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Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

June 12, 2024

Regular Meeting – Excerpt

Rocky Ridge IGA

Tawnya Ernst, Land Conservation Lead Specialist, stated she was seeking a recommendation from the LCSB to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Larimer County. The proposed IGA between the City and the County would authorize the County to contribute \$1,500,000 toward reimbursement of the acquisition cost of a 484-acre parcel recently purchased by the City. In return, the County would receive a conservation easement on property. The conservation easement adds an extra layer of protection to the Natural Areas property and ensures it will remain undeveloped and managed for its conservation values.

Discussion

Chair Cunniff asked where this property fell on staff's priority list of conservation easements. Tawnya explained it makes sense when acquiring large parcels in which Larimer County can partner on to place a conservation easement on the property at the time of acquisition, rather than at a later date. Katie Donahue clarified this conservation easement was separate from the conservation easement priority list for existing NAD properties.

Vice Chair Mason asked if this property would be eligible for the Larimer County Natural Resources zoning designation. Julia Feder, Environmental Planning Manager, stated it was likely eligible.

Member Culver made a motion to that the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommends that City Council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Larimer County to partner on the recent acquisition of a 484-acre property in the Wellington Community Separator. Member Mason seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 8-0