

SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY
acting by and through
SEMSWA WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE

RESOLUTION 25-23

Authorization to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the
High Line Canal Hazard Tree Mitigation

WHEREAS, approximately five miles of the High Line Canal is located within SEMSWA's service area in the City of Centennial; and

WHEREAS, a Tree Inventory and Risk Assessment was conducted in 2022 for the High Line Canal property to assess tree risks and to provide mitigation recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the assessment categorized trees based on their potential risk as "Immediate," "High," "Medium," or "Low"; and

WHEREAS, the Immediate and High Hazard Trees were mitigated by Denver Water in or prior to 2024; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA has determined that debris from the dead and dying trees within the canal property has the potential to impede flow in the canal and increase flooding risks; and

WHEREAS, Denver Water conveyed forty-five miles of the High Line Canal to Arapahoe County in 2024 and Arapahoe County Open Space created a pilot High Line Canal Stewardship Grant to help fund projects within the canal property; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA is ineligible to apply for Arapahoe County open space grant funds since SEMSWA does not provide outdoor recreation services or amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Centennial applied for the pilot High Line Canal Stewardship Grant on behalf of SEMSWA for the mitigation of 63 Medium Hazard Trees identified in the 2022 Tree Inventory and Risk Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County awarded the \$343,000 to the City of Centennial for the High Line Canal Hazard Tree Mitigation project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Centennial has drafted and SEMSWA has reviewed an Intergovernmental Agreement outlining terms for SEMSWA's management of and payment for the Tree Hazard Mitigation Project and the City of Centennial's reimbursement of SEMSWA's costs up to \$343,000; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA's contribution to the High Line Canal Hazard Tree Mitigation project is \$59,000 in its funds, not subject to reimbursement from the City of Centennial, and was included within the SEMSWA adopted budget for the calendar year 2025 subsequent to public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for the High Line Canal Tree Hazard Mitigation with the City of Centennial.
2. SEMSWA staff are authorized to manage the High Line Canal Tree Mitigation Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement and utilize SEMSWA on-call contractors.
3. SEMSWA funding is limited to \$59,000 in its funds plus \$343,000 in reimbursable funds from the City of Centennial without prior approval of the Board.

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Date: May 21, 2025

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Attorney for
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By _____
Edward J. Krisor