

A
RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE
ENDORING THE PLAN FOR THE HIGH LINE CANAL

WHEREAS, the High Line Canal ("the Canal") and its 71 meandering miles are vitally important to the region's citizens and environmental health with over 350,000 individuals residing within one mile of the Canal, and more than 500,000 people using the Canal each year; and

WHEREAS, through unprecedented interjurisdictional collaboration, cities, counties and agencies along the High Line Canal have worked together in recognition of the need to plan for the future of the Canal; formed the High Line Canal Working Group initiated by Arapahoe County; and entered into the High Line Canal Working Group Statement of Purpose (attached as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the High Line Canal Core Management Team was established in 2012 (members include Denver Water, Arapahoe County, the City of Aurora, the City and County of Denver, Douglas County and the High Line Canal Conservancy) with the purpose to coordinate and catalyze the varied planning process while working toward the primary objective to achieve maximum possible beneficial public use for the Canal; and

WHEREAS, as the Canal owner, Denver Water has enabled the region's recreational use of the Canal Trail for nearly 50 years and has supported the High Line Canal Conservancy and the governmental partners in stewarding the development of The Plan for the High Line Canal; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Douglas County, Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, the City of Littleton, the City of Centennial, Arapahoe County, South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, the City of Greenwood Village, the City of Cherry Hills Village, the City and County of Denver, and the City of Aurora joined Denver Water and the High Line Canal Conservancy to support an extraordinary and diverse public outreach process reaching over 100,000 citizens, and engaging over 3,500 residents resulting in the regionally supported 2017 High Line Canal Community Vision Plan (the "Vision Plan"); and

WHEREAS, after an 18-month public outreach process, community and stakeholder groups, The Conservancy, Denver Water, and committed local governmental partners have created *The Plan for the High Line Canal: New Life for a Regional Legacy* ("The Plan"); and

WHEREAS, The Plan represents a community vision to honor, enhance and repurpose a landmark of our agricultural heritage into one of our region's premier green spaces connecting neighborhoods and people to nature and each other; and

WHEREAS, The Plan's highest purpose is to safeguard the historic waterway while reclaiming the Canal as a regional greenway for future generations. The Plan lays out strategies and clear guidance for re-purposing the Canal, improving the health of people and the environment, and increasing accessibility and enjoyment for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Plan priorities promote:

- public health through improved access, safety, and quality of experience,
- environmental health ensuring the Canal is a thriving natural corridor,
- the Canal's new life as a green infrastructure / stormwater management system
- honoring the Canal's history and promoting its educational potential.

WHEREAS, The Plan is aspirational, long-range and regional in focus, and establishes a horizon extending 15 years and beyond to guide future considerations, while addressing current priorities; and

WHEREAS, The Plan provides guidance for intergovernmental collaboration and a framework for implementing The Plan and fulfilling the community vision for the Canal through public and private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, The Plan respects local planning and budgeting, and in no way financially obligates or commits local governments and agencies to the proposed plans and enhancements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado that:

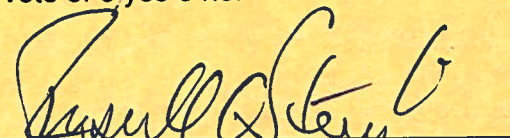
Section 1. The City Council hereby affirms the City's commitment to a shared regional vision for the future of the High Line Canal as set forth in The Plan for the High Line Canal.

Section 2. Through this endorsement of The Plan, the City of Cherry Hills Village agrees to preserve and protect the Canal for future generations, work together with other cities, counties, and agencies, and with the High Line Canal Conservancy and Denver Water, to create a vibrant future for the Canal that enhances life for people today and in the future.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced, passed and adopted at the regular meeting of City Council this 5th day of November, 2019, by a vote of 6 yes 0 no.

(SEAL)



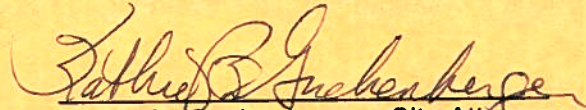
Russell O. Stewart, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Gillespie, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kathie B. Guckenberger, City Attorney