

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 17
(Series of 2024)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE UPPER ARKANSAS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP'S APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION OF A 1.2-MILE STRETCH OF THE SOUTH ARKANSAS RIVER, INCLUDING A .25-MILE CITY-OWNED PORTION WITHIN THE SOUTH ARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, healthy local watersheds are essential to City residents and others for clean and available water, fresh air, resilient forests and habitat, as well as recreational enjoyment and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the South Arkansas River is an arterial waterway that both defines and enhances the southern stretch of our city; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of portions of the South Arkansas River will promote water quality, habitat enhancement, the proliferation of natural processes, and resiliency of the surrounding watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Arkansas Watershed Partnership ("UAWP") is pursuing planning assistance from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program to create a plan for such restoration of certain stretches; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salida recently completed and approved the South Ark Neighborhood Master Plan which acknowledges the value of natural features and processes within the River Corridor Area (VPA-8) and states that "Initiatives by local environmental groups for grants to design and build river restoration projects should be encouraged."; and

WHEREAS, the area is planned to be part of the future Vandaveer Open Space and Regional Park that will draw residents and visitors alike for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, such planning may allow for coordination between entities for the installation of basic infrastructure within the site and restoration of impacted lands; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salida desires to partner with the UAWP and assist with coordination of such efforts, especially on public lands and approves the Grant application, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Salida City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as its conclusions, facts, determinations and findings.

Section 2. The Salida City Council hereby approves and authorizes the City to enter into the Grant

application, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. The Salida City Council hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign any further documents associated with Grant application, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2024.

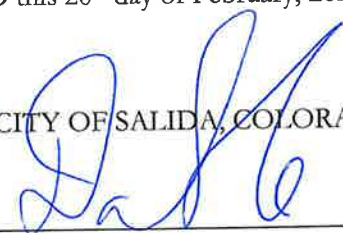


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ATTEST:



City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO


Dan Shore, Mayor