

RESOLUTION 2026-105
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A GREAT OUTDOORS
COLORADO LAND ACQUISITION GRANT

A. The City's Natural Areas Department, in partnership with Larimer County (the "County"), Colorado Parks and Wildlife ("CPW") and The Conservation Fund, is seeking to apply for a grant through Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") for a GOCO Land Acquisition Grant (the "Grant") to acquire a ranch northwest of Fort Collins (the "Property").

B. Acquiring the Property would help conserve approximately 4,500 acres in the geographic and ecological center of one of Colorado's most significant connected conservation landscapes, and create exceptional opportunities for public access, including hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, environmental education, and other compatible outdoor recreation.

C. The City is seeking Grant funds in the amount of \$4,000,000. The City will commit \$9,000,000 in dedicated City Natural Area funds as part of its grant application, subject to approval by City Council. Larimer County will commit \$5,000,000, subject to approval by the Larimer County Board of County Commissioners.

D. If GOCO awards the Grant to the City, the County, CPW and The Conservation Fund, City staff will ask City Council, by a separate resolution, to authorize the City to enter into a grant agreement with GOCO, the County, CPW and The Conservation Fund for the acquisition and provide any other necessary authorization.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that City Council strongly supports the GOCO Land Acquisition Grant Application and that if the Grant is awarded City Council strongly supports the plan to acquire the Property.

Passed and adopted on August 18, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: August 18, 2026

Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

Exhibit: None