



## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ACCESS CONNECTIONS TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**Summary and Background Information:** Commerce City is a partner in this grant with Denver, Adams County and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. It includes several projects in Denver and Commerce City. The Commerce City projects include two new pedestrian entrances to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (RMANWR) along 96<sup>th</sup> Ave., an overlook at Henderson Hill at 96<sup>th</sup> and Chambers Rd., and some trail work near the entrance to the Refuge. The city has contributed \$123,000 to these projects, which is a 17.21% match. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is providing the remaining 82.79%. The city is providing match money and the FHWA is responsible for managing all aspects of planning and construction (with the input and collaboration of the other partners.) Construction is expected to begin in Q1 of 2020.

This agreement addresses the maintenance of this new construction. Commerce City is responsible for routine maintenance of the trail and trailhead at 96<sup>th</sup> and Chambers and the overlook at the end of that trail. The USFWS is responsible for any substantial repairs. Commerce City Parks staff currently maintains the perimeter trail around the wildlife refuge and will add these areas to their maintenance responsibilities.

**Staff Responsible (Department Head):** Carolyn Keith

**Staff Member Presenting:** Mike Brown

**Financial Impact:** Minimal as staff is already in this area performing maintenance

**Funding Source:**

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval

**Suggested Motion:** I move to approve resolution 2019-114.