



TOWN OF JACKSON

TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA DOCUMENTATION

PREPARATION DATE: May 31, 2018
MEETING DATE: June 4, 2018

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: Steve Ashworth
PRESENTER: Steve Ashworth

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with Jackson Hole Land Trust for the Funding of a Karns Meadow Environmental Assessment

STATEMENT/PURPOSE

Over the past few years several discussions have taken place regarding improvements at Karns Meadow Park. Most recently, a pre-application conditional use permit was submitted for pathway development around the perimeter. The purpose of the agreement is for the town to complete a comprehensive environmental assessment for all allowed uses at the site, and to be funded by the Jackson Hole Land Trust. The Jackson Hole Land Trust continues to be a valuable partner with the Town of Jackson, and has graciously offered funding for the EA consistent with their important mission of land conservation stewardship. The JHLT has pledged a not to exceed amount of \$35,000 for professional consultant services. The Town of Jackson intends to solicit for services through a formal request for proposal.

BACKGROUND/ALTERNATIVES

In 2003 the Town of Jackson entered into a purchase agreement with the Karns Family and Jackson Hole Land Trust to purchase approximately 41 acres of park land protected and restricted with a conservation easement. The Town purchased the property over several of years, and completed the acquisition of all seven tracts in 2008. Each tract of land has a unique and distinct set of conservation values and restrictions. For example, tract four was identified for its unique value to treat storm water from the town of Jackson prior to entering into Flat Creek. In 2006/7 The Town of Jackson partnered with the Teton Conservation District to construct a wetland treatment facility utilizing town funding and a DEQ 319 Grant.

The Town of Jackson will evaluate all allowed land uses identified and permitted under the conservation easements and consistent with the Town's development objectives, and conduct an environmental assessment. The environmental assessment will identify vegetative, wildlife and water quality impacts associated with the various development options. The Assessment will also provide recommendations on reasonable and prudent mitigation for impacts to the environment.

It is important to point out that the possible development options are not committed or approved development plans, rather possible build-out components to be analyzed and evaluated. Findings of the environmental assessment will be communicated through a written report and future presentation to the Jackson Town Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Memorandum of Agreement with Jackson Hole Land Trust

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost of the Environmental Assessment to be funded by the Jackson Hole Land Trust, not to exceed \$35,000.

STAFF IMPACT

The Parks and Recreation Staff will oversee the consultant solicitation and contract management with collaboration of the Town of Jackson Planning and Administration staff.

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Jackson and the Jackson Hole Land Trust for the funding of the Karns Meadow Park Environmental Assessment, not to exceed \$35,000.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Jackson and the Jackson Hole Land Trust for the funding of the Karns Meadow Park Environmental Assessment, not to exceed \$35,000.