

CITY OF SANTA FE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "City," and **SWCA Environmental Consultants**, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," and is effective as of the date set forth below upon which it is executed by the Parties.

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. Scope of Work.

A. The Contractor shall perform the following work:

- 1) Using an interdisciplinary approach, the preparation of the NEPA compliance documents for the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project.
- 2) Organize, write and edit all documents required by CEQ (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) and Forest Service regulations (36 CFR 220) to complete an environmental assessment (EA). Work with the USFS Project Lead to coordinate a team of resource specialists and contractors to compile the appropriate information necessary for completing the EA. Ensure Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) members are well informed, check progress on tasks, provide guidance if needed, and keep the process moving according to the timeline.
- 3) Coordinate with Forest Service GIS analysts to produce all necessary project maps for the EA. Maps should include project area, resources, alternative actions, and cumulative actions. If engineering drawings are needed, they must be approved by a Forest Service Engineer.
- 4) The Contractor is expected to travel to Santa Fe for in-person meetings on 2-3 separate travel occasions.
- 5) Plan and support public meetings by helping to develop agendas, public involvement materials, recording notes and draft and/or edit letters to the public. Works with USFS Project Lead to plan and participate in between approximately 2 – 4 public meetings, which may include open houses, formal public meetings, field trips, and other meeting formats.
- 6) Participates in approximately 2 - 4 meetings with collaborative partners.
- 7) In coordination with USFS Project Lead, plans and facilitates IDT meetings approximately 1x per month. Develops meeting agendas, records and disseminates meeting notes, and follows up with individual IDT members on assigned tasks.
- 8) Maintain and index the project record in accordance with appropriate Forest Service specifications.
- 9) Complete a detailed project work plan and track progress on specific tasks on a schedule displayed by week provided to the City of Santa Fe and the USDA Forest Service. The project work plan will include the anticipated timeline, including dates for key meetings with partners and the ID Team, public meetings, and in-person travel occasions.

10) Tasks identified in Table 1. Tasks and Technical Approach of the RFP 19/59/P National Environmental Policy Act Planner proposal submitted by the Contractor.

B. Performance Measures.

Contractor shall substantially perform the following Performance Measures:

- 1) Reports: By the 15th of each month, the Contractor shall provide monthly management reports throughout the lifetime of the project. The Contractor shall provide a meeting summary within 4 working days following each ID Team or public meeting during the lifetime of the project.
- 2) Work Plan: Within 30 days of issuance of the contract, the Contractor shall submit a work plan. The work plan shall be a comprehensive plan and schedule for completion of all aspects of the task order, following the schedule prepared by the Forest Service. See sample of "Estimated Timeline and Progress Schedule Worksheet" at the end of this prospectus. The work plan shall account for all the tasks within the scope of this task order, deliverables listed below, preparation time, and review time for each draft by the Forest Service. The work plan shall include an assessment of the existing data, preliminary identification of additional data needs for the EA, and preliminary identification of resource sections to include for the EA. The Contractor shall be responsible for keeping the work plan up to date.
- 3) Public Involvement Strategy: In coordination with the USFS Project Manager and Responsible Official, the Contractor shall review and revise as needed the public involvement strategy within 21 days of the issuance of the contract.
- 4) Scoping Comment Summary: The Contractor shall prepare a summary of scoping comments and issue analysis.
- 5) Draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment: The Contractor shall provide an electronic copy (using the Forest Service template) of a completed draft preliminary EA to the USFS Project Lead for Forest Service review. This document should include consideration of comments received from the public and issues identified during scoping, such as climate change, inventoried roadless areas, wildlife habitat, and air quality.
- 6) 30-day Review of Preliminary EA: The Contractor shall provide the preliminary EA for distribution to the public for the 30-day Notice and Comment process through a legal notice posted in the appropriate Newspapers of Record. The Contractor is responsible for US Postal Service mailing and email notifications.
- 7) 30-Day Public Review Comments: The Contractor shall analyze all comment letters received during the 30-day comment period and prepare a document responding to substantive comments and detailing how each comment was considered. Responses to comments shall be coordinated with relevant Forest Service specialists and Cooperating Agency partners. This document shall be indexed to the comment letters and placed in the project record.
- 8) Monitoring Plan: Prepared in conjunction with the Forest Service and partner agencies/organizations.
- 9) Technical References: Copies of technical references cited in the EA must be included in the project record.
- 10) Draft Final Environmental Assessment: The Contractor shall revise the preliminary Environmental Assessment and provide an electronic copy of a draft final EA to the Project

Leader for Forest Service review. This document should include consideration of public comments received during the 30-day comment period and Forest Service comments.

11) Final Environmental Assessment: The Contractor shall revise the document based on Forest Service comments, and prepare and provide an electronic copy of the final environmental assessment.

12) Draft Decision Document: The Contractor shall prepare the draft DN/FONSI, revise the document based on Forest Service comments, and prepare and provide an electronic copy of the final draft DN/FONSI.

13) Final Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Document: Following Forest Service approval of the EA and draft DN/FONSI, the Contractor will distribute appropriate mailings and submit the legal notice of objection filing in the appropriate Newspapers of Record.

14) Project Record: The project record includes all the documents of all types (papers, studies, data, reference maps, correspondence, computer runs, etc.) scanned or converted into pdf format that support the decision making process. Documents must be dated.

The Contractor will organize and index the project record in compliance with the provided Forest Service specifications, including file naming conventions and indexing method compatible with Forest Service record keeping policy. The Forest Service will provide to the Contractor all Forest Service internal documents for the project record. No draft documents shall be included in the project record. The Contractor shall submit the entire electronic project record at the time of Forest Service acceptance of the preliminary EA, again at the time of acceptance of the final EA, and again at the completion of the Contract.

15) Pre-Decisional Objections: The Contractor shall create issue worksheets, based on the Project Record, responsive to any objection contentions received. These worksheets will be delivered to the Project Leader for review and may require some communication regarding locating technical information in the Project Record. The Forest Service is responsible for responding to any objections received and meeting with objectors if appropriate.

16) Final Decision Document: The Contractor shall update the Final DN/FONSI, which will incorporate discussion of and any outcomes from the objections process.

17) All documents shall be published to Forest Service standards. Electronic word processing documents shall be Microsoft Word. Final NEPA documents shall be delivered in Microsoft Word, using templates provided by the Forest Service. Documents in the project record must be converted to .pdf prior to being transferred to the Forest Service and be 508 compliant. For enhanced communication and to minimize time constraints, it is anticipated and desired that many transmittals will be via electronic means.

18) The Forest Service will review all draft materials. Generally, one review and correction cycle will be sufficient prior to finalizing materials. However, based upon the amount or complexity of the Forest Service's revision comments, the Forest Service shall have the option of reviewing drafts until they are revised to the Forest Service's satisfaction.

C. The Contractor is not responsible for the following:

1) Developing the scope of the environmental analysis: The Forest Service will present to the Contractor a clear description of the specific proposal, why it is being proposed, and the nature and character of the decision to be made.

- 2) Initiating scoping: The Forest Service has developed a detailed proposed action and initiated scoping between June – July 2019.
- 3) Public Information: The Forest Service are responsible for preparing any information for release to the news media. The Agency will designate an official spokesperson who will receive all media and public contacts.
- 4) Biological Evaluation and Biological Assessment: The Forest Service will write the Biological Assessment (BA) analyzing the effects of the proposed action and alternatives on federally listed threatened and endangered species if Section 7 Consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service is required. The Forest Service will also write the Biological Evaluation (BE) analyzing the effects of the proposed action and alternatives on Forest Service Region 3 Sensitive Species.
- 5) Consultation: Forest Service specialists or line officers (Forest Supervisor or District Ranger) will be responsible for consulting with Native American Tribes, the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer, US Army Corps of Engineers and US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 6) Posting documents on the web: The Forest Service is responsible for posting all relevant disclosure documents on the forest's website.

D. The receipt of the performance measures contemplated under this Agreement shall assist the City in obtaining its goal as set forth in the Sustainable Santa Fe 25-Year Plan on page 31. **“ES2: Enhance wildfire mitigation, preparedness, and resiliency efforts: Increase and maintain preparedness, mitigation, education, and planning efforts so that communities are prepared for, can respond to, and rebound from wildfire. Additionally, address the connections between and impacts of wildfire on watersheds and stream health”**

2. Compensation.

A. The City shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for services satisfactorily performed based on tasks identified in the RFP 19/59/P National Environmental Policy Act Planner proposal on Table 1. Tasks and Technical Approach on a quarterly basis, such compensation not to exceed one hundred twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred sixty-five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$129,965.65) inclusive of gross receipts tax.

The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement, including gross receipts tax and expenses, shall not exceed one hundred twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred sixty-five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$129,965.65). This amount is a maximum and not a guarantee that the work assigned to be performed by Contractor under this Agreement shall equal the amount stated herein. The parties do not intend for the Contractor to continue to provide services without compensation when the total compensation amount is reached. Contractor is responsible for notifying the City when the services provided under this Agreement reach the total compensation amount. In no event will the Contractor be paid for services provided in excess of the total compensation amount without this Agreement being amended in writing prior to those services in excess of the total compensation amount being provided.

B. Payment is subject to availability of funds pursuant to the Appropriations Paragraph set forth below and to any negotiations between the parties from year to year pursuant to Paragraph

1, Scope of Work, and to approval by the City. All invoices MUST BE received by the City no later than thirty (30) days after the termination of the Fiscal Year in which the services were delivered. Invoices received after such date WILL NOT BE PAID.

C. Contractor must submit a detailed statement accounting for all services performed and expenses incurred. If the City finds that the services are not acceptable, within thirty days after the date of receipt of written notice from the Contractor that payment is requested, it shall provide the Contractor a letter of exception explaining the defect or objection to the services, and outlining steps the Contractor may take to provide remedial action. Upon certification by the City that the services have been received and accepted, payment shall be tendered to the Contractor within thirty days after the date of acceptance. If payment is made by mail, the payment shall be deemed tendered on the date it is postmarked. However, the City shall not incur late charges, interest, or penalties for failure to make payment within the time specified herein.

3. **Term.**

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CITY. This Agreement shall terminate on **June 30, 2021** unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 4 (Termination), or paragraph 5 (Appropriations). In accordance with Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978, no contract term for a professional services contract, including extensions and renewals, shall exceed four years, except as set forth in Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978.

4. **Termination.**

A. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either of the parties hereto upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination. Except as otherwise allowed or provided under this Agreement, the City's sole liability upon such termination shall be to pay for acceptable work performed prior to the Contractor's receipt of the notice of termination, if the City is the terminating party, or the Contractor's sending of the notice of termination, if the Contractor is the terminating party; provided, however, that a notice of termination shall not nullify or otherwise affect either party's liability for pre-termination defaults under or breaches of this Agreement. The Contractor shall submit an invoice for such work within thirty (30) days of receiving or sending the notice of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon written notice to the Contractor if the Contractor becomes unable to perform the services contracted for, as determined by the City or if, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor or any of its officers, employees or agents is indicted for fraud, embezzlement or other crime due to misuse of City funds or due to the Appropriations paragraph herein. **THIS PROVISION IS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DOES NOT WAIVE THE City's OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT/BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

B. **Termination Management.** Immediately upon receipt by either the City or the Contractor of notice of termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall: 1) not incur any further obligations for salaries, services or any other expenditure of funds under this Agreement without written approval of the City; 2) comply with all directives issued by the City in the notice of termination as to the performance of work under this Agreement; and 3) take such action as the City shall direct for the protection, preservation, retention or transfer of all property titled to the City and records generated under this Agreement. Any non-expendable personal property or

equipment provided to or purchased by the Contractor with contract funds shall become property of the City upon termination and shall be submitted to the City as soon as practicable.

5. Appropriations.

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the City Council for the performance of this Agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the City Council, this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon written notice being given by the City to the Contractor. The City's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. If the City proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding, the Contractor shall have the option to terminate the Agreement or to agree to the reduced funding, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendment.

6. Status of Contractor.

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors performing professional services for the City and are not employees of the City. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of City vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the City as a result of this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that all sums received hereunder are reportable by the Contractor for tax purposes, including without limitation, self-employment and business income tax. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the City unless the Contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

7. Assignment.

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the City.

8. Subcontracting.

The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the City. No such subcontract shall relieve the primary Contractor from its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement, nor shall any subcontract obligate direct payment from the City.

9. Release.

Final payment of the amounts due under this Agreement shall operate as a release of the City, its officers and employees from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Agreement.

10. Confidentiality.

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the City.

11. Product of Service -- Copyright.

All materials developed or acquired by the Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of the City and shall be delivered to the City no later than the termination date of this Agreement. Nothing developed or produced, in whole or in part, by the Contractor under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright or other claim of ownership by or on behalf of the Contractor.

12. Conflict of Interest; Governmental Conduct Act.

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that it presently has no interest and, during the term of this Agreement, shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement.

B. The Contractor further represents and warrants that it has complied with, and, during the term of this Agreement, will continue to comply with, and that this Agreement complies with all applicable provisions of the Governmental Conduct Act, Chapter 10, Article 16 NMSA 1978.

C. Contractor's representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 are material representations of fact upon which the City relied when this Agreement was entered into by the parties. Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the City if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor learns that Contractor's representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances. If it is later determined that Contractor's representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances, in addition to other remedies available to the City and notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, the City may immediately terminate the Agreement.

D. All terms defined in the Governmental Conduct Act have the same meaning in this section.

13. Amendment.

A. This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto and all other required signatories.

B. If the City proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding due to budget or other considerations, the Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed Amendment, have the option to terminate the Agreement, pursuant to the termination provisions as set forth in Article 4 herein, or to agree to the reduced funding.

14. Merger.

This Agreement incorporates all the Agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, Agreements and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior Agreement or

understanding, oral or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

15. Penalties for violation of law.

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

16. Equal Opportunity Compliance.

The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and Santa Fe City Code, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws of the State of New Mexico, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental handicap, or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

17. Applicable Law.

The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Agreement, without giving effect to its choice of law provisions. Venue shall be proper only in a New Mexico court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with Section 38-3-1 (G) NMSA 1978. By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising under or out of any term of this Agreement.

18. Workers Compensation.

The Contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers compensation benefits for its employees. If the Contractor fails to comply with the Workers Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this Agreement may be terminated by the City.

19. Professional Liability Insurance. Contractor shall maintain professional liability insurance throughout the term of this Agreement providing a minimum coverage in the amount required under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act. The Contractor shall furnish the City with proof of insurance of Contractor's compliance with the provisions of this section as a condition prior to performing services under this Agreement.

20. Other Insurance

If the services contemplated under this Agreement will be performed on or in City facilities or property, Contractor shall maintain in force during the entire term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage(s), naming the City as additional insured.

A. Workers Compensation (including accident and disease coverage) at the statutory limit. Employers liability: \$100,000.

B. Comprehensive general liability (including endorsements providing broad form property damage, personal injury coverage and contractual assumption of liability for all liability the Contractor has assumed under this contract). Limits shall not be less than the following:

- a. Bodily injury: \$1,000,000 per person /\$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- b. Property damage or combined single limit coverage: \$1,000,000.
- c. Automobile liability (including non-owned automobile coverage): \$1,000,000.
- d. Umbrella: \$1,000,000.

C. Contractor shall maintain the above insurance for the term of this Agreement and name the City as an additional insured and provide for 30 days cancellation notice on any Certificate of Insurance form furnished by Contractor. Such certificate shall also specifically state the coverage provided under the policy is primary over any other valid and collectible insurance and provide a waiver of subrogation.

21. Records and Financial Audit.

The Contractor shall maintain detailed time and expenditure records that indicate the date, time, nature and cost of services rendered during the Agreement's term and effect and retain them for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement. The records shall be subject to inspection by the City. The City shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the City to recover excessive or illegal payments

22. Indemnification.

The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from all actions, proceeding, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys' fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind from any source which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement, caused by the negligent act or failure to act of the Contractor, its officers, employees, servants, subcontractors or agents, or if caused by the actions of any client of the Contractor resulting in injury or damage to persons or property during the time when the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor thereof has or is performing services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any action, suit or proceeding related to the services performed by the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor under this Agreement is brought against the Contractor, the Contractor shall, as soon as practicable but no later than two (2) days after it receives notice thereof, notify the legal counsel of the City.

23. New Mexico Tort Claims Act

Any liability incurred by the City of Santa Fe in connection with this Agreement is subject to the immunities and limitations of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, Section 41-4-1, et. seq. NMSA 1978, as amended. The City and its "public employees" as defined in the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, do not waive sovereign immunity, do not waive any defense and do not waive any limitation of liability pursuant to law. No provision in this Agreement modifies or waives any provision of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act.

24. Invalid Term or Condition.

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the

remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable.

25. Enforcement of Agreement.

A party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by a party of any of its rights under this Agreement shall be effective unless express and in writing, and no effective waiver by a party of any of its rights shall be effective to waive any other rights.

26. Notices.

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the City:
Porfirio Chavarria
200 Murales Road
PO BOX 909
Santa Fe NM, 87504
pnchavarria@santafenm.gov

To the Contractor:

Matt Edwards, PhD
Vice President, New Mexico--Four Corners
SWCA Environmental Consultants
5647 Jefferson Street, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87109
P 505.254.1115 | M 801.244.2872

27. Authority.

If Contractor is other than a natural person, the individual(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor represents and warrants that he or she has the power and authority to bind Contractor, and that no further action, resolution, or approval from Contractor is necessary to enter into a binding contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the signature by the required approval authorities below.

CITY OF SANTA FE:


ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

DATE: 10/18/19

CONTRACTOR:

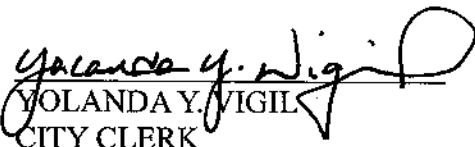
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Vice President, New Mexico - Four Corners

DATE: _____
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ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL
CITY CLERK
CC mtg - 10-8-19

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 9/24/19
ERIN K. MCSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED:

 For Mary McCoy 10/17/19
MARY MCCOY, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

DATE: _____

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CITY CLERK

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Ecosystems

Enhance the ecological resilience of Santa Fe by restoring native ecosystems' structure and function and ensuring that urban development supports and restores ecological processes, including carbon sequestration.



Background

The Santa Fe region's natural resources and ecological processes sustain life and support community and economic vitality. Continued conservation, management, and stewardship of ecosystems is important, especially as they begin to experience and adapt to the impacts from climate change.

Watershed protection is vital, as rain and snowfall from the mountains provide the water that flows southeastward through a network of arroyos, which serve as habitat and interconnections for natural ecosystems. Likewise, wildfire preparedness is critical as fires are a natural part of the ecological processes of forests. Further, Santa Fe is located downstream from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), leading to concerns about hazardous waste contamination, and presenting opportunities to remediate upstream contamination and restore ecological processes.

The City of Santa Fe can lead in stewardship of the community's air, water, soil, flora, and fauna, by restoring ecological processes and incorporating conservation best management practices into community planning and infrastructure projects. In turn, enhancing biodiversity, strengthening wildlife corridors, and further connecting trails and open spaces, will help enhance biodiversity, community resiliency, livability, health, and wellbeing.

There are numerous environmental organizations within the Santa Fe region that focus on nearly all aspects of improving the natural environment. These organizations complement, enhance, or fill gaps in City programs. Much of the input from these organizations and individuals call for identifying overlapping areas of interest, responsibility and jurisdiction, and to engage with residents and businesses to plan specific projects, implement specific improvements and remediation, and participate in existing projects and plans that affect their environments.

Did You Know?

In cooperation with a wide variety of public and private partners, the City of Santa Fe is one of five communities working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a national pilot project for stormwater planning, and will produce the *City of Santa Fe Stormwater Management Plan*. This effort uses long-term planning to promote effective stormwater management in the community, while also supporting the community's broader vision and goals, such as flood reduction, increased neighborhood aesthetics, improved recreational opportunities through water quality improvement, protection of critical infrastructure, and public health protection. The plan addresses steps to ensure infiltration of stormwater to increase biodiversity in the watershed, control soil erosion, reduce pollutants in our arroyos and river, and provide shade, beauty, wildlife habitat, and wind protection along trails, streets, parks, and open spaces. Specific efforts include the completion of the Alameda Rain Gardens Project, the expansion of the City's Adopt-a-River program to include arroyos, and the implementation of green infrastructure projects.

Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department will complete an updated *City of Santa Fe Parks, Open Space, Trails, & Recreation Master Plan* in 2018. This plan addresses the 1,100 acres of parks, 4,000 acres of open space and 35 miles of trails that are maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. The goals of interconnected open space and trails for ecological restoration and preservation, wildlife habitat, and human connection with nature that are part of this sustainability plan work in conjunction with these planning efforts.