



# SANTA FE COUNTY

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## OPEN SPACE & TRAILS

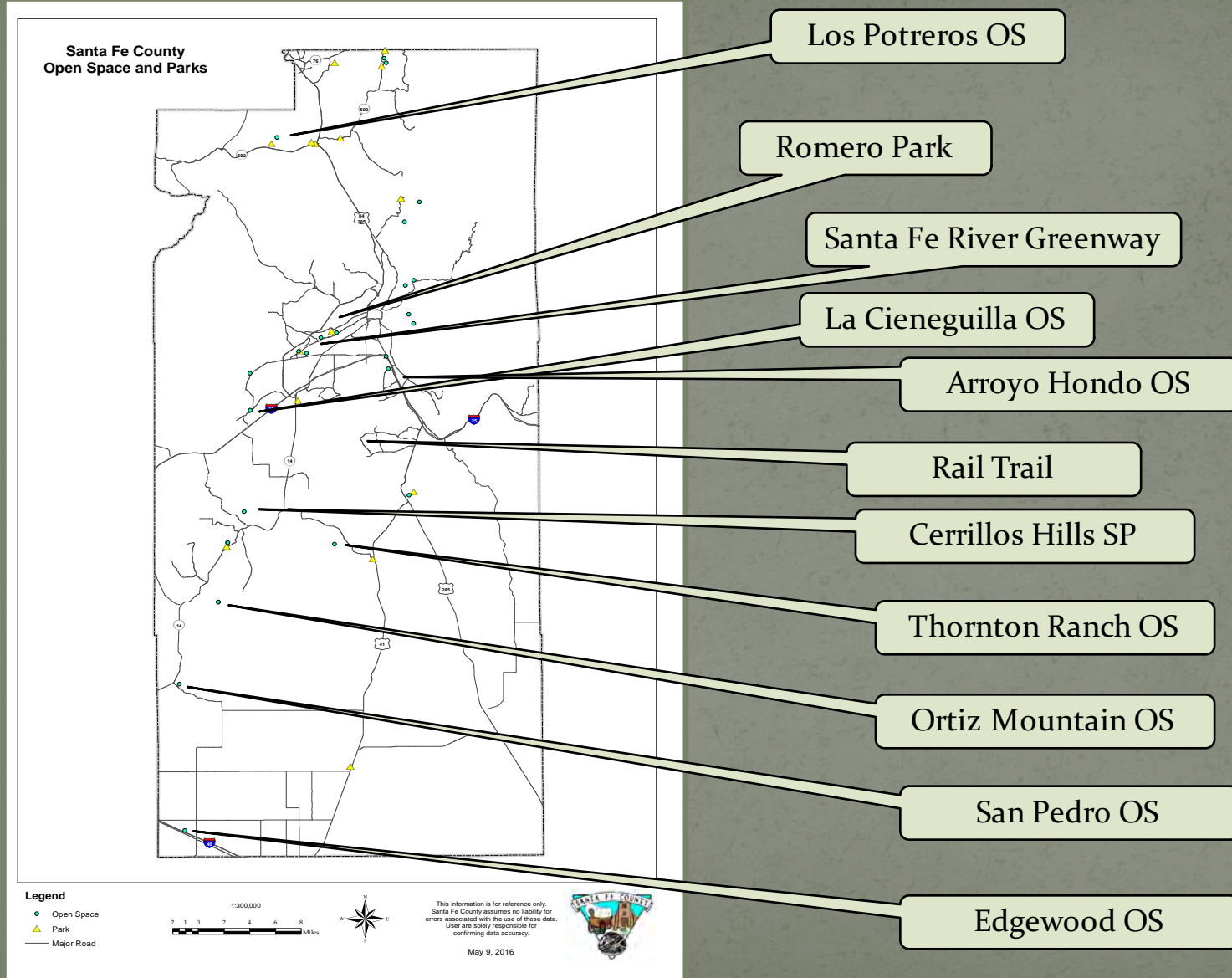
“connect people to the land and offer our communities exceptional opportunities for recreation and renewal that inspire a deep sense of regional identity and stewardship.”

*- Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails - Vision and Mission(2014)*

# Did you know?

- 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

# Open Spaces and Parks across Santa Fe County



# Highlights ...



## 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



Photo courtesy of NM State Parks

## 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

# More Highlights ...



## 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.

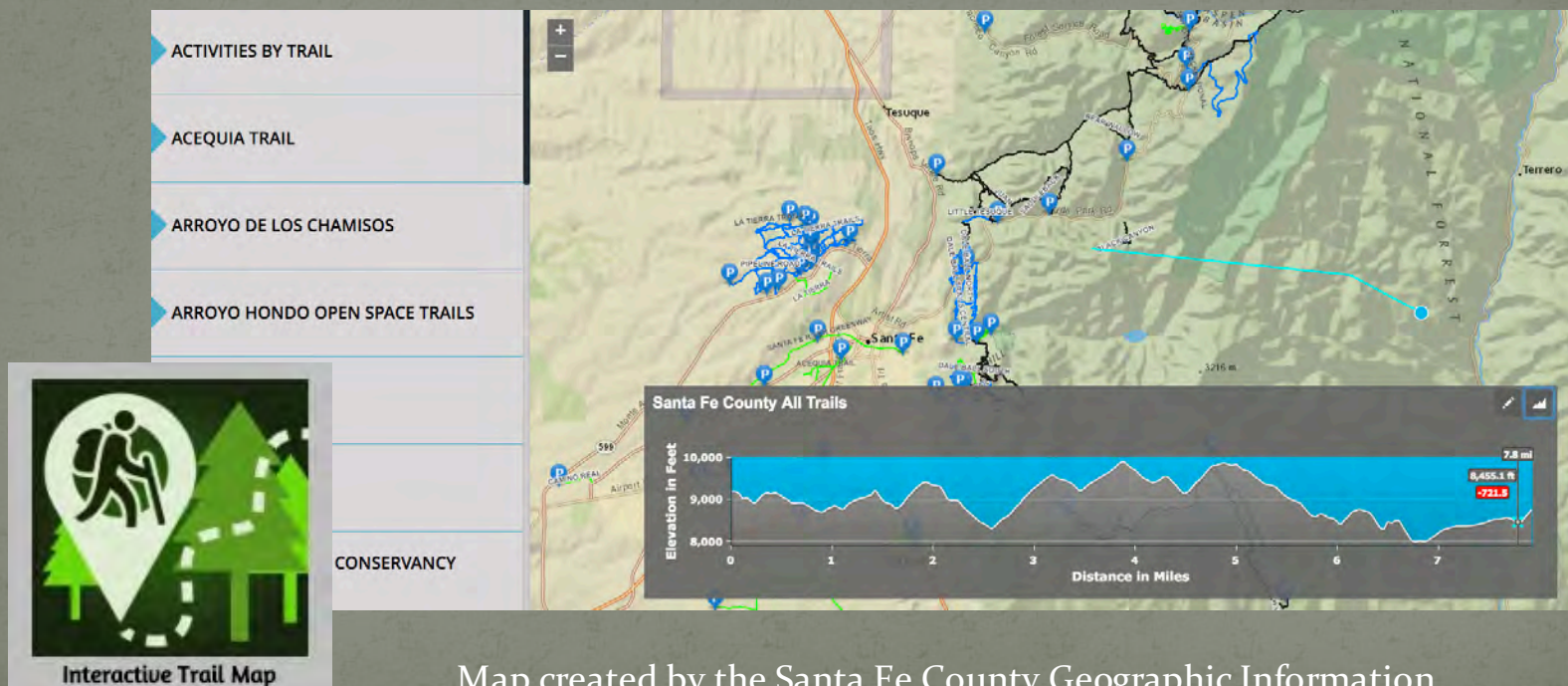
## Edgewood Open Space

- Covered equestrian arena
- 29.8 Acres, 3 miles of trails



# 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?

# Planning for the future!

- 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.

# Thornton Ranch



- 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
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- **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.

# Romero Park (formerly Aqua Fria Park)



- 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!