

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

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Date of Request: October 26, 2015

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

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

Yes No

2. **Title:** Ordinance request for appropriation of \$50,000 from State Conservation Trust Fund contingency for open space acquisition from Xcel Energy.

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 Scott Gilmore, Deputy Director of Parks Planning
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6. **General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

The ordinance seeks to appropriate \$50,000 from State Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF) 2015 contingency to support the acquisition of two parcels that have been decommissioned by Xcel Energy for sale to the City to provide additional open space opportunities to the residents of Denver.

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) seeks to purchase two decommissioned parcels from Xcel Energy. One parcel is located at Irving and Kentucky in the Westwood neighborhood and the second parcel is located at 29th and Fairfax in the North Park Hill neighborhood. The parcel acquisition presents a unique opportunity to acquire parkland in communities that have limited access to greenspace.

The parcel located at Irving and Kentucky is located in the Westwood neighborhood in City Council District 3. City Council District 3 has an average of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, which is one of the lowest averages of parkland in the City of Denver. The community will be engaged in the design and construction of an active park space in a community. DPR will also work closely with the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) to engage the community to determine what type of park they would like in their community.

The second parcel located at 29th and Fairfax in North Park Hill in City Council District 8. This parcel is approximately two miles from the Josephine Dog Park located on the Central Denver Recreation site. The parcel at 29th and Fairfax could be a possible new location for a dog park in the Park Hill community. Preliminary outreach efforts have shown community support for this concept.

In order to complete this transaction with Xcel Energy, \$50K is needed from the City. Acquisition of open space for parks and recreation purposes is an allowable State Conservation Trust Fund park capital improvement expenditure. This project meets justification for use of CIP contingency as the parcels will be more expensive to acquire in the near future and presents an

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unanticipated opportunity and partnership with Trust for Public Land and Xcel Energy to provide active park acreage in areas of the City that do not have sufficient active areas.

Appropriate (description provided below):

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Org</u>	<u>Project ID</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
35110	7011102	RP018	Xcel Energy Parks Parcels	\$50,000

****Please complete the following fields:** (Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field.)

- a. **Contract Control Number:** N/A
- b. **Duration:** Immediate.
- c. **Location:** Irving and Kentucky (Westwood); 29th and Fairfax (N. Park Hill)
- d. **Affected Council District:** 3; 8
- e. **Benefits:** Addition of park acreage to system and areas of City lacking park acreage; partnership with Trust for Public Land;
- f. **Costs:** \$50K for land acquisition; additional annual operating costs of \$33,900;

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

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