



**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM**  
**#01-2021**

**DATE:** January 11, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

**THROUGH:** Heather Geyer, City Manager 

**FROM:** Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture 

**SUBJECT:** CR-7 – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program Resolution of Support

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**PURPOSE**

To seek approval of the attached resolutions supporting the submission of two grant requests to fund the planting of additional trees along the Farmers' High Line Canal, Grange Hall Creek and Tuck Lateral corridors. This, the first of two proposed resolutions, will be submitted with the grant application for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND**

The NFWF Urban Waters Restoration Grant is funded in part through the US Environmental Protection Agency, the USDA Forest Service, FedEx, Southern Company, and BNSF Railway. Eligible projects "include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include one or more of the following....riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring...." The project that staff has developed, "A Sustainable Path to Northglenn's Trails and Waterways," fits well within the types of projects that are eligible for this particular grant opportunity.

If funding is awarded, the project will include planting trees throughout the Farmers' High Line Canal, Grange Hall Creek, and Tuck Lateral corridors. Tree species, as well as the proposed planting locations, have been selected purposefully to replace the aging tree canopy (primarily Cottonwoods) that has been impacted by removals in recent years. Trees would be placed further from the ditch banks and closer to the trails so that even at full maturity they would not impede water flow through the ditches, create excess water demand from the ditches, or otherwise impede the maintenance access to the ditches. These trees would offer improved species variability, wildlife habitat for native species, and shade for trail users. They would not create a dense wall of vegetation that prevents maintenance access or safety concerns by blocking the line of sight between the ditch and the trail.

At least 50% in matching funds are required; this can be both cash and in-kind. At this time, a cash match in the amount of \$10,000 has been secured from the Northglenn Community Foundation (NCF). As the former parks foundation, supporting parks and recreation grant requests remains a part of the mission and annual budget for the NCF. An additional cash match has been sought from the Farmers' High Line Canal & Reservoir Company and SCL Health (requests pending); additional community partners are still being sought.

An in-kind match has been secured from several community partners, including a local Girl Scout troop, the Rotary Club of Northglenn/Thornton, and the Adams County Master Gardener's Association. They will provide volunteers to assist with planting and technical assistance. An additional in-kind match, in the form of technical assistance, has also been sought from Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (request pending).

Approval of the resolution will serve as support for the application. A copy of the resolution will be included with the final application.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution in support of a grant application to the NFWF for the "A Sustainable Path to Northglenn's Trails and Waterways" project.

#### **BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS**

NFWF grant applications are due by Jan. 28, 2021. The proposed resolution, along with the full grant proposal, needs to be submitted by that date. Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in July 2021. If funding is granted, the City will have 18 months from the notice of grant award to complete the project.

The City will be requesting \$20,000 in grant funding from NFWF, with a total project cost of approximately \$40,000. The final project budget may vary based on the level of grant support and/or other community support that is secured. No City funding is anticipated to be used as a part of the cash match requirement; the City will include staff time dedicated to the project as an in-kind match.

#### **STAFF REFERENCE**

If Council members have any questions they may contact Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture Amanda Peterson at [apeterson@northglenn.org](mailto:apeterson@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8950.

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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION FIVE STAR AND URBAN WATERS RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE PATH TO NORTHGLENN'S TRAILS AND WATERWAYS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Path to Northglenn's Trails and Waterways Project will include planting trees throughout the Farmers' High Line Canal, Grange Hall Creek, and Tuck Lateral corridors to replace the aging tree canopy that has been impacted by removals in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees will provide riparian habitat restoration, and will offer improved species variability, wildlife habitat for native species, and an enhanced community tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council believes the Project will benefit the community and provide valuable opportunities to engage local community groups to be involved in the planning, outreach, and implementation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support of the submission of a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program to obtain funding for the Sustainable Path to Northglenn's Trails and Waterways Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Northglenn is in full support of submitting a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program to obtain funding for the Sustainable Path to Northglenn's Trails and Waterways Project.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney