

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

## FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 24

DATE: October 21, 2008

STAFF: Erica Saunders

### SUBJECT

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Resolution 2008-101 Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the State of Colorado and an Intergovernmental Agreement with Larimer County to Receive Grant Funds from the State of Colorado for Construction of Trails and Other Public Improvements at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area.

### RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

The Land Conservation and Stewardship Board reviewed and recommended approval of the Grant Agreement and IGA at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 8, 2008.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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The Grant Agreement and IGA authorized by this Resolution will generate \$210,000 income for the City of Fort Collins through grant revenue from the State of Colorado, which is to be used for construction of trails and other public improvements at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area. The Grant Agreement requires that the facilities constructed as a part of this Project be maintained in a reasonable state of repair for the purposes specified in the Project Grant Application for not less than 25 years.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The City of Fort Collins and Larimer County have received a special cycle trails grant from the State of Colorado's Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to help fund construction of trails and other public improvements at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area and Red Mountain Open Space. This Resolution will authorize the City Manager to sign a Grant Agreement with the State of Colorado and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Larimer County to facilitate acceptance and dispersal of the funds.

### BACKGROUND

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In July 2008 Natural Areas Program (NAP) staff submitted a joint application with Larimer County for a special cycle trails grant offered by the State of Colorado's Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The GOCO Board approved funding for this project on October 3, 2008 in its full amount, which

will award \$210,000 to the City of Fort Collins and \$340,000 to Larimer County for a total award of \$550,000. The total project is expected to cost \$1,386,880. The City's share of the cost of the project is available for expenditure in the Natural Areas Program fund.

The grant will provide funding for trails (including new trail construction and retrofitting ranch roads, trail signs, pedestrian gates, etc) and trailhead features (vault toilets, interpretive signs, fencing, etc.) at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area and Red Mountain Open Space. The Grant Agreement requires that all of the elements of the project will be completed by October 2010 and that the facilities constructed during this Project be maintained in a reasonable state of repair for the purposes specified in the Project Grant Application for not less than 25 years. Both sites are planned to be opened to the public on June 6, 2009.

Due to the regional nature of the project, Larimer County was the applicant and the City of Fort Collins was the partner agency. In order to receive the grant funds from the State of Colorado, both parties will sign a Grant Agreement with GOCO, and the City of Fort Collins and Larimer County will need to enter into an IGA to acknowledge their partnership in the project. A copy of the Grant Agreement and IGA are on file at the Clerk's office for review.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Land Conservation and Stewardship Board Meeting Minutes (draft excerpt), October 8, 2008.

**LAND CONSERVATION & STEWARDSHIP BOARD**

**October 8, 2008**

**Great Outdoors Colorado Trail Grant Award Excerpt**

**Great Outdoors Colorado Trail Grant Award**

- Erica: In July 2008 Natural Areas Program staff submitted a joint application with Larimer County for a special cycle trails grant offered by Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The grant would provide funding for trails and trailhead features at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area and Red Mountain Space. Due to the regional nature of the project, Larimer County was the primary applicant and the City of Fort Collins was the partner agency.  
GOCO staff and the GOCO project committee have recommended funding this project in its full amount, which will award \$210,000 to the City of Fort Collins and \$340,000 to Larimer County for a total award of \$550,000. On October 3, 2008 the entire GOCO board formalized this decision.  
Anything that we construct with the money needs to be in place for 25 years.
- Gaughan: Are you ok with the plan of the area, and are you comfortable with the 25 year period?
- Sears: Our long range financial model takes us through 2021.
- Erica: Daylan Figgs was in charge of the Management Planning Process, and there was a lot of careful thought. A Technical Advisory Group made up of resource experts from the Division of Wildlife, CSU, and Jason LaBelle with the Laboratory of Public Archaeology gave a lot of expert input in the plan.
- Figgs: We surveyed all the alignments, and we will continue to do that while constructing the trails.

Grooms motioned for the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board to recommend that City Council approve:

1. The intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Larimer County.
2. The contract with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)

Gaughan second. It was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2008-101  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO AND AN  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LARIMER COUNTY TO RECEIVE  
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TRAILS  
AND OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT SOAPSTONE PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of property known as "Soapstone Prairie Natural Area";  
and

WHEREAS, the City intends to open Soapstone Prairie Natural Area for public recreation  
in 2009, with trails and other public improvements available for public use; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2008, the City jointly applied with Larimer County for a grant from  
the State of Colorado's Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund (GOCO) to fund a portion of the cost  
of constructing trails and other public improvements at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area and the  
County's Red Mountain Open Space; and

WHEREAS this construction project is called the Larimer Foothills Trail Development  
Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Larimer County was the applicant for the grant and the City of Fort Collins was  
the primary partner; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2008 the GOCO Board approved the grant application in the total  
amount of \$550,000, of which \$210,000 is allocated to the City of Fort Collins and \$340,000 goes  
to Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project is estimated at \$1,386,880; and

WHEREAS, the City's share of the cost is available for expenditure in the Natural Areas  
Program fund; and

WHEREAS, to receive the grant funds, the City must sign a Grant Agreement (the "Grant  
Agreement") with the State of Colorado and enter into an intergovernmental agreement (the "Project  
Agreement") with Larimer County, copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk and  
available for public inspection; 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 and the Project Agreement, to provide any function, service or facility; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement requires that the facilities constructed during this Project  
be maintained in a reasonable state of repair for the purposes specified in the Project Application  
for not less than 25 years; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Colorado for the receipt of State of Colorado Great Outdoors Colorado funds, to be used for construction of trails and other public improvements, 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.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into the Project Agreement with Larimer County to acknowledge the City's partnership in the Larimer Foothills Trails Development Project and outline each party's responsibilities as identified in the Project Application, 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 21st day of October A.D. 2008.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

## Exhibit "A"

### Legal Description of Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

#### Township 11 North, Range 68 West of the 6th P.M., Larimer County, CO

Section 4: ALL

Section 5: ALL

Section 6: ALL

#### Township 12 North, Range 68 West of the 6th P.M., Larimer County, CO

Section 19: All in State of Colorado

Section 20: All in State of Colorado

Section 21: All in State of Colorado

Section 28: ALL

Section 29: ALL

Section 30: ALL

Section 31: ALL

Section 32: ALL

Section 33: ALL

#### Township 11 North, Range 69 West of the 6th P.M., Larimer County, CO

Section 1: ALL

Section 2: ALL

Section 3: ALL

Section 4: SW4 of NW4 and S2, NE 1/4

Section 11: A PORTION OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE N 01° 13' 41" W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 11, A DISTANCE OF 485.68 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 54° 15' 46" W, A DISTANCE OF 211.52 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE RADIUS OF SAID CURVE BEING 470.00 FEET, THE CENTRAL ANGLE OF SAID CURVE BEING 22° 06' 28", THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N 43° 12' 32" W, A DISTANCE OF 180.23 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 181.35 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 32° 09' 18" W, A DISTANCE OF 262.96 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS OF SAID CURVE BEING 530.00 FEET, THE CENTRAL ANGLE OF SAID CURVE BEING 12° 44' 34", THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N 38° 31' 35" W A DISTANCE OF 117.63 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 117.87 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THE RADIUS OF SAID CURVE BEING 470.00 FEET, THE CENTRAL ANGLE OF SAID CURVE BEING 43° 30' 56", THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N 23° 08' 24" W, A DISTANCE OF 348.44 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 356.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 01° 22' 56" W, A DISTANCE OF 891.51 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS OF SAID CURVE, BEING 530.00 FEET, THE CENTRAL ANGLE OF SAID CURVE BEING 11° 05' 14", THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N 06° 55' 33" W A DISTANCE OF 102.40 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 102.56 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 12° 28' 10" W, A DISANCE OF 270.73 FEET TO

THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS OF SAID CURVE BEING 530.00 FEET, THE CENTRAL ANGLE OF SAID CURVE BEING 04° 44' 56", THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N 14° 50' 38" W A DISTANCE OF 43.92 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 43.93 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 11; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 618 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NW CORNER OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11, 2676 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SW CORNER OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11, 1320 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Township 12 North, Range 69 West of the 6th P.M., Larimer County, CO

Section 20: All in State of Colorado

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Section 23: All in State of Colorado

Section 24: All in State of Colorado

Section 25: ALL

Section 26: ALL

Section 27: ALL

Section 28: ALL

Section 29: ALL

Section 32: ALL

Section 33: ALL

Section 34: ALL

Section 35: ALL

Section 36: ALL