

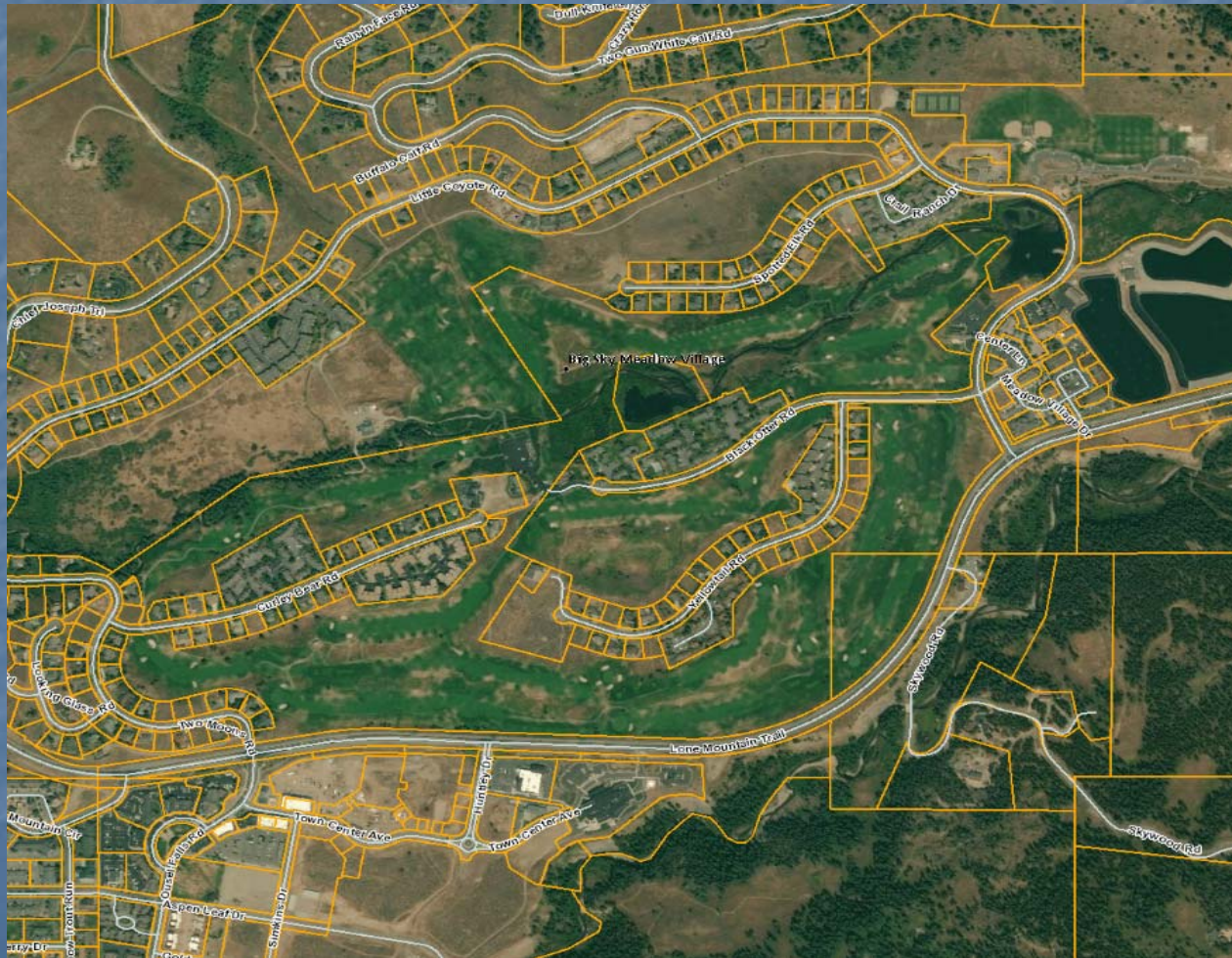
Big Sky Owners Association Ponds and Fisheries Restoration



Background

- 1970 - Little Coyote and Silverbow ponds were likely built by Chet Huntley as sediment retention ponds; both constructed on-stream.
- 1992 – Boyne gifts BSOA open space and ponds.
- Shortly after, as a joint effort between Boyne and BSOA, the ponds were dredged and restored.
- Years later, ponds have gradually refilled with sediment.
- 2005: Government agencies no longer permit dredging in free-flowing waterways, i.e. West Fork of the West Gallatin.
- 2015 - BSOA and Big Sky Water Sewer District collaborate to refurbish Little Coyote pond.
- 2018 – The Ponds Project was put on hold.

Meadow Village Aerial



Little Coyote Pond

Used by the Community for recreation and fishing.



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Little Coyote Pond and the West Fork Today



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Silverbow Pond Today



West Fork at Silverbow Pond



Project Goals and Benefits

■ Project Goals:

- Restore both recreational ponds:
 - Take ponds off stream
 - Reconstruct stream
 - Dredge ponds
 - Landscape areas around the ponds and stream
 - Enhance ponds access
 - Enhance ponds fisheries
 - Create beaches, docks and sitting/picnic areas
- Restore the West Fork fisheries

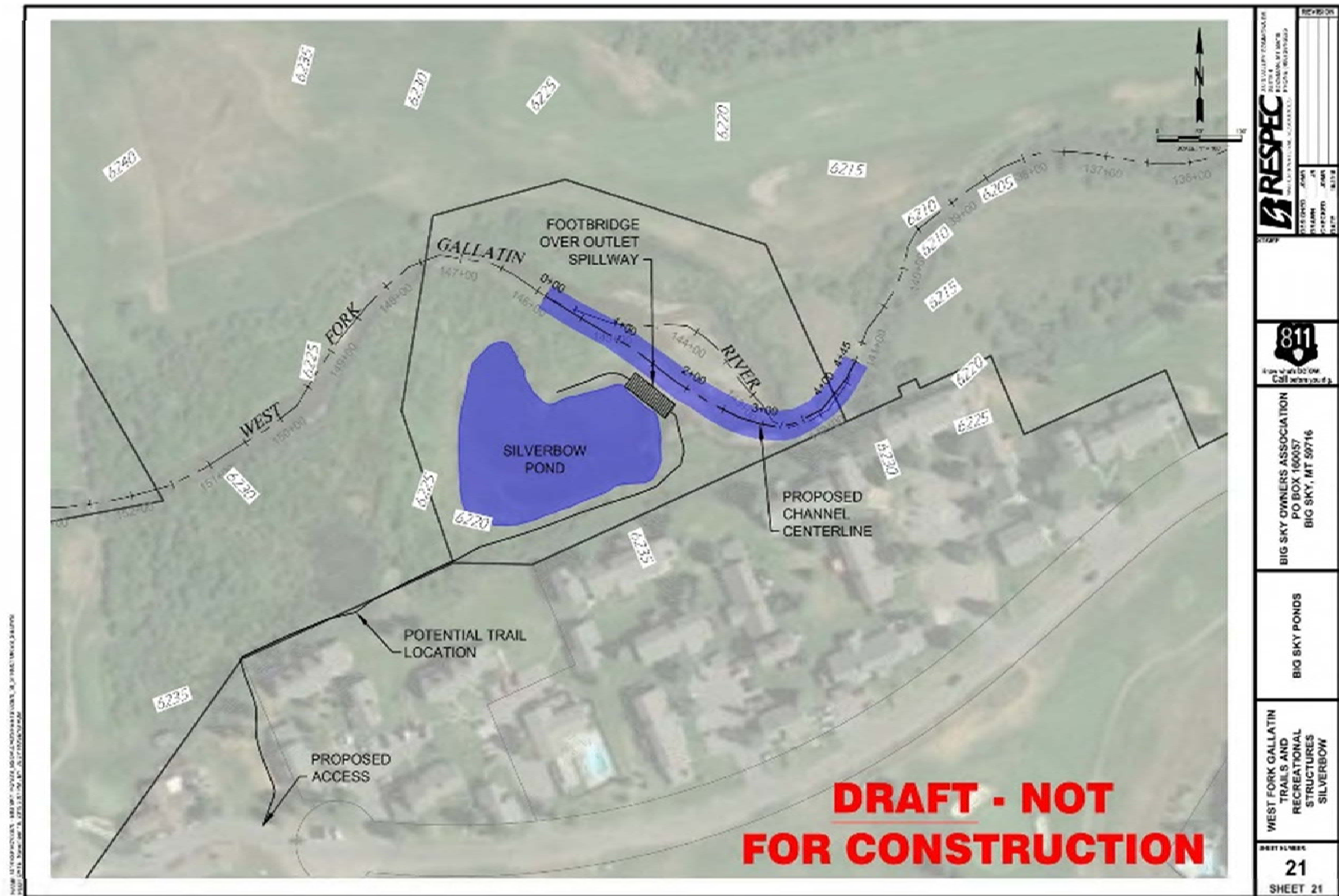
■ Regional Benefits:

- BSOA enhances connectivity between the West Fork and the Gallatin River by eliminating existing fish barriers

Design for Little Coyote Pond



Design for Silverbow Pond



Project Plan for Ponds

- BSOA works with BSWSD to convey a small portion of BSWSD water rights for fisheries in Little Coyote pond.
- BSOA secures a water source for Silverbow pond by filing for a water right on groundwater springs entering into Silverbow pond.
- BSOA applies for Government Agency permits.
- BSOA applies for funding assistance through grants and prepare a Big Sky Resort Tax application.
- BSOA to work with the regional FWP to reintroduce resident trout into Little Coyote pond.
- BSOA and BSCO forms a Bridge Group to coordinate a combination vehicular, bike and pedestrian bridge replacement on Little Coyote Rd.
- BSOA postpones project due to the TIGER grant awarding funds for a pedestrian bridge only.

Little Coyote Pond in the Future

