

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 9, SERIES 2025 – A
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH PLAY BOULDER FOUNDATION
CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY FORESTRY CORPS URBAN
FORESTRY PROGRAM**

DATE: MARCH 4, 2025

**PRESENTED BY: ADAM BLACKMORE, PROS DIRECTOR
ABBY MCNEAL, PARKS SUPERINTENDENT**

SUMMARY:

The City of Louisville is partnering and providing financial support with City of Boulder, Boulder County, PLAY Boulder and Classrooms for Climate Action to pilot the Community Forestry Corp (CFC) program, to plant and maintain trees in Boulder County. The City Parks and Forestry staff identified 3 locations to restore 25 lost trees- South Boulder Right of Way (10 trees), Cleo Mudrock detention area (8 trees), and Washington Avenue north Right of Way (7 trees). PLAY Boulder is targeting a mid-April planting of trees, then the CFC program will support the aftercare and maintenance of newly planted trees throughout the summer months. The CFC program intends to offer employment, career development, and educational opportunities for local youth from underrepresented and historically disadvantaged communities. PLAY Boulder will also support the countywide urban forestry expansion strategy via expanded tree tender training programs and technical and data assistance associated with the upcoming PlanIT Geo tools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Louisville will be committing to a contribution of up to \$5,000 to support the program. The funds will be spent from appropriated & budgeted Parks & Forestry operating accounts.

PROGRAM/SUB-PROGRAM IMPACT:

The grant supports the Parks program by helping maintain landscaped areas in the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of 2025 Play Boulder IGA supporting the Urban Forestry and Community Forest Corps Program

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 9, Series 2025
2. PLAY Boulder IGA - Louisville
3. Map of prospective tree locations

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STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

☐	 Financial Stewardship & Asset Management	☐	 Reliable Core Services
☐	 Vibrant Economic Climate	☒	 Quality Programs & Amenities
☒	 Engaged Community	☐	 Healthy Workforce
☐	 Supportive Technology	☒	 Collaborative Regional Partner

**RESOLUTION NO. 9
SERIES 2025**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PLAY
BOULDER FOUNDATION CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY FORESTRY CORPS
URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been proposed concerning the City's participation in the Community Forestry Corps Urban Forestry Program; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution the City Council desires to approve the IGA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Louisville and PLAY Boulder Foundation Concerning the Community Forestry Corps Urban Forestry Program, in essentially the same form as the copy of such IGA that accompanies this resolution.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the IGA on behalf of the City, and the Mayor is hereby further authorized to negotiate and approve such revisions to the IGA as the Mayor determines are necessary or desirable for the protection of the City, so long as the essential terms and conditions of the Amendment are not altered.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2025.

Christopher M Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

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Project Background: The PLAY Boulder Foundation has been hired by the Boulder County Office of Sustainability, Climate Action and Resilience to manage an urban forestry program intended to establish faster, more comprehensive urban forestry benefits while providing meaningful youth employment opportunities that enhance both individual and community growth and resilience. The program, the Community Forestry Corps, empowers underserved youth to maintain and expand urban forests, gather and review critical urban heat data, and become local climate ambassadors supporting community resilience and sustainable community development.

Project Purpose: Urban areas are heat amplifiers due to a variety of factors such as infrastructure and energy use. This heat amplification increases landscape desertification, but also poses a huge health risk to city dwellers. However, studies show that increasing green space in cities can lead to significant cooling and therefore a reduction in extreme heat's harmful effects on the land and humans. For this reason, urban forestry, heat data and human health are inextricably linked.

While the recent Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has committed to supporting many new urban forestry initiatives, the current approach to urban forestry is still missing critical elements required to achieve success. For example, "tree equity" is the widely promoted concept that planting more trees in historically disinvested and under-canopied communities will deliver more equitable futures. Although it is clearly essential that we support these communities in gradually re-growing sheltering canopy, trees planted now will take 20 to 30 years at a minimum before they begin delivering substantive levels of critical ecosystem services like shading and cooling, water infiltration, or air and sound pollution abatement. In the interim, these same trees represent a liability to the community, one it will have to find ways to maintain and protect for what is essentially a generation (25 or more years) before the trees start producing substantive benefits.

For these reasons, the Community Forestry Corps was designed with the recognition of the need to commit to long-term, multi-decade comprehensive support for both the tree and the human stewards needed to provide this essential care, while integrating essential urban heat data and climate change education in ways that will maximize the present and future benefit of tree related actions and empower future climate ambassadors. The Community Forestry Corps

is a practical, achievable step in the demonstration of immediate and equitable urban forestry, designed to address both the equity limitations of past approaches and improve the environmental and social outcomes of these investments.

Project Scope: This pilot program will primarily be led by the PLAY Boulder Foundation, which will coordinate with the participating Boulder County communities, and will report to the Boulder County Office of Sustainability, Climate Action, and Resilience. Key roles and responsibilities are as follows:

PLAY Boulder Foundation:

- Coordinate and communicate meetings, program scope of work, and program updates.
- Develop and support tree tender working groups in participating county municipalities.
- Develop youth engagement/employment opportunities associated with urban forest expansion through the Community Forestry Corps.
- Support urban forest analysis and planning with each municipal working group when Urban Tree Canopy reports are available.
- Coordinate local tree planting initiatives.

Boulder County OSCAR:

- Support PLAY Boulder in the coordination and communication of meetings, pilot scope of work, and program updates.

Participating Communities: (Boulder, Louisville, Lafayette)

- Identify tree planting opportunities/sites on public lands.
- Select tree planting quantities, species, sizes, etc. based on community characteristics.
- Coordinate with PLAY to schedule planting days and determine the level of support needed for planting.
- Outline additional activities for CFC crews (mulching, weeding, pruning, etc).
- Collaborate with PLAY Boulder to develop Tree Tender community training sessions in Louisville and Lafayette to establish volunteer working groups.

Project Budget:

PLAY Boulder Foundation: Approximately \$30,000 to \$70,000 from external grants and fundraising (depending on grant selection)

- Advertising and marketing
- Office supplies and related event expenses
- Tree planting materials, equipment, and expenses
- Program Management and staff wages

Boulder County OSCAR: \$120,000 paid to the PLAY Boulder Foundation:

- Program Management and staff wages
- Crew uniforms, gear, equipment
- Food, miscellaneous supplies
- Instructors and interpretation services for education and youth development
- Tree planting materials, equipment, and expenses
- Environmental consulting expenses

City of Boulder Climate Initiatives: \$120,000 paid to the PLAY Boulder Foundation:

- Program Management and staff wages
- Crew uniforms, gear, equipment
- Food, miscellaneous supplies
- Instructors and interpretation services for education and youth development
- Tree planting materials, equipment, and expenses
- Environmental consulting expenses

Participating Communities:

- **Louisville:**
 - \$5,000 paid to PLAY Boulder for CFC crew wages
- **Lafayette:**
 - \$5,000 paid to PLAY Boulder for CFC crew wages

Urban Forestry Funding:

The PLAY Boulder Foundation will pay for the plant materials required for the tree planting initiatives in each of the participating communities. \$24,000 from the PLAY Boulder contract with Boulder County has been budgeted for plant materials. Both Louisville and Lafayette will have approximately \$12,000 available for urban forestry initiatives in the second year of the pilot program, with additional PLAY Boulder funds from external grants and fundraising initiatives available, if needed.

The final amount spent on plant materials will largely be determined by the planting projects identified by the participating municipalities, as well as the size and species of the trees chosen for planting. The participating municipalities, Louisville and Lafayette, will coordinate with PLAY Boulder in the identification of planting sites and the selection of trees.

Payments: \$5,000 paid by both Louisville & Lafayette to the PLAY Boulder Foundation

This pilot program has a variety of funding sources, including Boulder County, with the intention of further establishing systems and infrastructure for continued expansion in future years. We anticipate this program growing in 2026 to increase its capacity and provide services to more Boulder County municipalities that are interested in participating. For the second year of the program, participating municipalities will pay \$5,000 to pay for the Community Forestry Corps

crew wages. Participating municipalities have the option of paying the \$5,000 in either two or three payments:

- \$2,500 paid upfront upon signing this agreement, and
- \$2,500 paid by December 1st, 2025

Or,

- \$1,666.66 paid upfront upon signing this agreement,
- \$1,666.66 paid by August 1st, 2025, and
- \$1,666.67 paid by December 1st, 2025

Project Deliverables:

- PLAY Boulder:
 - By end of January: Intergovernmental Agreement for Participating Municipalities
 - By end of February: High-Level Scope of Work for Participating Municipalities
 - Mid- and End-of-Year: Reporting and summary of work
- Participating Municipalities: Detailed information regarding the following:
 - By end of April 2025: Identified tree planting sites and desired tree species, size, quantity and planting specifications.
 - By end of May 2025: Desired site tasks for CFC crews (e.g. mulching, pruning, weeding).

Project Timeline:

- Kick-off Meetings: January 2025 (All)
 - Spring Tree Tender Trainings: March 2025 (PLAY Boulder)
 - Identification of Planting Sites and Tree Quantities/Species/Size: January - March 2025 (Participating Muni's, with support from PLAY Boulder)
 - Tree Planting Initiatives: April - May 2025 (PLAY Boulder, with support from Participating Muni's)
 - Community Forestry Corps Activity: June - August 2025 (PLAY Boulder)
 - Fall Tree Tender Trainings: August/September 2025 (PLAY Boulder)
 - Evaluation & Assessment: August - October 2025 (All)
 - Begin Planning for 2026 Urban Forestry Initiatives: October - December 2025 (All)
 - *Urban Forestry & Heat Analysis*
 - *Community Engagement*
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Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

2025 CFC Tree Planting Locations in Louisville Colorado – 25 total trees

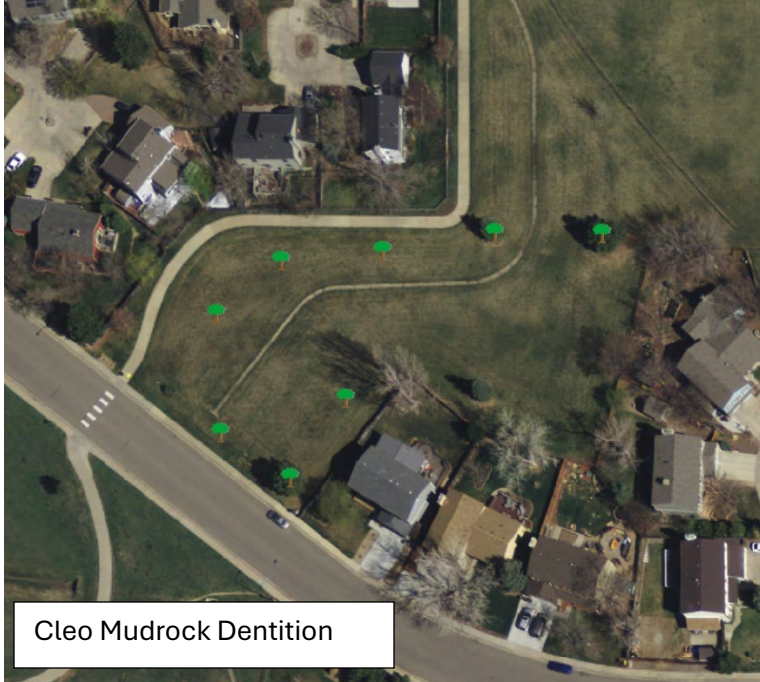
SBR south ROW @ mobile home park – 10 trees - 4 Western Hackberry, 3 Bur Oak, 3 Greenspire Linden

Cleo Mudrock – 8 trees – 4 Austrian Pines, 4 Norway Maples

Washington Ave. north ROW – 7 trees - 4 Frontier Elm, 3 Seedless Kentucky Coffee tree (Espresso)

1.5 to-2.0 inch caliper, preferably container or air pot





Cleo Mudrock Dentition



Washington Ave north Right of Way