

# Delta County Fairgrounds Master Plan

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## Preface

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The 2022 Fairgrounds Master Plan builds upon the work done in 2008 – 2010 by Richard Sales and student interns Catherine Simpson and Carrie Kronberg of the Colorado Center for Community Development. Their efforts resulted in a 10 Year Vision that guided the development of the Fairgrounds facilities and events through 2021. Delta County finds that much of that original work remains relevant; this revised Master Plan incorporates that vision, and will cite it throughout this 2022 updated plan.

Delta County thanks everyone who has provided their time and input to this effort. The Delta County Fairgrounds is a wonderful asset to our communities; we will piggyback off of the hard work and traditions that built the Fairgrounds with an eye towards future opportunities and growth. Lastly, this document should be seen as a tool for *guiding* future development of the Fairgrounds, rather than as a final plan. The goals set forth here will take several years to complete; as circumstances change, and unexpected opportunities arise, the priorities and needs of the Fairgrounds may change.

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## Executive Summary

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In 2008, a *10 Year Vision* was created to promote the development of the Fairgrounds. At that time a mission statement was also developed: **to showcase the youth and community**. There was also an expressed need to increase the number of local events and users while promoting local art and industry. Beginning in late 2021, Delta County began updating the Fairgrounds Master Plan to reflect completed projects, changes in Fairgrounds use, and new opportunities, while keeping with same mission, vision, and goals of the original Master Plan.

2022 Short-term goals:

- Improving infrastructure
- Adding additional access points to the site.

2022 Long-term goals:

- Becoming financially self-sufficient,
- Remodeling and adding buildings as needed
- Developing trails and other recreational opportunities

The 2022 Master Plan further develops the vision for the growth of the fairgrounds by examining what has been accomplished, the remaining needs of the fairgrounds, and how further development might be accomplished over the next several years by providing a conceptual design of the site.

While developing the 2022 Master Plan, community input from both in person meetings and an on-line survey identified numerous projects and potential events that we've identified as goals for the next 10 years. There are many opportunities for the Delta County Fairgrounds to reach these goals, including community education, farmers and art markets, and additional livestock shows. In order to increase community awareness of the Delta County Fairgrounds and events, the use of the web site, TV and radio ads, print ads, social media, and additional tourism marketing efforts will help us to reach people within the region. To assist in these efforts there are a number of organizations that can financially support improvements to the fairgrounds, which include Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the Historic Fund, and the Lions Club.

## 2022 Master Plan Process

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A Master Plan is a sensible way to prepare for the future that includes community input, staff and shareholder involvement, and management contributions. Planning rationalizes expenditures of public funds for infrastructure such as roads, schools, libraries and parks. Planning enables communities to adapt to ever changing needs and fosters cooperation between different communities, municipalities, and government entities.

This Master Plan will serve many purposes including:

- A guide for the Fairgrounds future.
- A reference document.
- A summary of local actions.
- A source of information.
- Community driven.

The Fairgrounds Master Plan is a long-range plan intended to direct the growth and physical development of the Delta County Fairgrounds through 2032. The development of the plan assesses what the Fairgrounds currently offers in terms of amenities and infrastructure, as well as what changes could and should be implemented. The plan will serve as the basis for future development recommendations, and is the Fairgrounds' official statement of policies regarding desirable future physical development. The plan is intended to be comprehensive in scope, general in nature, and long range in perspective.

### **Planning Process**

A series of three public meetings, in addition to an online community survey were held to engage residents and communities on their vision for the Fairgrounds. Public meetings were held on December 8, 2021 in Heritage Hall at the Delta County Fairgrounds, on January 12, 2022 in the Delta County Administration Building, and on January 27, 2022 at Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, in Cedaredge. 72 surveys were received, both online and handwritten.

Ideas for Fairgrounds use, infrastructure, and events have been consolidated and are presented in the Master Plan. Not all of the projects and events are feasible for the Fairgrounds, and Delta County; those that are will be given priority and will be added to the works plans for the Fairgrounds. Appendix B lists the summation of all of the comments received during the public meetings and survey. This Master Plan should be seen as a guide for future development through 2032.

### The County

Delta County is located in the west central part of Colorado and has a land area of 1,157 square miles. The County boasts a mild climate with warm, dry summers and moderate winters. The County has six population centers, Cedaredge, Crawford, Delta, Hotchkiss, Paonia and Orchard City. The County's population is 31,196.

The County is recognized for its unique and diverse ecology and a varied topography: flattop mesa and "adobe" badlands; river canyons; flat, irrigated farmlands and high mountain peaks. Elevations range from 4,750 in the Gunnison River Valley to 11,396 in the West Elk Mountains.

Early settlers in Delta County developed and improved the land in order to irrigate fields for produce, fruit and livestock ranching. Over the years, other farm products (sugar beets, barley, broccoli, poultry, vineyards, bison, llama, and elk) have been introduced. Today, the majority of privately owned land remains in some form of agricultural production. This has led to an agricultural diversity within the County and has allowed Delta County to be a major producer of agricultural products within the State.

The annual Delta County Fair celebrates the County's agricultural heritage and showcases the diversity and quality of the local produce and livestock.



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## Hotchkiss Overview

### Hotchkiss, CO

The Town of Hotchkiss is nestled along the North Fork of the Gunnison River in the North Fork Valley of Delta County and is "the friendliest Town around!" Hotchkiss has a population of around 1,000 residents residing in Town and approximately another 1,000 living in the areas immediately surrounding the Town. The mesas in this lush valley are recognized for their wide variety of fruit orchards, vineyards/wineries, and small farms. Within the Town limits is an eclectic variety of restaurants, and local businesses.

Hotchkiss is home of the Hotchkiss Sheep Camp Stock Dog Trials held every year over Mother's Day weekend in May. Delta County Fairgrounds, located in Hotchkiss, hosts the Delta County Fair every August and is home to the Hotchkiss Library's StoryWalk as well as a Disc Golf Course. Heritage Hall, a part of the Delta County Fairgrounds, is a major venue for large meetings, social get-togethers, and family gatherings. Hotchkiss Senior Center, located by the Hotchkiss Town Hall, offers meals to the local seniors as well as a variety of activities each week.



### Land Use and Surrounding Site

The Delta County Fairgrounds boasts over 50 acres and is bordered by private residences to the north and west, and the Gunnison River to the south. Delta County recently purchased property that borders the southeast corner of the Fairgrounds spanning both sides of the Gunnison River.

The north boundary of the Fairgrounds is defined by Park Drive with an entrance at the intersection of East Bridge Street and South 4th Street. This entrance to the Fairgrounds is marked by the Historic Arch which is wide enough to span two lanes of traffic. South 5<sup>th</sup> Street links the property to residential properties, but does not offer direct access to East Bridge Street. South 5<sup>th</sup> Street and South 4<sup>th</sup> Street connect creating a loop through the site.

Doc Maloney Way is a secondary access point off of Hwy 92 and 7<sup>th</sup> St.

### Utilities

The utility lines on site are generally located close to the structures. Updated utilities include gas, electric, phone, internet, and water and sewer lines. In addition, the Fairgrounds granted permission to the Town of Hotchkiss to place a high pressure water line along the north end of the site, near the new drainage line.

### Facilities

*Heritage Hall:* Heritage Hall is approximately 6,500 square feet and includes a heating and cooling system, and a moveable warm up kitchen. The hall also has restrooms and showers available during events. The building can accommodate weddings, large meetings, receptions, dances, and arts and craft fairs.



*Event Center:* The Event Center is a large covered outdoor arena measuring 150' x 200'. Small moveable bleachers are available that seat 400-450 people. The event center is designed to accommodate all types of equestrian events, livestock shows, and concerts. The Event Center was built in 2004 with grant funds from Great Outdoors Colorado.

*The Maloney House* offers space for smaller meetings and events, and can accommodate up to 20 people in one area and 10 in another. It has a full kitchen and plenty of parking.



## Site Inventory



*Outdoor Arena and Grandstand:* The outdoor uncovered arena measures 160' x 220' and is available for equestrian events including rodeos, team penning, roping, barrel races, etc. A sound system, announcer stand, and stage are available and a partially covered grandstand seats 2,000 people. Beneath the grandstand is a small concession stand and restrooms. In 2021 new dirt was added that is specifically designed for equestrian events. The County also purchased special equipment to condition the riding surface.

*Disc Golf:* This 18-hole short recreational course meanders around the trees on the backside of the Delta County Fairgrounds, and is well played throughout the year.



*Livestock Barn:* The livestock barn contains individual stalls and weighing stations for hogs, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, and other small animals.

*Entertainment Stage:* This stage was built locally by Welfelt Fabrication and was gifted to the Delta County Fairgrounds by Gunnison Energy Corporation.



*Parking Lots:* Several areas are available for parking. The main parking lot is located at the entrance to the fairgrounds. The general parking area surface is packed gravel and soil, with small humps to indicate parking rows/ wheel stops. Several paved accessible parking spaces are located on the south side of the main lot.

## Site Inventory

*Historic Entry Arch:* The archway at the main entrance to the site was erected in 1938, nineteen years after the founding of the Fairgrounds. It is a local landmark and an enduring monument to fairground and community history. The arch was recently restored to maintain the Fairgrounds' historic quality.



*Restroom and Shower Facilities:* A restroom and shower facility, located just south of the covered arena is available for use by event participants of the Fairgrounds.

*Fairgrounds Boat Ramp:* The 2021 completion of a boat ramp and shade structure provide safer access to the Gunnison River, which is located in the southeast corner of the Fairgrounds property.



### ***Mission: Showcase the Youth and the Community***

#### **Mission Statement**

The primary goal and mission for the Fairgrounds is to ***Showcase Youth and Community***. Delta County is a special place to its residents, and the Delta County Fairgrounds is a unique facility located in the heart of the county. Public input continues to indicate the importance of increasing the number of local events, broadening the demographic of fairgrounds users, and promoting local agriculture, art, and industry.

#### **2010 Goals**

Short term and long term goals were developed in 2010, which guided the county and community in establishing the project priorities, in order to accomplish the Fairgrounds' mission statement.

Short term: Improve the utility infrastructure and create opportunities for additional site access points.

Long term: Acquire more land, create opportunities for additional site access points, become financially self-sufficient, remodel existing structures and buildings, add buildings for future needs, and develop a river access plan.

#### **2010 – 2021 Priorities and Accomplishments**

During the development of the 2010 Master Plan, a number of priorities came to fruition including acquiring a large lot of land, gaining access the river to the south of the Fairgrounds, updating the utility and drainage infrastructure and adding a new restroom and shower facility to the south quadrant of the site.

Additional goals were then identified and prioritized that became projects for the Fairgrounds, and Delta County. Through the period 2010 -2021, many of the projects were completed. Those identified projects and resulting progress are listed as follows:

#### **Improved Site Access**

Doc Maloney Way with walking trail was developed to provide a new primary access to the Fairgrounds from Hwy. 92. The road easily accommodates larger trucks and trailers for livestock and events. The trail ties to existing and proposed trail systems in the Town of Hotchkiss and to the Fairgrounds.

#### **Relocation of the Baseball Fields**

Three new baseball fields, built by Hotchkiss Homeplate and the North Fork Pool, Park & Recreation District were completed in 2021. Alternative use (s) for the ballfields in the Fairgrounds is part of this 2022 Fairgrounds Master Plan.

## **Equestrian Upgrades**

Upgrades included a pull through horse trailer parking south of the covered arena. In 2021, new soil for the outdoor riding arena was placed to facilitate increased and safer equestrian events. A surface maintainer and water truck were purchased to condition the arena for optimal riding conditions.

## **Parking Improvements**

Additional gravel parking areas have been developed and maintained, including visitor, vendor and RV spaces.

## **River Access**

The Fairgrounds Boat Ramp was developed in 2021 in partnership with Western Colorado Conservation Center. The site has two launch ramps and a shade structure built by local craftsman.

## **Improved Camping Facilities**

While there have been general utilities and irrigation improvements, this remains in progress.

## **Pedestrian Bridge over the Gunnison River**

Miners Trail is a proposed 1.6-mile-long trail from the Fairgrounds to Miners Way by the North Fork Pool Park & Recreation District, The Nature Connection, and to North Fork High School. Delta County is acquiring lands and easements to develop the trail with the help of numerous partners.

## **Playground and Park Improvements**

A mobile stage was purchased in 2020 by Gunnison Energy, and gifted to Delta County. The stage has been heavily utilized in concerts, the Delta County Fair, and other community events at the Delta County Fairgrounds. Delta County is seeking grant assistance with new playground equipment, a new pavilion, and possible amphitheater.

## **Heritage Hall Upgrades**

Multiple Heritage Hall upgrades include new heating and air conditioning systems, flooring, tables, and chairs. The facility is increasingly utilized for large events such as the Delta County Livestock Association and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

## **Utilization of Open Space**

Delta County Fairgrounds hosts agricultural demonstration plots on the former Maloney property. There continues to be opportunities for agricultural education, community gardens, or heritage displays.

The 2022 Master Plan identifies similar goals in the 2010 Master Plan with some notable new ones; these include:

- Additional equestrian and livestock facilities
- Additional signage and marketing
- Enhanced recreational opportunities
- Additional events with camping
- Additional upgrades to Fairground's infrastructure
- Additional access to the Fairgrounds site

These goals are prioritized to become the projects for the Fairgrounds and Delta County; for the period of 2022 – 2032, or until the Master Plan is revised again, these projects will be budgeted and completed as funding and opportunities develop.

Based on this list, the following pages elaborate on the needs of the Fairgrounds.



This section addresses the needs of the Fairgrounds, based on the priority list. It also explores opportunities for future Fairgrounds' expansion. These priorities are represented graphically in the Masterplan drawing at the end of this section.

### **Additional Equestrian and Livestock Facilities**

The recently improved equestrian facilities are a great asset to the Fairgrounds, the town of Hotchkiss, and Delta County, however, the need for larger, updated facilities is still a concern. By adding to this already well-used space, the Fairgrounds will be able to attract activity to the area while hosting more equestrian related events.

- Build additional livestock stalls south of the covered event center.
- Renovate the livestock barn.
- Add horse stalls.
- Add horse warm up arena.
- Provide designated pull through parking for trucks with livestock trailers.
- Increase equestrian events to include team penning, cutting and reining, etc.
- Add wind and sun screen on west side of covered event center.
- Add additional goat, cattle, and other pens.

### **Additional Signage and Marketing**

To help increase visitors to the Delta Fairgrounds, it's critical to provide information and updates regarding events happening at the Fairgrounds via multiple modes of marketing such as newspapers, radio, social media and online local calendar of events. Furthermore, providing Fairgrounds event information "visually" in town will create and sustain top of mind awareness for the daily travelers along Hwy 92.

- Digital Marquee sing on east Hwy. 92 frontage road
- Poles for overhead banners north and east Hwy. 92 frontage road

### **Enhanced Recreational Opportunities**

Over 50 acres make up the Delta County Fairgrounds; there is ample space to increase recreational opportunities, as well as to enhance what already exists. The old ballfields, for example, are the perfect area to build tennis and pickleball courts. To offer a paved walking path throughout and around the Fairgrounds would allow multiple generations to exercise in a safe and beautiful environment, as will upgrading the existing disc golf course, horse shoe pits. The playground is an inviting feature of the existing Fairgrounds; the addition of updated equipment for a variety of ages will enhance the existing playground.

- Pickleball and Tennis Courts
- Paved walking trail around Fairgrounds
- Upgraded disc golf course
- Upgraded horse shoe pits and area
- Upgraded playground equipment and picnic tables

### **Additional Events and Camping Options**

The Fairgrounds currently is host to several community events throughout the year, including a summer 'Music at the Fairgrounds" series. An increase to that series would be an excellent way to expand the number of visitors, as well as adding wine and beer festivals, and arts shows in the park. Providing an EV charging station would also increase awareness of the Fairgrounds by individuals passing through Hotchkiss. Delta County Fairgrounds currently allows camping if associated with an event at the Fairgrounds such as the BMW Car Rally, or the Sheep Dog Trials.

- Increased music events
- Craft beer festival
- Upgraded electrical posts
- Addition of EV charging station

Delta County feels strongly against competing with local businesses that offer camping accommodations

### **Additional Upgrades to Fairgrounds Infrastructure**

With the addition of more community events comes the need to upgrade infrastructure in order to support the success of those events. Adding technology to existing spaces only enhances what we offer. The addition of a commercial kitchen would draw in multigenerational and varied interest groups.

- Sound and light system for mobile stage
- Commercial kitchen for public use
- Sound system and equipment storage for Heritage Hall

### **Additional Access to Fairgrounds Site**

Providing multiple points of access to the Fairgrounds is crucial to the expansion of use of the Fairgrounds.

- Open Hotchkiss Avenue for tertiary pedestrian and vehicle access

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## Additional Improvements Masterplan

### Masterplan

The Masterplan on the following page is a cohesive design plan for the goals and priorities mentioned in the previous sections. This drawing suggests what the final design might look like, while the listed priorities suggest in what order these improvements might take place. As mentioned before, this document is a **guide** to aid the future development of the Fairgrounds and may be subject to change.

The 'Priorities' and 'Additional Improvements' sections of this document discuss the features of this plan in detail.

## 2022 Growth Opportunities

A number of opportunities exist for the Delta County Fairgrounds to increase the number events and visitors it can accommodate. A sample of opportunities includes:

- Additional music events
- Additional livestock shows and events
- Farmers Market
- Art shows
- River recreation
- Educational events
- Local Ag showcase events
- Local beverage industry events
- Arts and Craft events for youth
- Trunk-or-Treat event for youth
- Pictures with Santa
- Food Truck Rodeo

Delta County's hope is that the Delta County Fairgrounds will become an economic driver. The new developments proposed in this document will help draw more visitors, however additional marketing strategies should be considered, such as:

- Create new standalone website for Delta County Fairgrounds; the county is currently the host.
- Advertisement on the local area radio stations to publicize Fairgrounds as well as ongoing events.
- Promote all events through Delta County Tourism calendar of events and in annual Visit Delta County Tourism Guide.
- Advertisements at related venues (for example, equestrian events can be advertised at animal feed stores or other training facilities in the region).
- Utilize social media and local print ads.
- Use other local calendar of events to help promote events.



### **Design Development**

It is important to note that as Delta County establishes an action plan, each element discussed in this document should undergo a design development process. This will ensure that the upgrades and additions fit well within their context and will enable the County to develop a business plan and budget. After the budget is determined, the County can develop a schedule based on the priority list.

### **Funding**

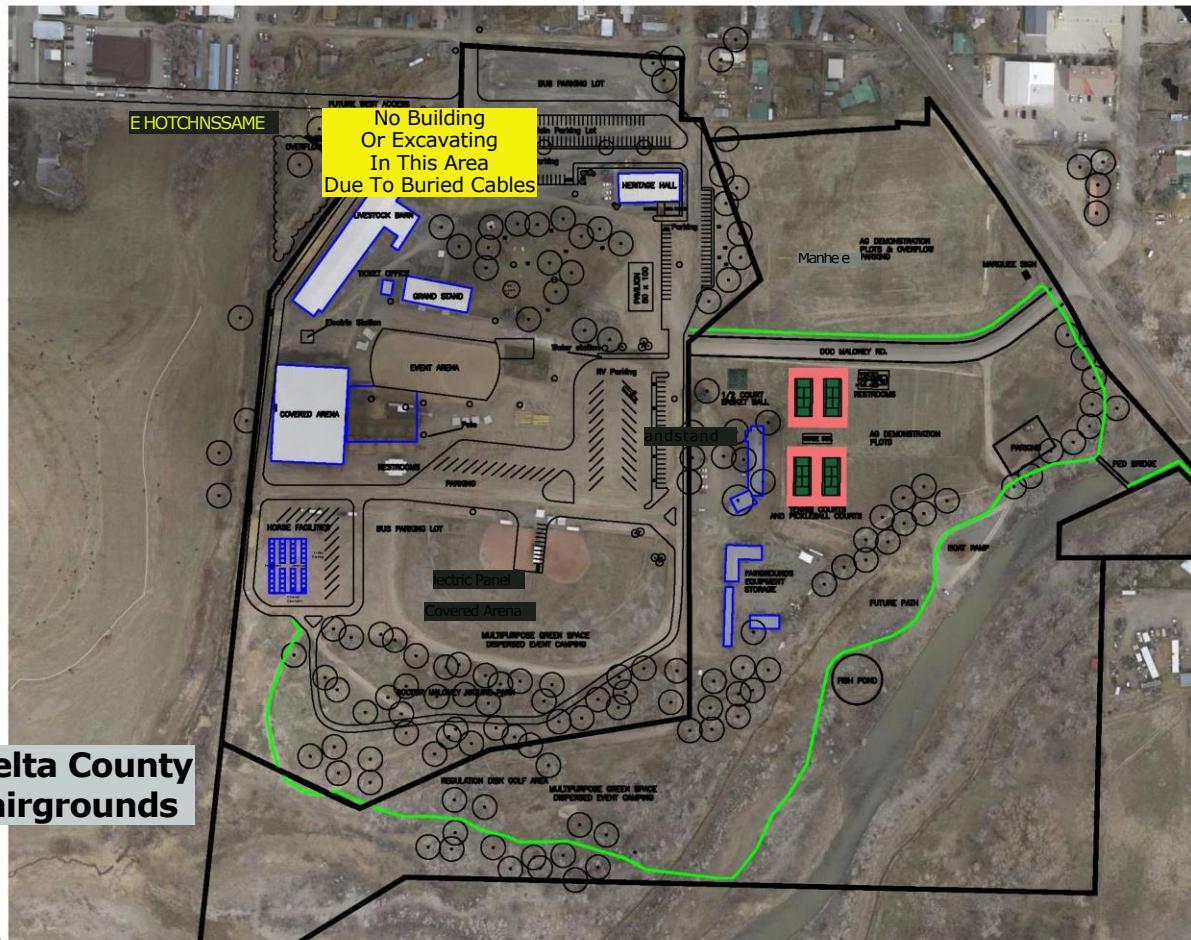
During the design development phase, Delta County will estimate the cost of the additions and determine a fundraising target. A number of sources to consider for fund raising purposes and the priorities to which they could apply are listed in the table on the following page.

### Delta County Fairgrounds Partners

- Great Colorado Outdoors (GOCO)
- Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)
- Gunnison Energy
- Western Colorado Commissioners Foundation
- Western Colorado Conservation Center
- Delta Correction Facility
- Lions Club
- Rotary Club
- Colorado Arts Council
- Colorado Historical Society
- Town of Hotchkiss
- Private donors
- In-kind contributions
- Estate Planning
- Other local area groups

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# Delta County Fairgrounds



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## HOTCHKISS FAIRGROUNDS 2022 MASTER PLAN

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## Appendix A: Community Survey Comments

### How do you currently use the Delta County Fairgrounds?

Music at the Fairgrounds

I ride my horses in the indoor arena during the winter months and during the summer we practice in the outside arena for royalty as my step daughter is 2021-2022 delta county fair and rodeo Princess.

County Fair

To ride horse and for the county fair.

Fair events/ 4H events / Maloney house

Attend Delta County Fair, attend Delta County Livestock Association events, rent Maloney House for family parties and meetings

What's to use - the bathroom? We don't go there.

I attend public events like commissioner meetings, the Fair, auctions, etc

I don't. I only use the adjacent river access area now and then.

Occasional picnic, or mtg place. Go to the fair

Occasionally attend auctions.

boat ramp for launching and take-out

Not really

Hotchkiss fire training, nf ems company picnic, public events at heritage hall, free camping for rv friends and family, frisbee golf, raft/kayak launching/take-out

Meetings in the park

I use it to attend events or small gatherings.

Rodeo

I do not use it.

Visit fair, spend time in park

Fair time, picnics. Horse events

I take my little one down to the park every once in a while. But the equipment there is poor and not toddler friendly.

sheepdog trials, picnics, car show, etc

seldom

I occasionally go to the fair. Especially if there is music I like. From time to time I will stop and let my dogs run around in the park area.

Occasional picnic. Short hike. Meeting location.

3-4 times a yeAr

Yes

Participate in the fair; picnics in park; attend other events

I don't.

We dropped our deer head for testing.

Heritage Hall for 2 COVID vaccination 2

Frisbee golf

Sparingly for events. Vaccine's, county fair and mutton busting in last ten years.

I don't.

River access, park space, county fair activities, horse shows

Open riding

Fair events, riding horses, family bull sale

Fair, Covid Vaccine, my bro in laws wedding what there, birthday parties.

Mostly, eating lunch with friends in the park area. Occasionally, attending meetings or functions at Heritage Hall and the Maloney House. Attending concerts in the park or horse pavilion. I attend the fair at least once during fair week.

We walk/play with our dogs there. I walk there too without our dogs.

We play Disc Golf and attend the county fair.

## What additional activities and events would you like to see at the Delta County Fairgrounds?

More community events.

I would like to see more barrel races and team penning events.

An event center, new Heritage Hall building, new goat, sheep, and pig barn, barn for the show cattle so they don't have to stay tied to their trailers all night.

More events year around. We're far behind Montrose and Mesa county.

Horse shows, western pleasure, ranch, cutting, reining.

Family friendly

Would like to see the facilities upgraded I order to better utilize the Fairgrounds

Tennis courts / basketball courts / skate park / hockey rink / baseball field / walking - bike paths / bike park / nature areas / permanent music pavillion / quality playground / night lighting for court features.

Classes, workshops, ballroom dancing classes, rented out for riding lessons

A dog park. Walking trail around the perimeter.

Demo derby, horse racing, tractor events, concerts, "pickin in the park type of events

Water activities. River walk

Frisbee golf course

Outdoor concerts & other performances, fairs, festivals

Walking/biking paths

A festival, concerts

Concerts, food truck Friday's, octoberfest, kids play days

Concerts, Improved Playground for Kids

Live music.

Concerts and other musical events

Rv parking and services , incliding electricity, sewage dump station like you used to provide!

I would like to see the playground area at The park bro. Currently there are no toddler friendly play areas in Hotchkiss. I think if there was a larger place space you would see the picnic area and storing walk participation increase.

There are also a few activities for kids who are not in school during the winter months. It would be fun to see the Heritage Hall turned into a pop-up indoor play place for even just a month when it is not being utilized for anything else. I'm sure the staffing of this as well as the liability of it might make it difficult, but it be really nice to see something in the community that brought people in from all over the county for kids not only during the winter break but also for young one. Some thing like the place and that is in the mall in Grand Junction I think could be really beneficial.

When I lived in Reno, they had an event called feed check Friday. Every Friday in one of the parks they had music and a whole bunch of food trucks. Well I know there's picking in the park in Paonia, I think it would be really fun to have an event down there even if it was just once a month during the summer that brought in music and the food trucks for the area, a place for community members to gather. And a chance to support the local small food truck businesses.

Pickin' in the Park and other music events

would love to see one of the covered arenas used as an ice skating rink in the winter

More live music and community events that bring the entire valley together. Possible an event bringing the local production of food and wine to the forefront.

A LOT more walking/biking opportunities/trail around the park grounds. A dog park like the one at Confluence Park. Community gardens. Memorial gardens. Casual day-use should be the focus...more of a town park mentality. The fairgrounds concept must go beyond the fair event and embrace multi-use for a diverse community.

Concerts

R v camping areas in summer

Would love to see Pickin Productions musical events.

Master Gardener programming. My son would love a playground. A farmers' market would be cool.

I enjoyed the Blue Grass Festival and the high sidewalk vendors that were organized for during the fair.

Music, concerts, food trucks, walking trails, covered picnic tables

River access, facilities to attract and host notable music events with recognized artists. A community center with gym.

Good quality music shows like what Pickin Productions does in Paonia and other towns.

Horse shows

Weekly rodeo, Summer rodeo series would work.

A community bathroom, drinking water. splash park, food trucks.

More Concerts. Car shows.

Camping back in a dog park, dogs love grass to run on, a walking trail all around the very edges of the boundary would be nice, with like the red fine gravel like at Confluence in Delta.....it wouldn't need to be very wide.

Music events, tennis courts, summer farmers market.

## If RV parking areas were to be expanded, where should they be located on the Fairgrounds' property?

In the area south of the arenas.

No where! It's not an rv park!

The property goes all the way to the river. Hook ups would be nice also and another way to earn money Year around by letting people camp.

The hay fields near the Mallony House.

I would like to see them down in the area the families camp for fair .

On the undeveloped ground near the river with designated camping spots including pay as you go electricity pedestals. Should be reserved for Livestock fair participants during fair week and rented on a short-term basis for a nominal fee the remainder of the year. The cost of housing has made private campgrounds in the area mostly unavailable for overnight camping.

Get rid of RV areas - poor use mix in a town park environment and competes with something that should be a private sector concern.

On the side away from the entrance

Should not be expanded.

toward the river

No rv expansion.

Near the river

Discreetly maybe in the trees or behind the arena

?

Back side of heritage hall

Towards rear of property

No.

Along the river, also east of the current grass area.

In the back where the old baseball fields are.

as far away as possible

Near the river but not on it as a park area and river walk for everyone would be great. Not near the playground and park area as that is public space

This feels like a leading question. Can't answer it without more information. Since no camping is allowed, what is RV parking for? If only for day-use, what is the current capacity? When and how are the spaces being used now?

Yes

Anywhere

No opinion

On more of the bare ground, not the green fields.

Not sure

Close to to water

as far out of sight as possible, and as far from the river as possible

In the trees to the south of the arenas. Would make shade for campers, create a 'campsite' look and might bring overnighters in other times other than fair

Please add tent camping spaces.

By the back restroom area where the old ball fields were located.

I think where they always have been.....I like the wildness of the back part as it is now

away from disc golf

## What other suggestions do you have, as Delta County updates the Delta County Fairgrounds Master Plan?

Pickleball is huge.

Keep the indoor and outdoor arena properly groomed/level. Also it would be nice to have the left side of the indoor arena sided with something to keep the winter wind from coming in. And it would be also great to have a large 60-80ft round pen for some of the people come down to train their young horses and get the frisky out of them before coming into the arena with other people riding.

Big Piney Wyoming is a VERY small town in Western Wyoming but they have a FANTASTIC fairgrounds. You might talk to their commissioners and see how they were able to build their fairgrounds.

If people can book the fairgrounds year round, for events, weddings etc, you would be able to make \$\$

stalls for horses would be amazing.

Please do not get rid of the " old " barn. I have been a goat superintendent for fair for 5 years and we are out of pens. Last year we had double up exhibitors in the goat pens to even make it through.

More goat pens would be fantastic please.

Install a commercial kitchen in Heritage Hall. Install a sound system adequate for the size of the building. These improvements would increase the use of the Hall greatly.

Add benches, picnic tables, gathering areas, covered pavillions, landscaping - especially trees, sculptures / statues, art features.

Environmental education, recycling drop off, small solar or wind installation for powering the fair grounds themselves

Add elements (e.g. walking trails, dog park) that would enable greater continuous, year-round use by the community, instead of mainly just being event-based. It is a public resource.

Hire several full time people to do grounds, hire a full time PR person (one with experience)

I'd love to see a performance art center.

Make use of it! It is a highly underused asset. The best things that ever happened there were Joe Cocker's concerts. They proved that 3000 people could come to Hotchkiss to see a first rate concert.

Don't commercialize it, keep it free and open to all community members

Connect with (and financially and administratively support) Pickin' Productions (Rob Miller of Paonia) to present high caliber concerts at the Fairgrounds. It would be a boon for Hotchkiss and Delta County.

Use local production companies to book talent that will attract more of the county and beyond.

Create a venue for high quality live music.

Go back to the fair events that used to be available. The current county fair is a joke and a pale shadow of what it used to be.

bike/walking paths around the park and down to the river.

We seem to forget that we should be using the fairgrounds year around, hence for the suggestion of an ice skating rink

Work with local people from the entire North Fork Valley that have experience in planning events. For example, Pickin' Productions is great at music series that draw a lot of people.

The Maloney House was expensive for the county to acquire and stands empty most of the time. It is highly underutilized. During the 2010 Master Plan development, many uses were suggested. Perhaps those — and many other suggestions — should be revisited.

RV dump station

A year round free dump station

Craft fair, concerts, entertainment

This valley is in desperate need of outdoor activities, healthy activities, walking trails, dog parks, more music concerts and food. The park would be a great way to expand the valley and help out the local workers. More people, more fun, more food = more money for the valley:)

Community center, river access, legitimate concert venue, yurts or cabin rentals.

Maintain and increase natural beauty/natural areas, improve picnic areas

Keep open riding available

The fairgrounds in Hotchkiss is a perfect spot. With a few improvements and user friendly facilities will keep people coming back and wanting to have their events there.

Be open minded.

Better ingress and egress. Perhaps an alternative to using the 4th and Bridge St. entrance.

I haven't read the master plan.....

The bathrooms need to be open 24/7