.**

- Add waterbars or check dams to reduce erosion above and onto Mountain Ave.
  - Develop plan to address old, rusted signs
- \* Crystal Trail above Kirkpatrick Trail intersection requires extensive work. Future work plan is contingent upon coordination with Colorado Springs Utilities. Friends will keep PRT updated on progress.

### **Thomas Trail.**

- Add rock steps to negotiate boulder at upside down "U" tree.
- Chisel rock creating uneven tread on west Thomas, mid-cliff.
- Chisel rock creating uneven tread on west Thomas, just east of memorial stone.
- Chisel rock creating uneven tread on west Thomas, just east of double switchback.
- Chisel rock at "ripple stone" on west Thomas, west of natural spring.
- Chisel small boulder near tree blocking uphill tread, east of cave.
- Remove multiple smaller rock on tread, east of cave.
- Add rock to critical edge at yellow sign with arrow.
- Add logs to guide hikers uphill on tread, below 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow arrow.
- Add more rocks, logs to critical edge, just above drainage with logs.
- Dig trail into hillside, move away from failing edge. Add backslope, below and east of Mountain Rd. connector.