



TO: Arapahoe County Open Spaces
FROM: High Line Canal Conservancy
Harriet Crittenden LaMair, Executive Director
DATE: October 28th, 2020

SUBJECT: High Line Canal Conservancy Service Agreement Request

The High Line Canal Conservancy (Conservancy) is thrilled to put forward this Service Agreement for the purpose of management and facilitation of The Canal Collaborative. The Canal Collaborative will bring together all of the jurisdictions and stormwater managers along the High Line Canal (Canal), along with Denver Water and the Conservancy, to do more for the Canal than any one entity could do alone. Over the past year, the Conservancy has fulfilled the services and facilitation that was previously provided by consulting contractors to Arapahoe County. This work has included:

- Managing and facilitating the High Line Canal Working Group Task Team (TT). HLCC staff have directed and managed the TT for over two years.
- Since March 2020, HLCC has managed and overseen all communications to the High Line Canal Working Group (HLCWG).
- Providing leadership and facilitation for subgroups of the HLCWG and TT to develop and revise documents formalizing The Canal Collaborative.
- Worked with all of the partners to resolve issues and create formalization documents that are aligned with partner constraints and desires.
- Providing professional legal advice and review of the documents needed for creation (MOU) and formalization of procedures for the Canal Collaborative.

The partners are currently reviewing the final draft MOU and Operating Procedures and over the coming months, we will secure agreement and signatures to make The Canal Collaborative a reality. Creation of this collaborative management structure has been a long time coming and our joint commitment and vision is what has ensured success to date. We look forward to fulfilling this critical management and facilitation role to ensure the Collaborative delivers on its promise to work together to enhance the Canal and collaborate for better long-term management of its natural and recreational resources. It is an honor to work with Arapahoe County to secure a vital future for the Canal – a future that will serve to improve the lives of millions of people for generations to come.

The High Line Canal Conservancy requests \$89,000 annually for three-years to fill this critical role facilitating, managing and administering The Canal Collaborative. We are deeply appreciative for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or comments at harriet@highlinecanal.org or 720-217-2056.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harriet Crittenden LaMair".

Harriet Crittenden LaMair, Executive Director
High Line Canal Conservancy