

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

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at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

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Date of Request: September 29, 2014

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

2. **Title: Companion ordinance request for appropriation of \$170,000 from State Conservation Trust Fund contingency for Montbello Open Space acquisition.**

3. **Requesting Agency:** Budget and Management Office on behalf of Parks and Recreation

4. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)*

- **Name:** Laura Perry, Budget and Management Office (BMO)
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5. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)*

- **Name:** Laura Perry, BMO and Gordon Robertson, Parks
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6. **General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

The ordinance seeks to appropriate \$170,000 from State Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF) contingency to support the acquisition of the Montbello Open Space in partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK). Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR), ELK and TPL seek to purchase a vacant 5 acre tract of land in Montbello for the purpose of restoring the site to a short grass prairie and developing an environmental learning center to be operated by ELK. TPL has purchased the property on behalf of DPR. Upon transfer of the property from TPL to the City, ELK will lease the property from the City for a 50 year term. ELK will be responsible for all operating and maintenance costs.

In order to complete this transaction, \$170K is needed from the City. TPL has pledged the remaining \$330,000. Acquisition of property for open space use is an allowable SCTF park capital improvement expenditure. The necessary funding programmed to complete this transaction is as follows:

- \$350,000 from an awarded Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant to the City for acquisition of natural area.
- \$170,000 from the City's State Conservation Trust Fund (pending City Council approval)
- \$330,000 from Trust for Public Land (TPL)
- \$263,000 from Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) and other ELK funding sources.

\$1,113,000 Total Cost

The balance of the SCTF 2014 contingency after this \$170,000 appropriation will be approximately \$30,000.

Appropriate (description provided below):

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Org</u>	<u>Project ID</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
35120	7011102	RO009	Montbello Natural Area	\$170,000

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- a. **Contract Control Number:** N/A
- b. **Duration:** Immediate.
- c. **Location:** 12680 Albrook Drive (5.52 acres)
- d. **Affected Council District:** 11
- e. **Benefits:** Addition of park natural area acreage to system; acreage to accommodate environmental learning and natural resource education, partnership with local non-profits.
- f. **Costs:** \$1,113,000 shared by the City, TPL, and ELK.

7. **Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) **Please explain.** No.

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