

Department Source: Housing & Neighborhood Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

Re: Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Agreement

Impacted Ward: Ward 6

Executive Summary

Volunteer Programs, part of the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, is submitting for approval an Adopt-A-Spot Beautification agreement allowing volunteers with COR Development to care for a tree preservation area along Grindstone Parkway.

Discussion

Volunteers are responsible for maintaining landscaped beds in city or state right of way in the City of Columbia at 111 locations. Adopters are responsible for weeding, watering, and mulching the beds and planting annual flowers and bulbs. Agreements are written for a four-year commitment and each bed has a sign to acknowledge the efforts of the adopter. With these agreements and others in progress, the Adopt-A-Spot Beautification program is at a 96% adoption rate.

Staff is asking for council to approve an agreement with COR Development LLC to care for the City-owned lot of Lot One (1) of Red Oak South Plat Number One (1), a subdivision located in the City of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, as shown by the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 46, Page 32, Records of Boone County, Missouri. This parcel is located south of Grindstone Parkway between State Farm Parkway and Norfleet Drive.

COR Development LLC will be working on maintenance and care of the Grindstone Tree Preservation. With support from Steve Fritz, City Arborist, the team will be preserving the trees and removing invasive plant species from the lot.

The City's Volunteer Programs staff appreciates the investment that volunteers put into Adopt-A-Spot beds to be enjoyed by hundreds of residents and visitors each day.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City will provide signs acknowledging adopters in each bed for a total cost of \$174. Additional support for mulch and plants should not exceed \$1,000 per spot.

Long-Term Impact: The City's Volunteer Programs provides ongoing support for Adopt A Spot beds including water meter and hydrant maintenance and repair, replacement plants, mulch, bulbs and annual flowers. Volunteers provide the labor to maintain these beds at no cost to the City.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan ImpactStrategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
n/a	n/a

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Adopt-A-Spot Agreement.