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Park County Land and Water Trust Fund Board
PO Box 1373
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Dear Board Members:

Thank you for allowing me time on your agenda to bring you the final report on the land purchase for the Fairplay Beach/River Area.

In January of this year, the Land and Water Trust Fund Board recommended approval of a \$175,000 grant to help the Town purchase the last piece of privately owned land on the Middle Fork of the South Platte from the bridge at Hwy. 285 to the northern town limits. I am excited to announce that the Town closed on the land on Wednesday, July 28, 2016! This would not have been possible without your support and funding. While nothing in the funding picture changed since we made our original application, I do want to point out that when we had the official survey work done and went through the subdivision process, the original parcel size of 15 acres increased to 17.14 acres for the parcel that Land and Water Trust Fund helped purchase. The final subdivision plat is attached for your information. The parcel to be kept for open space is highlighted in yellow.

Here is the funding breakdown:

Purchase price:	\$450,000 – (All Tracts)
Land and Water Trust Fund/Park County Grant:	\$175,000 – (\$175,000 for Tract 1)
Town of Fairplay share:	\$275,000 – (\$50,000 for Tract 1)

The Town also funded all survey and attorney fees.

The Town views this property as an integral piece to own for the future recreation and open space needs of Fairplay. Our plan is to create trails, open space and picnic/fishing areas along the river. Our future planning also includes working with our partners to plan necessary stream and riparian habitat treatments based on the work that was accomplished upstream in 2006. I understand that Park County and the Land and Water Trust Fund Board have been partners in developing the Fairplay Beach area and that the hope of controlling the entire river section as it runs through Fairplay has long been discussed. This was the last step in fulfilling that dream and being able to offer a tremendous public benefit to

visitors, locals, and business owners as we search for ways to draw people to our beautiful area (and keep them here just a little longer!).

Thank you again for your support of this purchase and the overall river corridor project. The Town will be entering the planning phase in 2017, with hopes to begin development in 2018.

On behalf of the Mayor and Board of Trustees,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tina Darrah".

Tina Darrah
Town Administrator

cc: Mayor and Board of Trustees