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ELF works to improve safety from one end of Evergreen to the other



ELF board members view the shoulder area along Meadow Drive that will soon have a sidewalk extending to the Hiwan History Museum.

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FEATURE OF THE MONTH

A lot of folks in Evergreen don't know about the Evergreen Legacy Fund – ELF – but certainly benefit from its hard work. ELF is making Evergreen a safer place to live.

In a nutshell, because Evergreen is unincorporated, it is considered rural; therefore, Jefferson County is not required to fund infrastructure such as crosswalks, sidewalks, or shoulders. That's where ELF steps in and works with Jeffco, CDOT, Evergreen Parks and Recreation (EPRD), and other governmental agencies to see projects completed — much like the role of a Town Manager in an Incorporated town.

ELF raises funds from voluntary contributions from customers of participating ELF member businesses, based on 1% of sales — an idea borrowed from Crested Butte where 1%

is collected to protect open space. Of course, individuals and businesses can also make donations and bequests. When ELF requests projects be addressed, it comes with funds to back them, resulting in governmental entities becoming enthusiastic partners.

In 2012 Evergreen downtown business owners and community leaders, Dean Dalvit, Gail Riley, Richard Touissant, Bob Cardwell, Kathleen Davis, and Rachel Emmer formed what eventually became the Evergreen Legacy Fund, to improve the historic area of Evergreen. Over the years, the scope of the organization expanded to include all five activity centers across Evergreen. In 2020, Jeffco County Commissioners endorsed

formation of the Evergreen Local Improvement District (ELID), enabling Jefferson County to make important public safety improvements on county roadways across Evergreen, funded by ELF funds. ELF seeks grants providing seed money, leveraging every contributed dollar tenfold.

During a two-year process of intensive community engagement, 45 priority projects were selectively reduced to 17 improvements in Jeffco rights-of-way to increase safety in our community.

Projects like the crosswalks and sidewalks near Wilmot Elementary School have taken five or more years to come to fruition. ELF has learned to be patient. Project timing and scope is at the discretion of Jeffco. Delays can occur through the bid process, and occasionally projects may be scaled-down to keep costs down.

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Under the professional leadership of Dean Dalvit, ELF has developed a strong working relationship with Jeffco and other partners. “Maintaining relationships with government partners and our elected officials is hard work,” Dean explains, “because they change so frequently. We have to be relentless in keeping in close contact with new people and educating them on the history of ELF or else we can quickly lose all of the momentum and credibility we’ve created over the years.”

ELF’s funds have kick-started several projects that would have been delayed or never addressed. For instance, this past summer, the crosswalk across Buffalo Park Road from Greenwood to Hatch Drive was relocated with signalized light and curbs to slow traffic and



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Crosswalks and ADA-accessible 4-way stops in Bergen Park.

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keep drivers in their lanes, along with an added sidewalk along Hatch to Wilmot with ADA ramps for students to safely arrive at school.

When erosion under the Evergreen North Lake Trail caused it to be closed, the ELF board encouraged EPRD to take the lead on a multi-jurisdictional project, donated renderings as well as \$50,000 to the extensive undertaking.

The organization provided \$30,000 in matching funds and assisted with project coordination for creation of the 200-ft. pedestrian bridge connecting the lake trial to Downtown.

ELF Funds supported the Bear Creek Children's Mural under the bridge from the lake to downtown, creating a legacy through the art project. ELF contributed \$5,000 to the Leadership Evergreen mural on the CenturyLink building downtown, which turned an eye-sore into an admired work of art by local artists Chris and Will Krieg. In 2022 Evergreen High School students designed and delivered on the murals on two sides of Evergreen Metro Building, making this once utilitarian structure add beauty to our community. When EHS was in need of support, ELF kicked in \$5,000 for the acquisition of new bleachers.

ELF participated in installation of water fountain in downtown and contributed to the downtown flood relief in 2013, acquired two defibrillators for downtown businesses to use in emergencies, and worked with CDOT to have curb-to-curb paving of Main Street, including parking spaces.

Installation of the signalized crosswalk from RTD lot allows folks to have access to the shops at Bergen Marketplace, and Center for the Arts Evergreen. ADA-accessible 4-way stops at the Marketplace at Bergen Park allow not only wheelchairs but strollers to pass safely between the two shopping and residential areas. The crosswalk across Hwy. 74 at Christ the King Church allows neighbors to safely cross from the Meadow Drive community to the walkway leading to Evergreen Lake and north toward Elk Meadow.

At the end of downtown, ELF created the Riverwalk, added signage and striping making Independence Trail one-way and created a pedestrian shoulder, increasing convenience and safety, and adding six additional free parking spaces.

Board Member Eric Gill says, "It's exciting to have accomplished so much in such a short time. With each completed project, our enthusiasm only grows, knowing we can look forward to accomplishing remaining projects as well."

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forward to completing projects including the widening of Highway 73 with paved shoulders, beginning in May, making it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. A small number of additional parking spaces will also be added.

In 2026, the widening of Meadow Drive will allow for an asphalt pathway so that residents can travel safely along the roadway. At the same time, paving of shoulders on Iris from Elks Lodge to Evergreen Christian Church and Fireweed to Center/Stage for pedestrian safety in shared parking lots for church, choir, and theater activities.

Replacing the Little Cub Creek Road bridge with a turn lane will improve sight distance and pedestrian/bike safety. A sidewalk from Highway 73 at Buffalo Park Road to Highway 74 downtown currently planned with federal funding. Sidewalks on Buffalo Park Road at Highway 73 to S. Hatch Road and between Buffalo Park Road to Camel Heights Rd. along Highway 73 will allow pedestrians to travel safely from Wilmot Elementary and Evergreen High School to the Library, and with other projects, into downtown.

The Forest Hill Bridge will be replaced with a guardrail and pedestrian handrail.

There will be a Buffalo Park crossing at EHS so sprinting will no longer be a requirement of students. And finally, a sidewalk along S. Olive Road by EHS can help neighbors and students get to the Wulf Recreation Center and the High School.

Long-time supporter (and a founding board member of ELF) Gail Riley says, "I know the power and the value for Evergreen with the funds we contribute. We have made an impact most certainly in lieu of being incorporated."

Riley has been instrumental in the beautification projects such as the mural by elementary school students under the connector bridge downtown and the murals on two sides of the Evergreen Metro Building at the foot of the dam as well as the addition of a natural stone park bench below one of the murals and another along Bear Creek.

ELF is grateful to the numerous local businesses and individuals who have stepped up to support their goal of raising funds for future projects. Recently, Frank Compagnino, owner of Ponderosa Carwash suggested he place a banner, and stickers at the pay stations, to bring focus on ELF. He generously is donating 1% each month rather than adding on 1%. Asked why he is so enthusiastically supporting ELF he replied, "It's a great idea – why not?!"

With all the supporting information and documentation, and seeing what has happened, it makes it legitimate."



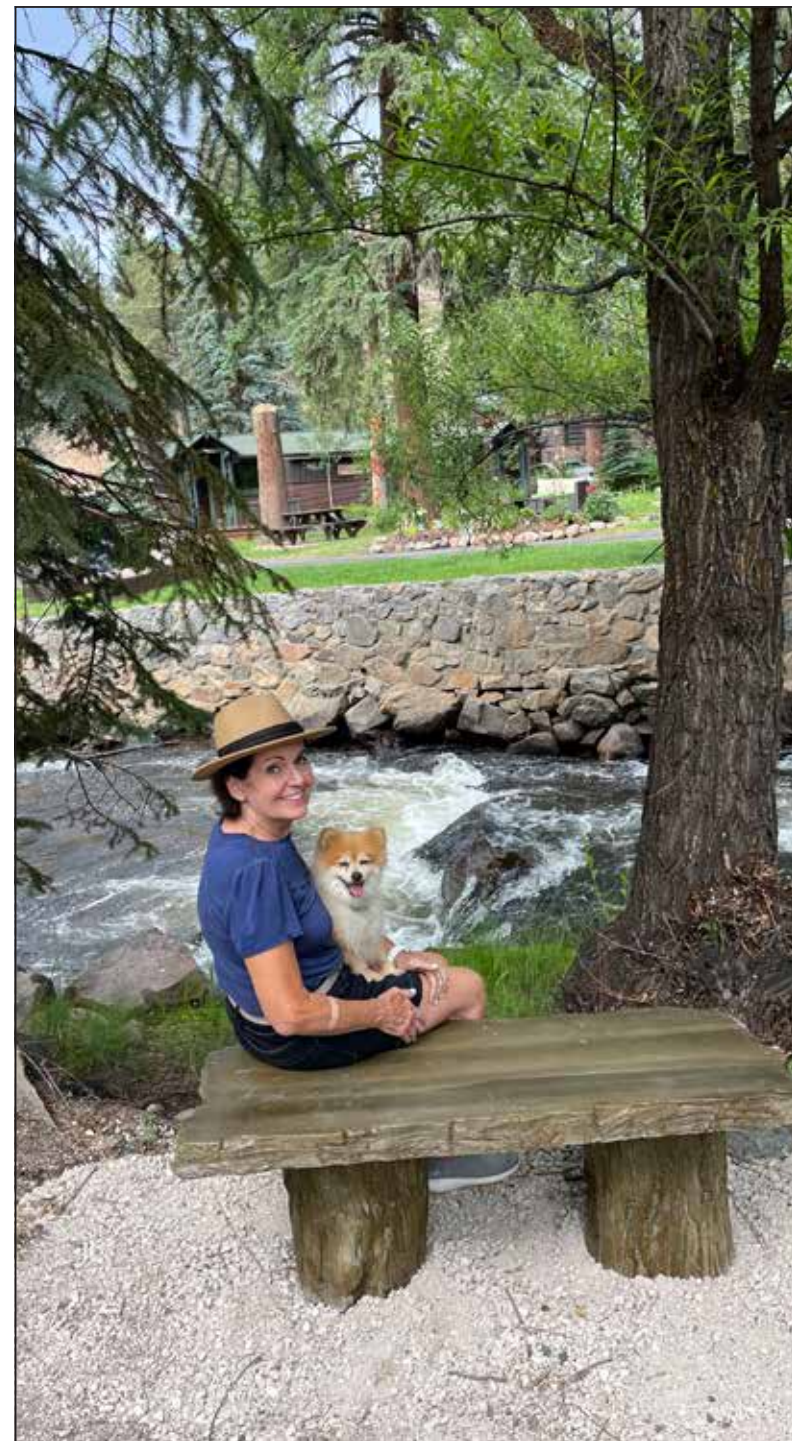
The new and improved Evergreen Lake North Trail.

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Extensive improvements to safety afforded by sidewalks and crosswalks near Wilmot Elementary.

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Gail Riley shows off stone bench along Bear Creek made possible by ELF.

Photo by Tom Statzell



Frank Compagnino, owner of the carwashes at Ponderosa and Hilltop, not only donates 1% of his earnings but also publicizes ELF with banners and stickers.

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