



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 10/25/16
SUBJECT: Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Protect Initiative Grant Application
FROM: Marc Pedrucci and Nathan Mosley
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks & Open Space
HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON: 10/18/16
AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of County Commissioners Approves submittal of a GOCO Protect Initiative grant application requesting \$3 million for the Willow Bay open space acquisition.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks & Open Space Department (POSD) is requesting BoCC approval to submit a GOCO Protect Initiative grant application for the Willow Bay open space acquisition. The POSD submitted a “concept paper” to GOCO in August 2016 to request \$3 million from the new Protect Initiative program to help the County acquire the 174-acre Willow Bay property, which is estimated to have an appraised value of approximately \$10 million. The Willow Bay property acquisition has been identified in various County Open Space Master Plans since the 1990’s. It contains a 100-acre former gravel pit lake and 74 acres of land, mostly on the east and south sides of the lake.

The GOCO Protect Initiative is a new 5-year funding initiative that may have up to \$47 million available over the next 5 years. The Protect Initiative was created to fund once-in-a-lifetime conservation projects that are unquestionably of statewide significance and have a significant size and/or price tag, add to other adjacent conserved lands, and are accessible to large and diverse populations. After review of the concept paper that summarizes the project, GOCO has invited Adams County to submit a full grant application for the Protect Initiative requesting \$3 million for the Willow Bay open space acquisition.

The POSD, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), is hoping to acquire the Willow Bay property sometime in 2017. TPL has a signed Option Agreement in place with the landowners for acquisition of the property based on an appraisal that is currently underway. We have already secured an award of nearly \$3.7 million of Natural Resource Damage (NRD) Funds

for this project from the settlement for contamination at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. An ADCO Open Space Grant for \$3,000,000 is currently being recommended for full funding by the Open Space Advisory Board to the BoCC for this project as well. Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) is also contributing \$100,000 to the property acquisition.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

ADCO Parks & Open Space, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), The Trust for Public Land, landowner (Carlson family), County Attorney's Office, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD)

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Draft Grant Application

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please check if there is no fiscal impact ☐. If there is fiscal impact, please fully complete the section below.

Fund: 27**Cost Center: 6107**

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Revenue:			
Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget:			
Total Revenues:			

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:			
Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:			
Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Total Expenditures:			

New FTEs requested: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Future Amendment Needed: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Source of Funds	Grant Request	Cash Contribution	Total Funding	Brief Description
State of CO/NRD	\$3,685,900		\$3,658,900	NRD Recovery Fund award
ADCO Open Space Grant	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	OSAB recommendation
GOCO Protect Initiative	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	Awards announced 12/8/16
UDFCD		\$100,000	\$100,000	Floodplain Preservation \$
O.S. Projects (Fund 27)		\$214,100	\$214,100	30% shareback from OS tax
			\$10,000,000	