

RESOLUTION

Supporting the Application for a Centennial Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the High Line Canal Community-Centered Improvements Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-___ It was moved by Commissioner ___ and seconded by Commissioner ___ to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the High Line Canal is a beloved natural and recreational amenity stretching 71 miles through the Denver metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the largest section of the High Line Canal is located in Arapahoe County; and

WHEREAS, since 2012 Arapahoe County has funded more than \$11 million in improvement projects along the High Line Canal; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 Arapahoe County committed an additional \$4 million to support further High Line Canal improvements over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County is in discussions with Denver Water to take ownership of portions of the High Line Canal property, subject to a conservation easement to be held by the High Line Canal Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the High Line Canal Conservancy has requested approximately \$9 million from Great Outdoors Colorado to complete the High Line Canal Community-Centered Improvements Project, which will include accessibility, connectivity, and safety improvements; activation projects in underutilized reaches of the canal corridor; and natural resource enhancements; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County supports the High Line Canal Community-Centered Improvements Project and the High Line Canal Conservancy's grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County as follows:

1. Arapahoe County strongly supports the application by the High Line Canal Conservancy for a Centennial Grant from Great Outdoors Colorado.
2. If the grant is awarded, Arapahoe County strongly supports the fulfillment of the High Line Canal Community-Centered Improvements Project.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, __; Commissioner Campbell-Swanson, __; Commissioner Holen, __; Commissioner Summey, __; Commissioner Warren-Gully, __.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.