**Appendix H**

**Description of Denver Audubon**

**Mission**: Inspiring actions that protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, conservation, and research.

**Area Served:** The Denver Metro Region

**About Denver Audubon:** Although Denver Audubon has evolved since we were founded in 1969, we remain committed to the conservation of birds, other wildlife, and habitats, and connecting our Denver metro community to nature. Denver Audubon is an independent chapter of the National Audubon Society. The “independent” means that the national organization provides only a small fraction of our funding and that we direct our mission and initiatives. This allows us to focus on local issues that matter to you, right in your backyard. We educate so people may better advocate for birds and nature, we develop conservation strategies so our community may better protect our environment, and we support research of Colorado wildlife through our grant program so scientists may better understand the effects of human activity.

**Partnership Opportunities at Quincy Farm**

**Office Space**: Denver Audubon’s office lease at Chatfield State Park will end in June 2024. We have been searching for opportunities for a more centralized office space in the metro region. A partnership with the Cherry Hills Land Preserve at Quincy Farm offers our organization a location at the Main House.

**Meeting Space**: Our staff, board, and volunteers need larger rooms for meetings, such as the board meetings and committee meetings. The main house has two rooms that would be optimal for meetings.

**Indoor Program Space:** The living room on the first floor in the main house is also an ideal size for indoor programs for adults and children. We could add a audio and video system for presentations.

**Outdoor Program Space**: Quincy Farm offers a variety of options for nature programming on the grounds, mainly on the west side of the property, including the Highline Canal and the pond. Formal demonstration gardens for native plants, open lawn for children’s groups, and the meadows to the west provide more natural habitats for exploration and conversion to native habitats.

**Denver Audubon Programs**: Quincy Farm provides an opportunity for a variety of programs for children, adults, and families. Currently, Denver Audubon will continue to maintain and offer programs at the Audubon Nature Center at Chatfield. Quincy Farm provides a more central alternative location for some of these programs.

* **Audubon Master Birder Program**: This one-year adult program is an intense class on birding. It consists of twenty-five classroom sessions and twenty-five field trips. Students must complete a variety of projects, homework, and other requirements to receive a certificate. The meeting space at Quincy Farm would be an excellent location for the classroom sessions, and the outdoor areas, including the pond and Highline Canal, offers opportunities for birding.
* **Audubon Naturalist Training**: We offer several classes of our popular naturalist training throughout the year. Currently, we offer a year-long program, a nine week session, and a condensed training in June. This program meets at out nature center at Chatfield, but we could incorporate the classroom and grounds at Quincy Farm for a portion of the program.
* **School Programs**: The Audubon Nature Center at Chatfield is far for schools in the northern metro region. Quincy Farm can be an alternate location for school programs, which could incorporate a variety of ecological lessons using the meadows, the cancel, and the pond. High school students could learn more advanced conservation topics and create projects for the site. All schools would use the indoor space for classroom portions of the lessons.
* **Family Public Programs**: Denver Audubon can offer family nature programs, including homeschool programs, at Quincy Farm. Many of these programs focus on birds, pond exploration, insect study, and native flowers. We could also have family adventure hikes along the highline canal.
* **Adult Public Programs**: We offer a variety of adult series, including the Conservation in Colorado series and Birding Insights. Quincy Farms would be an ideal location for some of these programs since we would have a classroom for presentations of concepts, and outdoor spaces to enhance those concepts, such as birding, native plants, and demonstration gardens.