

## Exhibit A – Project Information

### NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name: Denver Parks and Recreation		
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### PROJECT MANAGER (this person will have day-to-day responsibility for the project)

Name: Adam Lind	
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### PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Partner Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title: Westwood Via Verde Trail	
Grant Request: \$ 250,000.00	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$ 965,443.00
Total Project Cost: \$ 1,215,443.00	
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Please write a 2-3 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When and Where. <b>This is your scope of work.</b> (This section is not the place to talk about the project background, the benefits, the funding, or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address that information in question #1 of the Selection Criteria.)</p> <p><b>WHO?</b> Who will complete the work, and who will oversee the project? Provide a brief description of your community or organization, highlighting its mission and purpose.</p> <p><b>WHAT?</b> Explain what you are going to do or accomplish. What is the goal or the reason for your project? Break down the project into a list of specific activities to be completed. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the categories on your budget page. Include quantity or quality as part of your description of work to be performed. How long? How many? How many feet? How many miles? What materials will be used? Is a specific standard or guideline being used?</p> <p><b>WHERE?</b> Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/BLM Office? Provide the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed. List the land manager agency or municipality.</p> <p><b>DEFINITIONS?</b> Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.</p>	

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### Project Description

The Westwood Via Verde Trail will construct 1100' of new, 10' wide concrete trail, and remove an existing 8' trail to construct an additional 1500' of new 10' concrete trail, to meet Denver's local trail standard. The project scope also includes ADA curb ramp upgrades, curb extensions and a raised crossing of Irving St to increase safety for kids walking to and from school. Other elements include green infrastructure, irrigation upgrades, tree planting, pollinator habitat, and native restoration.

This project is being led by Denver Parks and Recreation in partnership with Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as the Trust for Public Land. The Trust for Public Land was "founded in 1972 on the conviction that all people need access to nature and the outdoors, close to home, in the cities and communities where they live, as a matter of health, equity, and justice."

The Via Verde Trail is located in the Westwood neighborhood in Denver, Colorado. The project limit on the east side is Irving St, the trail runs west adjacent to Tennessee Ave, and then moves diagonally through the Westwood Utility Easement open space between Meade St and Kentucky Ave. The open space between Irving St and King St is owned by the City and County of Denver and the open space between Meade St and Kentucky Ave is owned by Xcel.

### Previous CPW grants awarded (last 3 years) List award year, category and project name

2018 - LWCF - Heron Pond/Carpio Sanguinette - Phase I - \$750,000  
2022- LWCF - Heron Pond/Carpio Sanguinette - Phase II - \$750,000

## RESOLUTION

Supporting the Grant Application for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant from the Non-Motorized Trails Program and the completion of the Westwood Via Verde Trail Project.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver supports the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant application for Westwood Via Verde Trail Project. And if the grant is awarded, the City and County of Denver supports the completion of the project and commits to the cash match resources described in the project budget.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver has requested \$250,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for Westwood Via Verde Trail Project. The project will include construction of 1,100' of new, 10' wide concrete trail and removal of an existing 8' trail to construct an additional 1,500' of new 10' concrete trail to meet Denver's local trail standard. The project also includes ADA curb ramp upgrades, curb extensions, and a raised crossing of Irving St to increase safety for kids walking to and from school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER THAT:

Section 1: The Parks and Recreation Department of the City and County of Denver support the application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant for the Westwood Via Verde Trail Project.

Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City and County of Denver strongly supports the completion of the project and commits the cash match requirement.

Section 3: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON: October 4, 2022

SIGNED: Haynes, Allegra R. - Digitally signed by Haynes,  
DPR Mgr Dept Parks And Recreation  
And Recreation Date: 2022.10.04 14:07:59  
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APPROVED BY: Allegra "Happy" Haynes  
Name  
Executive Director, Denver Parks and Recreation  
Title

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: City and County of Denver and XCEL Energy			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Easement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> License <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
TRAIL SURFACE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City: <b>Denver</b>			
County(ies): <b>Denver</b>			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 39.69872324447679, -105.03110639829816			
State Congressional District ( <a href="https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members">https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members</a> ): 1st			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail being planned	
Miles of new trail construction	<b>0.2</b>	Miles of trail maintenance	
Miles of inter-connecting trail		Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail to be decommissioned	<b>0.3</b>	Miles of trail to be restored	<b>0.3</b>
Miles of trail to be signed	<b>0.5</b>	Miles of trail grooming	
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Adam Lind

Applicant Signature: Adam Lind Date: 09/29/2022

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## Preliminary Timeline Estimate – Construction

Provide a timeline estimate using the following form. Remember that the project is to be completed within two and a half years of the award date. Any proposed changes, including extensions or modifications in the project timeline, must be requested in writing and approved in advance by the State Trails Program.

Suggestion - use quarterly time frames. Initial expiration date - June 30 or December 31, 2025, dependent upon assigned funding source.

TASK <small>Mobilization, Staffing, Construction elements, etc.</small>	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Construction Procurement	Q3 2023									
Mobilization		Q4 2023								
Construction			Q1 2024							
Warranty Walk				Q4 2024						
Construction Closeout					Q1 2025					
Administrative Close-Out						Q2 2025				

## CONSTRUCTION GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

All applicants must respond to the criteria questions. Use the numbered blank pages at the end of this section. This application will be scored on a 100-point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Outside reviewers and State Trails staff will review each project. Projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores.

Grant review subcommittee members review and score grant applications based on the totality of information available. This may include not only the answers provided to the application questions, but also additional information provided to the review subcommittee from agency staff and subcommittee member knowledge and information that is relevant to the proposed project.

Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please read and understand all application questions prior to answering. Respond in **12-point font**. Reference all attachments.

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### 1. Scope (10 points)

Describe the proposed project including the length/width of trail construction, and major components necessary to complete the trail such as materials, under/overpasses, bridges, trail heads, trail sections, etc. Address each trail component separately, specifically mentioning its characteristics. Please describe if this is a multi-phase project, and the plan for how future phases will be funded. Discuss the ownership status of the trail corridor and any easements or land acquisitions that have been acquired for the trail. Please include a few site photos and a map of the area.

### 2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

Briefly discuss how this project expands trail loops, links, improves and/or restores trail use and connectivity to other trails, parks, and/or other outdoor recreation opportunities. If the project is connected to a larger trail system, describe the size, extent, and predominant uses of that system.

### 3. Need (15 Points)

Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time. Who are you building the trail for and how does it benefit them? Does this project create or enhance experiences that otherwise do not exist in the area? Why are CPW State Trails funds necessary to complete this project and what opportunities are lost if the grant is not awarded? Describe the community this project will serve and provide population and economic data. Briefly describe how the proposed trail will accommodate non-motorized uses within the region. List each user group and estimate their percentage of overall trail use, e.g., bicyclists - 40%, hikers - 50%, equestrian - 10%. What features make this trail suitable for these uses?

#### **4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)**

Discuss the planning process that identified the construction of this trail(s) as a priority. Is this project part of an approved master plan, federal Forest or Resource Management Plan, or a landscape level regional planning effort (such as an Outdoor Regional Partnership)? If so, what priority is it given in that plan? Has this project been deemed a priority by any other agencies or given any significant designations? Please explain any existing trails in the area and describe the need for additional trail routes to be constructed.

#### **5. Design and Construction (10 points)**

How is the trail designed to ensure longevity and sustainability to meet current and future use levels? Who is designing/will design the trail and oversee the trail work and what are their qualifications? What best management practices will be used to construct the trail to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable? Who will build the trail (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)?

#### **6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)**

Describe how the project will be maintained and managed for long-term sustainability. Has an operations and maintenance plan been developed for the project areas? If so, please explain the plan in detail including who will be responsible for this work, the estimated annual costs and funding plans. Have trail reroute options been considered for current on-the-ground unsustainable trails and trail sections in the project area? If so, are there plans to decommission and/or restore these unsustainable trail sections?

#### **7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)**

Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources were evaluated during the planning process for the trail (such as utilizing resources listed in Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind). Describe any plans for avoiding sensitive habitat as well as minimizing, and/or mitigating wildlife and natural resource impacts. Describe the plan for trail management and monitoring after construction. Were CPW staff members engaged in the planning process? Describe how their recommendations will be implemented. For example, if a seasonal closure is recommended, what are the dates of the closure and how will it be implemented to be effective (signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)?

#### **8. Public Engagement (10 points)**

**Public notification is mandatory for all projects.**

Describe the public process for this trail project (regular meetings, public meetings, working groups, etc.). Please highlight any collaborative approaches that were taken and summarize the feedback received from the public that determined the need for this project? Describe any received opposition to the project, and how the concerns have been addressed.



**9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)**

Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds be lost if State Trails funds are not awarded? Submit letters of commitment/support from landowners and/or funders as a separate attachment (resolution from the governing body should include support and resource commitment; a separate support letter is not required). Beyond these letters, up to 5 non-funding letters of support may be submitted.

**10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)**

Describe your organization's ability to complete the specific grant transaction(s) that will be necessary to accomplish this project. Please provide examples (if any) for grant projects of similar magnitude that demonstrate your organization's ability to manage the requested level of grant funding; including the project title, grantor, award amount and year the project was funded. If State Trails funding is not awarded, what is the plan to complete the project?

## 1. Scope of Work (10 points)

The Westwood Via Verde Trail will construct 1100' of new, 10' wide concrete trail, and remove an existing 8' trail to construct 1500' of new 10' concrete trail, to meet Denver's local trail standard.

The project scope also includes 14 ADA curb ramp upgrades at street crossings along the project length.

At the intersection of Irving St and Tennessee Ave the project includes curb extensions and a raised crosswalk to increase safety for trail users and kids walking to the Kepner Beacon School Campus. The curb extensions will include sidewalks, bike lanes, and green infrastructure. There will be two rain gardens installed at two other locations along the trail corridor between Irving St and King St.

The trail will then connect to an existing walkway adjacent to the Westwood Public Library Branch.

The project will involve construction of a concrete curb extension at Lowell Ave to create a 10' trail. Along Tennessee Ave from Lowell Ave to Meade St, the project will expand the existing sidewalk to a 10' wide trail. The NW corner of the Lowell Ave/Tennessee Intersection will also include a curb extension to shorten the crossing distance for trail users.

From Meade St to the northwest there is an existing, old 8' wide trail. This trail will be removed and replaced with a new 10' wide concrete trail to meet Denver's local trail standard. This upgraded trail will extend all the way to Kentucky Ave.

The existing park space between Irving St and King Street is currently irrigated. The existing trees will be protected and new trees and shrubs will be planted in this corridor. In the other section between Meade St and Kentucky Ave, new irrigation will be installed and additional trees and shrubs will be planted to provide shade to trail users.

New wayfinding signs will be installed along the entire trail corridor. The Via Verde Plan and design guidelines include specific Via Verde wayfinding signs and elements that will be incorporated into this project.

This project will be completed in one phase, although there are other elements of the Via Verde Plan that will be implemented later by other Denver Agencies which are not specific to trails.

## 2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

This segment of the Via Verde will connect to a new segment that was recently built on the east side of the Kepner School campus, along Tennessee Ave from Hazel Ct to Federal Blvd. This recently constructed trail is 0.6 mi.

The Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure constructed new buffered bike lanes along Kentucky Avenue, which is where this project begins. It will provide trail users on bicycles with an additional, improved east-west connection along the street and pedestrians can use existing sidewalks in the corridor.

These trails in the Westwood and Athmar Park neighborhoods provide connections to Lake Huston Park, Garfield Lake Park, Kentucky & Knox Park, and Kentucky & Irving Park, as well as schools and their athletic fields. They also provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access to bus routes along W Kentucky Ave. The Kentucky Ave bike lanes connect to Westwood Park, Westwood Rec Center, and a close connection to the Weir Gulch Trail.

### 3. Need (15 points)

DPR is focused on ensuring everyone in the city has access to safe, high-quality parks, trails and open spaces. This means prioritizing projects in communities that have historically been underserved or marginalized. To help identify neighborhoods with the greatest need, DPR created the Neighborhood Equity Index and associated map in 2020 (updated in 2022). The Equity Index helps DPR to focus resources in the neighborhoods that have historically been under-resourced. The Via Verde project is located within the Westwood neighborhood, which falls in the highest need category, and this greenway will serve 24,048 residents within a 10-minute walk of the trail.

The Westwood Via Verde is a three-mile neighborhood greenway project to achieve health, equity, and climate outcomes. It is a connected system of multi-benefit green infrastructure to improve water quality, increase tree canopy, and support community empowerment and job creation. It is both a walking and biking route and a bold vision to create a network of existing green spaces and potential new spaces such as neighborhood bikeways, green streets, parks and enhanced alleyways. The existing park areas along the trail and in the neighborhoods lack safe biking and walking options, trees, shade, and healthy native vegetation. Moving forward, this greenway will provide beautiful, safe, and culturally rich spaces for individuals of all ages to be active and build neighborhood pride.

To capture this vision, the Via Verde Final Vision Plan was created in 2018 by the City of Denver, Trust for Public Land, and neighborhood groups. It lays out project priorities, which include the scope described here. This segment of the Via Verde Trail is the first significant investment by the City and Denver Parks and Recreation, as original plans for implementation were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project includes a 10' wide concrete trail designed to accommodate two way bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The concrete trail will be designed to meet ADA requirements for running slope and cross slope, which will provide a safe design for people walking, bicycling, and using mobility devices. The new trail is anticipated to handle an increased volume of users, especially for kids and families going to and from school. With the trail being a local neighborhood trail that doesn't connect directly to the City's and Region's larger trail network, we estimate a 70/30 split of pedestrian to bicyclist trail users. The wayfinding signage along the trail will guide all trail users.

The design for this project is fully funded, and this \$250,000 CPW grant is a critical piece of funding to construct the plan as designed. Without the grant, elements of the project will have to be eliminated, potentially including the irrigation and trees, and some curb extension and pedestrian crossing improvements.

#### 4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

Denver Moves is the City's transportation master plan, and Denver Moves Pedestrians and Trails focuses on the sidewalk and trail network. The Via Verde trail is identified in Denver Moves Pedestrians and Trails as a high priority trail project. That vision was developed and refined by people who live, work and play in Denver through a 19-month process from May 2016 to December 2017. The Pedestrian and Trails planning process included a task force of 20 community members who met five times during the development of the plan. There were additional public meetings and virtual input opportunities that led to the development of the plan and approval by City Council in 2018.

In 2016, City Council adopted a new neighborhood plan for the Westwood community after an extensive public process that included stakeholder meetings, community listening sessions, visioning workshops, and youth engagement. The final plan included ideas for six transformative projects that would help the neighborhood achieve the vision of becoming a connected, celebrated, resilient and healthy part of Denver. One of these ideas was to create a network of green spaces through the neighborhood that would better connect existing open spaces to each other and to neighborhood destinations.

The City of Denver and Trust for Public Land also worked together with community partners in the neighborhood including Westwood Unidos, BuCu West, D3 Arts, Groundwork Denver, and Denver Streets Partnership to create a community driven vision for this 3-mile corridor of connected and safe greenways, trails, sidewalks, alleys, and bike lanes. This Via Verde planning process was the next step after the Westwood neighborhood plan was adopted. The Via Verde Final Vision Plan was completed in 2018, but unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic started shortly there after and funding plans were put on hold.

The entire Via Verde and this project specifically involve stakeholders from Denver's Departments of Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Green Infrastructure. This project is a combination of building new trail and upgrading existing trails. The new trail will connect to 4 school campuses in the area, and a recently completed segment of trail along Tennessee Ave to the east connects residents to this growing Via Verde network. These trails are building a large network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to connect people to the South Platte Trail on the east and Weir Gulch Trail to the west.

## 5. Design and Construction (10 points)

The trail is being designed to meet Denver's standards and specifications for trails, concrete, curb ramps, irrigation, tree planting, and green infrastructure to ensure a high quality product is constructed. The anticipated life of concrete for trail construction is 30+ years. The project is being designed to meet ADA requirement.

The trail is currently being designed by Valerian LLC and ICON Engineering and will be reviewed by City staff to ensure the product meets design and quality standards. When design is completed in 2023 the project will follow City procurement practices and be bid out to a contractor for construction.

## 6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

The trail is currently being designed and will meet Denver Parks and Recreation's (DPR) construction standards. This includes a 6" concrete depth for the trail, an approved concrete mix, and curb ramps with cast iron truncated domes to withstand operational vehicles. Denver Parks and Rec operations staff will be responsible for snowplowing, trash pick up, and other day-to-day maintenance tasks. This is work that DPR operations staff already handles for this district, and thus there will not be a specific operations cost or funding plan associated with the work.

The existing 8' trail from Meade St to Kentucky Ave has old and damaged concrete in sections, non-compliant ADA ramps, and the 8' width is less than DPR's current 10' minimum standard for local trails. These trail segments will be completely removed, and a new 10' concrete trail will be constructed.

Denver's Department of Transportation & Infrastructure will be responsible for maintaining the green infrastructure elements of the project including the rain gardens, and other drainage and street-related elements.

## 7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

The Via Verde trail is located in an urban corridor with an Xcel Utility easement. The existing areas do not contain sensitive habitat or much wildlife. Following the process identified in "Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind," this trail does not impact sensitive habits, and thus there isn't a need to continue on through the process to avoid, minimize, and mitigate. There are a small number of trees along the trail corridor which will be protected, and the project aims to significantly increase the number of trees in the corridor. Additionally, the project will include pollinator gardens, and revegetate areas with native seed and pollinator habitat.

CPW was not directly involved in the planning of this trail. It is an urban trail and does not impact any state owned land or land with prior LWCF commitments. The trail will be open year round and maintained to be used during all seasons.



## 8. Public Engagement (10 points)

The Via Verde trail is a community-driven concept and plan, and this project aims to implement one phase of the larger 3 mile loop. The concept was first developed in the 2016 Westwood neighborhood plan which Denver City Council adopted. It was then further explored through a community-driven planning process with the City of Denver, Trust for Public land, and many other community partners. The section of the trail this project aims to build is included in the adopted master plan, Denver Moves Pedestrians and Trails (#15).

The project is currently in the design phase and several outreach events are planned at the 30% and 90% phases to reintroduce the project to the community, gather feedback on the project and different elements, and ensure items the community was anticipating to be included aren't overlooked.

There will also be a public outreach phase prior to construction to notify local residents that the construction will be starting, how construction phasing will occur, what potential impacts and detours they can expect, and when the project is anticipated to be completed. Ongoing communication with the public will occur with the City and contractor during the construction phase.

## 9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

This project represents a partnership between Denver Parks and Recreation and Denver Transportation & Infrastructure, and more specifically the Safe Routes to School and Green Infrastructure divisions. All of these divisions have provided design funding and will also be providing construction funding, in addition to Denver Park's and Receptions funding. The Trust for Public Land also has a private donor that is interested in providing funding for the construction of this trail segment, but that funding has not been secured at this time.

If grant funding is not awarded, DPR may have to delay the project for a year to allow time for more funding to be allocated to the project or remove some elements to meet the available budget.

DPR currently has \$965,443 in matching funds for the \$250,000 grant request. The DPR funds are allocated from CIP funding and will not be lost if the grant request is not awarded.

## 10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

The City and County of Denver is a large governmental organization with extensive experience managing grants from local, state and federal sources. There are several layers of oversight and support provided to Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) within the Department of Finance, along with DPR's own grant and finance support team.

DPR has managed numerous grants from local, state and federal sources. Most recently, DPR was awarded two \$750k (2018 and 2022) grants through Land and Water Conservation Funds for Carpio-Sanguinette/Heron Pond Park. The grant funding will construct new trails and trail amenities at an 80-acre open space park, valued at \$40M. DPR works closely with CPW on grant compliance and reporting.

If the CPW grant is not awarded, DPR will seek future budget appropriations through the capital improvement planning process. This may extend the timeline for the project completion by 1-2 years.

Non-Federal Environmental Form

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements)**  
**(Construction and Maintenance Grants Only)**

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column.

All applicants will be evaluated for wildlife and aquatic impacts in a separate evaluation process by CPW wildlife staff.

**Project Name:** Via Verde Trail

**Project Sponsor:** Denver Parks and Recreation

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS</b> Indicate potential for adverse impacts	<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b> Resource does not exist	<b>NEGLIGIBLE IMPACTS</b> Exists but no or negligible impacts	<b>MINOR IMPACTS</b>	<b>IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR</b>	<b>MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT</b>
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Wetlands/floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Environmental disturbances during construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a separate sheet if necessary for the following questions.

Please briefly clarify how each resource could be adversely impacted; any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur; and any additional data that still needs to be determined. Also explain any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

**MITIGATION:** Please describe how impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated; some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete to encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

The Via-Verde trail runs through a highly urban area in west Denver under an Xcel high power utility corridor. There are minimal to no natural resource assets within the corridor with the exception of a dozen trees. The project will avoid impacts to the existing trees and seeks to enhance and expand wildlife habitat. The project will convert some turf areas to more native species and install pollinator promoting plant species. The project is also partnering with the Division of Green Infrastructure to install streetside stormwater planters to treat the trail and surrounding roadway runoff.

**BENEFIT:** Please describe any positive impacts of the project on sensitive species; some considerations below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs

The project will restore and expand native landscapes within the trail corridor. Some areas of turf will be converted to a native palette to enhance wildlife and pollinator movement patterns throughout this urban corridor. The project will also manage all invasive species while also planting several native shrubs, trees and forbs. Environmental education signs will be installed along the trail to inform residents of the value of native plants and pollinators.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:** The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act. ***All required permits must be acquired prior to submitting a non-motorized trails grant application.***

Adam Lind

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Printed name of applicant

Cincere' Eades - resilience manager

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Printed name and title of environmental authority

Eades, Cincere - PR Parks and Planning - PP 131953

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Signature of authority

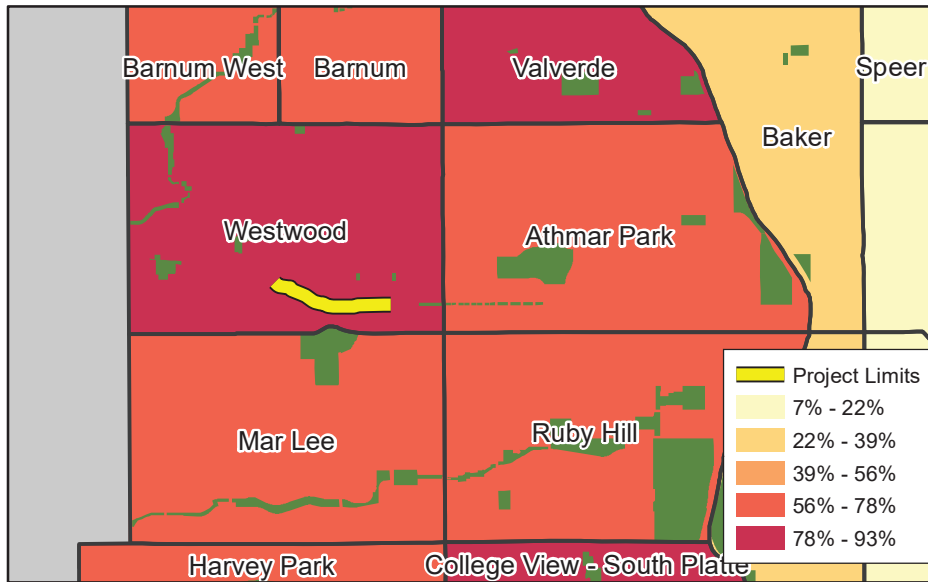
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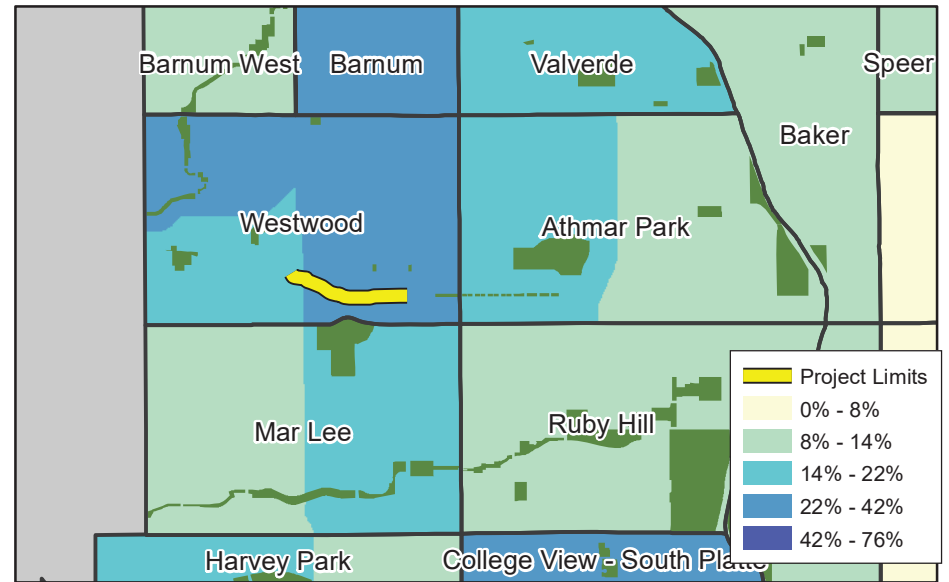
*The Governmental authority, natural resource specialist or hired consultant who completed this checklist must sign here. The applicant and authority must be different.*

**Section 3 - Project Budget**

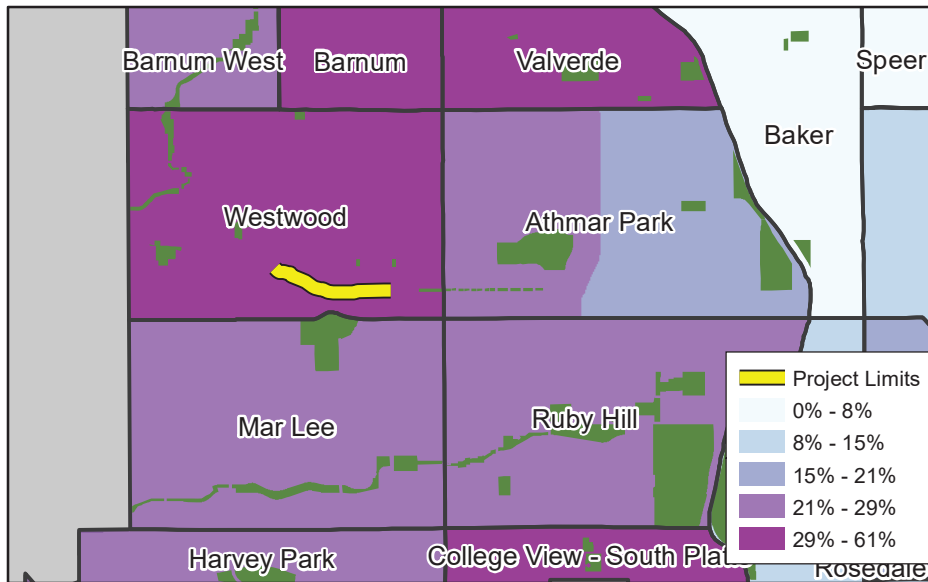
<b>Project Name:</b> Via Verde/Westwood Trail		<b>For Office Use:</b>						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
<b>CASH</b>								
CPW Non-Motorized Grant	TBD				\$250,000		\$ 250,000.00	
Denver Parks and Recreation						\$715,443	\$ 715,443.00	
Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure						\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	
<b>IN-KIND</b>								
							\$ -	
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 965,443.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,215,443.00</b>	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
<b>CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services</b> Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Contractor Construction				\$ -			\$ -	0
General Conditions (Mobilization, traffic control, construction surveying, potholing)	1	EACH	\$ 17,260.00	\$ 17,260.00		\$ 17,260.00	\$ 17,260.00	0
Demolition (Clear/Grub, Tree Protection, Removal of Asphalt, Removal of Concrete, Removal of drainage infrastructure)	1	EACH	\$ 138,802.00	\$ 138,802.00		\$ 138,802.00	\$ 138,802.00	0
<b>CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies</b> Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Site Work and Hardscape (Topsoil, Grading, Boulders, Signs, Green Infrastructure, Subbase, Asphalt, Concrete, Inlets, Pipes, etc)	1	Each	\$ 739,220.00	\$ 739,220.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 489,220.00	\$ 739,220.00	0
Landscape Materials (Trees, Shrubs, Grasses, Perennials, Seed, Mulch)	1	Each	\$ 76,068.00	\$ 76,068.00		\$ 76,068.00	\$ 76,068.00	0
Irrigation	1	Each	\$ 41,184.00	\$ 41,184.00		\$ 41,184.00	\$ 41,184.00	0
<b>Additional Categories</b>								
20% Contingency	1	Each	\$ 202,909.00	\$ 202,909.00		\$ 202,909.00	\$ 202,909.00	0
<b>USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 965,443.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,215,443.00</b>	
<b>*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE</b>							<b>*REQUIRED INPUT</b>	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
<b>IN-KIND SUBTOTAL</b>						\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 965,443.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,215,443.00</b>	
<b>25% REQUIRED MATCH</b>						<b>\$ 62,500.00</b>		



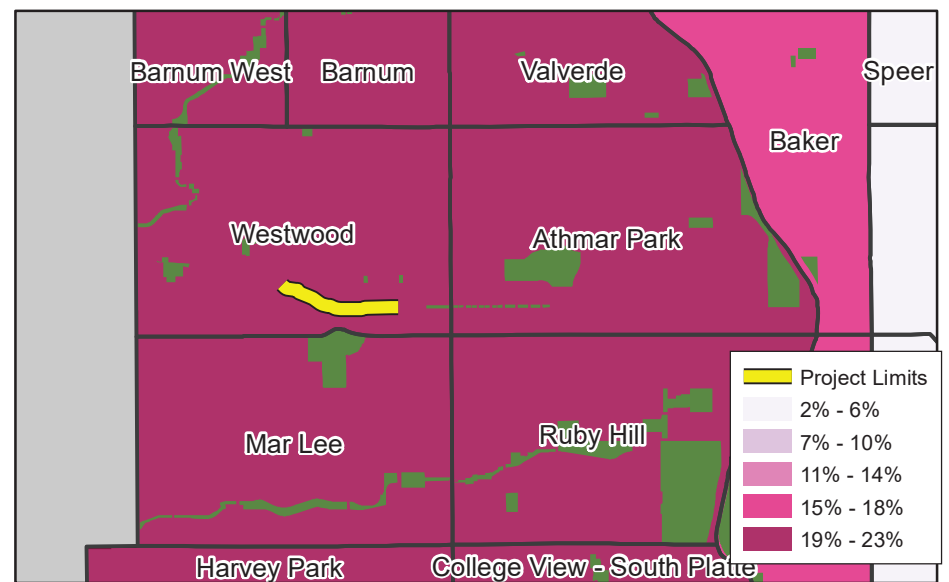
Percent Minority Population (ACS 2015-2019)



Percent Poverty (ACS 2015-2019)



Percentage of Population Under 18 (ACS 2015-2019)



Childhood Obesity (Colorado Department of Health and Environment 2014-2016)

# Via Verde Trail Project

## Socioeconomic Data



# LA VIA VERDE DE WESTWOOD | WESTWOOD VIA VERDE

**LEGEND / ZONING**

	Existing Tree		Existing Sidewalk
	Proposed Tree		Proposed Sidewalk
	Proposed Planting Area		Proposed Planting Area
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# LA VIA VERDE DE WESTWOOD | WESTWOOD VIA VERDE

## S. PATTON CT TO LOWELL BLVD GREENWAY | CORREDORES VERDES



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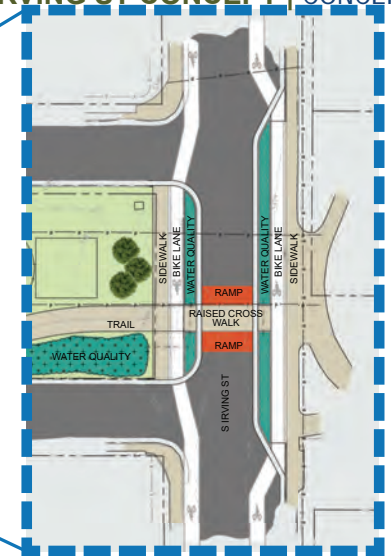


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September 29, 2022

*RE: Denver Parks and Recreation's Via Verde Trail Project*

Dear Evaluation Team:

As the Denver City Council President and Councilwoman for District 3, I am writing in support of Denver Parks and Recreation's (DPR) application for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Non-Motorized Trails (NMT) Grant funds to construct the Via Verde Trail in Denver's Westwood Neighborhood. The project is an implementation phase of a multi-year, community driven planning process that created the Via Verde, a "a three-mile neighborhood greenway project that will connect existing and future community amenities and green spaces, such as neighborhood bikeways, green streets, parks, and enhanced alleys.

This phase of the project will create new and upgraded trail segments, increase safety for kids walking and bicycling to school, implement green infrastructure, and plant trees to increase the urban canopy and reduce the urban heat island effect. The Westwood neighborhood is a high equity need neighborhood that has historically been overlooked for park investments. This project is one of many in the area to increase the park access, mobility, accessibility, and improve healthy transportation options for residents. The Via Verde Trail will provide new, safe bicycling and walking infrastructure in this neighborhood to connect residents to schools, parks, and the larger bicycling and walking network in Denver.

I enthusiastically support this project and the grant funding will support the construction of this community driven project.

Sincerely,

Hon. City Council President Jamie Torres,  
Denver City Council, District 3

Bannock St, Room 451

Denver, CO 80202

**District3@denvergov.org** | 720-337-3333



September 9, 2022

**RE: Denver Parks and Recreation's Via Verde Trail Project**

**Dear Evaluation Team:**

On behalf of the Denver Streets Partnership (DSP), I am writing in support of Denver Parks and Recreation's (DPR) application for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Non-Motorized Trails (NMT) Grant funds to construct the Via Verde Trail in Denver's Westwood Neighborhood. The project is an implementation phase of a multi-year, community driven planning process that created the Via Verde, a three-mile neighborhood greenway project that will connect existing and future community amenities and green spaces, such as neighborhood bikeways, green streets, parks, and enhanced alleys.

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The DSP enthusiastically supports this project and the grant funding will support the construction of this community driven project.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Locantore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Locantore  
Executive Director, Denver Streets Partnership



September 29, 2022

*RE: Denver Parks and Recreation's Via Verde Trail Project*

Dear State Trails Committee:

As the Community Trails Director at the Trust for Public Land, I am writing in support of Denver Parks and Recreation's (DPR) application for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Non-Motorized Trails (NMT) Grant funds to construct the Westwood Via Verde Trail in Denver's Westwood Neighborhood. The project is an implementation phase of a multi-year, community driven planning process that created the Westwood Via Verde, "a culturally rich, three-mile neighborhood greenway project that will connect existing and future community amenities and green spaces, such as neighborhood bikeways, green streets, parks, and enhanced alleys to achieve health, equity, and climate outcomes for the residents of Westwood."

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Jake Houston,

Trust for Public Land

# CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**MANDATORY:**

- Signed letter of resolution from the Governing Body (Board of Directors or Commissioners, City or Town Government, etc.) that states the resources and support committed to the project.
- Formal authorization from land manager (federal lands only)
- Timeline form has been filled out
- Budget uploaded as an unprotected Excel document
- Maps/Photos/Graphics uploaded as PDF document(s)
- Letters of Support (maximum of five) uploaded. No letters from clubs, groups or individuals who are specifically working on the project. No letters from CPW staff.
- Project should be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant
- Required MATCH funding is secured, including CASH match funds. If not secured at time of application, add a note in the comments sections at the bottom of this form.
- Scope of work and project location map emailed to CPW Area Manager by September 6, 2022.
- Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area to be open to public outdoor recreation for at least 25 years.
- Formal Environmental Assessment (EA) or NEPA (Must be completed prior to applicant presentations in January 2023. Include web link to EA).

- Construction projects have been evaluated for required permits. If required, permits have been acquired (404 permit, etc.)

**ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Youth Corps or youth organization will be used on the project (name of organization)

Denver Parks and Recreation Resiliency Youth Program

- Volunteers will be utilized on the project (name of organization)

**Comments**