

IMPACT STATEMENT

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Legislation title: Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to sign lease documents with Friends of Zenger Farm, and to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement as the sponsor of a Metro grant to the Friends of Zenger Farm (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Zenger Farms Urban Grange is a non-profit facility encouraging healthy and local food resources including education, environmental stewardship and community connections. In January 2014, Friends of Zenger Farms applied to Metro for grant funding for courtyard improvements at the Urban Grange Facility to provide youth and families with access to nature and hands-on experiential learning. The conditions of the grant require a Government Sponsor to receive and distribute the grant. The project supports a number of City goals including innovative stormwater management techniques, and the City wishes to support Friends of Zenger Farms and the courtyard project by acting as the Government Sponsor for the grant.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This IGA enables receipt of a Metro-funded grant by Friends of Zenger Farms for the Zenger Farms Urban Grange Courtyard project, which is located on City-owned facilities. The City does not incur any direct financial responsibility or ongoing operational obligations as a result of this IGA. The Bureau of Environmental Services may provide technical assistance related to stormwater design and monitoring within the existing Watershed Services budget.

Community impacts and community involvement:

In 2013-14, Metro conducted a competitive process to identify the courtyard project and Friends of Zenger Farms as a grant recipient. Grant funding will be provided by Metro from bond proceeds as authorized by voters through Ballot Measure 26-80 on November 2006. Zenger Farm provides an educational and environmental resource within the Johnson Creek Watershed. Field trips from local schools see excess of 8000 students visit this property annually for educational programs that include environmental stewardship and sustainable stormwater material. Community groups manage livestock on the farm, and participate in adult education programs ranging from backyard husbandry to budget conscious nutritional training. This grant expands and improves the FZF campus, having a positive impact to activities on this site either indirectly or directly.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

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Does this action change appropriations?

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☒ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount