

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 20

DATE: July 15, 2008

STAFF: Craig Foreman

SUBJECT

Resolution 2008-065 Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the State of Colorado for the Power Trail.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City of Fort Collins has been awarded a Colorado State Parks grant of \$350,000 funded with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) State Park Funding for the development of the Power Trail south of Harmony Road. The total cost for this trail section is estimated at about \$650,000. The City's share of the cost (about \$300,000) is available in the Conservation Trust Fund.

Funding for the annual operation and maintenance cost of the 1.4 miles of new trail is estimated at \$5000 and is available in the 2009 approved Park Maintenance budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation. The grant funds will enable the City to extend the Power Trail south of Harmony to Trilby Road.

BACKGROUND

The Power Trail is an important north/south recreation and commuter trail for southeast Fort Collins. This grant along with City funding will make possible the extension of the Power Trail south of Harmony Road to Trilby Road. The project will result in a new trail for citizens to enjoy. The trail provides improved access to neighborhoods, schools, parks, businesses and places of employment. The continuation of the Power Trail south of Harmony Road is strongly supported by residents who will be served by the trail. The Power Trail north of Harmony Road is extremely popular by recreation and commuter users.

The City has until June 20, 2010 to complete the project to meet GOCO regulations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map.

City of Fort Collins Trail System

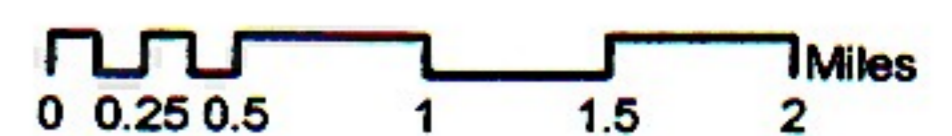


Legend

- Existing Trails
- Proposed Trails



Vicinity Map



RESOLUTION 2008-065
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE
OF COLORADO FOR THE POWER TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City's Power Trail is an important north/south recreation and commuter trail for southeast Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the City recently applied for and received a grant from the Colorado State Parks State Trails Program for \$350,000 in Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funds to construct a new two-mile long section of the Power Trail south of Harmony Road (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project is estimated at \$650,000; and

WHEREAS, the City's share of the cost is available for expenditure in the Conservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, to receive the grant funds, the City must enter into a grant agreement with the State of Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation ("State"), a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for public inspection (the "Grant Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized, under Article II, Section 16 of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins and Section 29-1-203, C.R.S, to enter into intergovernmental agreements, such as the Grant Agreement, to provide any function, service or facility; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement requires that the land used for the Project not be converted to any non-recreational use in the future without prior written approval of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement further requires that the Project be completed by June 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the Council authorize the Grant Agreement as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Colorado for the receipt of Colorado State Parks State Trails Program GOCO funds, to be used for the construction of a section of the Power Trail, on terms and conditions consistent with the terms of this Resolution, along with such additional terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, deems necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the City.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of July A.D. 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk