



Department Source: City Manager - Sustainability

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 21, 2016

Re: Accepting and appropriating grant from 3M Foundation for CoMo Common Ground

## Executive Summary

The Office of Sustainability is requesting City Council approval of an ordinance accepting and appropriating a \$25,000 grant from 3M Foundation for the CoMo Common Ground – monarch butterfly habitat restoration project. The goal of this grant is for preservation and enhancement of Monarch butterfly migration corridors and population recruitment centers within an urban center.

## Discussion

The 3M Foundation is partnering with the Office of Sustainability for the preservation and enhancement of Monarch butterfly migration corridors and population recruitment centers within an urban center. Three interconnected activities compose the core of our proposed work - restoration of Monarch habitats; propagation of host plants; and local capacity building via community outreach for additional habitat conservation and long-term management of host and nectaring vegetative patches.

Columbia - considering its location, ecological and geographical context, site and system-scale restoration opportunities, and the network of stakeholders that have been convened - provides an outstanding contribution to the long-term population viability of Monarch butterfly populations.

Through support from 3M, the Office of Sustainability proposes to expand our CoMo Common Ground work to focus on urban pollinators and Monarchs, thereby leveraging an existing local network to create increased migration and breeding habitat, milkweed coverage, and future restoration capacity. We believe the resultant CoMo Common Ground for Monarch Butterfly Habitat program - one which integrates public properties and partnerships, corporate stakeholders, and community engagement - could in turn serve as a model for other small and large cities to replicate.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Additional revenue of \$25,000

Long-Term Impact: Unknown at this time

## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### [Vision Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Environment, Secondary Impact: Parks, Recreation & Greenways, Tertiary Impact: Development



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## Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

## Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management

### Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

### Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree with the staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.