

Denver Botanical Gardens

[Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement]

Background

PARTNERSHIP HISTORY

1. First entered into partnership in 1951 “for the development of park and recreational facilities, programs and activities and for the establishment and maintenance of the museums, zoological or other gardens.”
2. The Botanic Gardens is an invaluable park steward expanding access to environmental education for all, while contributing to the ecological health of Denver via:
 - a. Water Conservation
 - b. Habitat Restoration
 - c. Turf and Landscape Transformations
3. The Denver Botanic Gardens is a Tier 1 organization of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District.

STRATEGIC GOALS ALIGNMENT

1. ADAPTING to a changing climate to enhance resiliency, environmental sustainability, and habitat restorations.
2. GROWING and DIVERSIFYING facilities and programs to enhance public education and engagement equitably and accessibly.
3. REINVESTING in partnerships to enhance programming and environmental impacts and to cultivate the next generation of park stewards.
4. And CONNECTING to Denver’s culture and community through innovative, nature-based programming and activities.

Description

This amended and restated cooperative agreement updates various provisions of the contract to ensure the continuity of operations of the Denver Botanic Gardens, to clarify responsibilities of the parties, and to support the Garden’s significant investments to the facilities and the Denver community at large.

- Extends the term of the agreement to December 31, 2073, with subsequent one year automatic renewals until the parties agree upon new terms.
- Increases the threshold for which capital construction projects must be reviewed and approved by DPR from \$50,000 to \$250,000, and makes the threshold subject to CPI.
- Adds new language outlining the approval of the cooperative agreement and this amendment by Bond and Special Counsel to ensure the Denver Botanic Gardens is compliant with any and all limitations or restrictions of the use of bond financing. The new language also includes the review of Denver Botanic Gardens contracts by Bond Counsel.
- Adds new protected classes to the non-discrimination clause.



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