

## Land Conservation & Stewardship Board November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting – Excerpt

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### Heaven's Door IGA adjustment

**Alynn Karnes, Land Conservation Specialist**, provided a memo to the LCSB which explained that the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources and the City of Loveland Open Lands & Trails Department on November 17, 2022, to purchase a 1,547-acre property adjacent to the City's Foothills/Buckhorn/Redstone Priority Area. The Natural Areas Department and Loveland Open Lands and Trails contributed funds towards the acquisition and will co-hold a conservation easement on the property. Larimer County has recently submitted a grant application to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) seeking reimbursement for a portion of the property's purchase price. As a result, an amendment to the IGA is needed to establish a new timeline for conveyance of the conservation easement to Fort Collins and Loveland. The deadline will be extended from December 31, 2023 to September 1, 2024.

Alynn confirmed for Chair Cunniff and Member Piesman that it is not typical for a conservation easement partner to apply for grant funding after entering into an IGA. She explained the extension allows ample time to amend the agreement and for agency review and approval, should Larimer County be awarded a grant. Alynn reported grants will be announced in March 2024.

***Member Piesman made a motion that The Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommends that City Council approve Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Heaven's Door Ranch Conservation Project with Larimer County and the City of Loveland. Member Kley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 8-0.***