



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

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| DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: July 9, 2019 |
| SUBJECT: Support for Denver Parks & Recreation and Metro DNA for a Great Outdoors Colorado grant |
| FROM: Shannon McDowell |
| AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Arts |
| HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON: N/A |
| AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO N/A |
| RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of County Commissioners approves the resolution supporting the Denver Parks & Recreation GOCO planning grant for the Metro Denver Regional Conservation Assessment |

BACKGROUND:

The Metro Denver Nature Alliance (DNA) is a non-profit coalition of partners formed to advance conservation in the Denver metropolitan area. Metro DNA is seeking partners to look strategically at preserving our natural resources before development takes them over. In particular, Metro DNA is interested in studying preserving natural spaces associated with clean and abundant water, wildlife habitat, access to nature and recreation, carbon storage, and other ecosystem services. The coalition has committed to an equitable approach to preservation, with the understanding that lower-income communities can be the most impacted by the loss of natural spaces.

Metro DNA is seeking Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funding to set the foundation for a strategic and conservation-forward land use decision-making process for the region. Denver Parks and Recreation has agreed to sponsor the planning grant application to GOCO, but will have the same status as every other partner in the process.

The Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Arts Department is interested in participating as a partner in this process. Historically, our focus as a department has aligned with Metro DNA in terms of preserving open space for floodplain preservation, wildlife habitat, and agriculture. For a small contribution of \$1,000 as well as staff time, we will have full partner status to participate in and benefit from this process and its outcomes.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Metro Denver Nature Alliance, Denver Parks and Recreation, Great Outdoors Colorado

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ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Resolution

Draft Summary of GOCO Grant

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**

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| Current Budgeted Revenue: | | | |
| Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget: | | | |
| Total Revenues: | | | |

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| Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure: | 7685 | | \$1,000 |
| Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget: | | | |
| Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure: | | | |
| Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget: | | | |
| Total Expenditures: | | | \$1,000 |

New FTEs requested: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Future Amendment Needed: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Additional Note: