“connect people to the land and offer our communities exceptional opportunities for recreation and renewal that inspire a deep sense of regional identity and stewardship.”

- Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails - Vision and Mission (2014)
23 Open Space and Trails properties, 46 miles of public trails on 6,458 total acres.

Open Space acquisitions since late 1990s funded by voter approved General Obligation Bonds.

18 Parks and Recreation Facilities throughout the county.

Maintained by both volunteers and county staff.

Volunteer committee “COLTPAC” advises on operation and strategy.
Santa Fe River Greenway

• 254.6 acres. Planning, development, operation together with City of Santa Fe.
• Easy biking, walking, jogging. Mostly hard surface trails. Parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities. Great for family outings.
• El Camino Real Park, San Isidro Park, Romero Park
• PLANNED: “Gap” acquisitions
• PLANNED: Romero Park development
• PLANNED: Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail to Rio Grande

Santa Fe Rail Trail

• 12 mile, Santa Fe Southern - ”Rails-to-Trails”
• Easy biking, walking, jogging. Soft, packed surface. Commuter friendly - Eldorado, Downtown, SFCC
• Improved, packed surface now to Avenida Eldorado
• PLANNED: Improved packed surface all the way to Lamy
More Highlights ...

**Arroyo Hondo Open Space**
- 40 Acres, 3 miles of trails
- Wetlands
- Easy to Moderate mountain biking, hiking. Great variety of native succulents.
- Historic Dam and Arroyo Hondo Ancestral Pueblo

**Cerrillos Hills State Park**
- 1098 acres, 6 miles of trails
- Historic mining, visitors center and interpretive sites
- Moderate to difficult mountain biking, hiking, horse back riding.
- Managed by NM State Parks

Photo courtesy of NM State Parks
More Highlights ...

**Edgewood Open Space**
- Covered equestrian arena
- 29.8 Acres, 3 miles of trails

**Ortiz Mountain Open Space**
- 1350 acres, 6 miles of trails
- Placer Peak – highest peak in Ortiz Mountains. Ruins of historic gold mining settlement, remediated mines.
- **PLANNED**: Resume limited public tours in Spring of 2017.
- **PLANNED**: Solve access issues that currently limit visitation.
How to find out more ...

- New interactive trails map
- Shows all trails in Santa Fe County, along with elevation profiles and search by activities features – Hiking, biking, horseback riding, etc.
- Search web for: “Santa Fe County Interactive Trails Map”

Map created by the Santa Fe County Geographic Information System Division
Is County open space important to you?

- Positive impact on...
  - Economic development and tourism.
  - Health and well being
  - Property values and “nice place to live” factor

- Community and youth involvement ...
  - Volunteer trail maintenance, stewards
  - Youth development programs

- Preserve for future generations ...
  - Open space
  - Cultural heritage sites
Santa Fe Open Space and Parks

What is left to do?
Currently, the County is only able to provide public access and actively manage less than half of the 23 open space properties.

Focus has shifted from property acquisition to organization and planning with goal of providing more public access, while protecting the cultural and environment resources.

**IN PROCESS:** New Open Space and Parks Master Plan. Document will outline future needs and strategy and provide framework for priorities and funding. Target completion and adoption by end of 2016.

**IN PROCESS:** 7 Properties are currently under study with goal of delivering detailed plans to guide resource protection and public access.
IN PROCESS: Extensive planning and design project to culminate this year with anticipated project to begin providing public access in 2017.

LONG TERM GOAL: Multi use access. Protection of cultural resources. Highlight Galisteo Basin history and heritage.

• 1904 acres in Galisteo Basin with significant cultural resources.

• Largest Open Space in size and purchase value

• NM Central rail bed as possible trail connector north to Santa Fe, South to Moriarty

• Adjacent BLM land
Multi phased development project started. Phase I completed in Spring of 2016.

Community Park in population and growth center of Santa Fe County.

**LONG TERM GOAL:** Fund additional construction phases particularly focused on sports fields. Large funding barriers exist. Will need continued public support to move forward.
What can you do?

- Share your ideas on Open Spaces and Parks
  - Participate in upcoming planning groups
  - Contact Maria Lohmann – SF County Open Space and Parks Planner
- Work on trails
  - Contact Carol Branch – SF County Volunteer Coordinator
- Voice your support
  - Let your family, friends and neighbors know about the great Open Spaces and Parks in the County and encourage them to get involved.

Get Out and Get Moving!
- Use these great resources. They belong to you!