



Open Space Invasive Plant Grant Consideration



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Open Space Background – Who, What, How

Who are we?

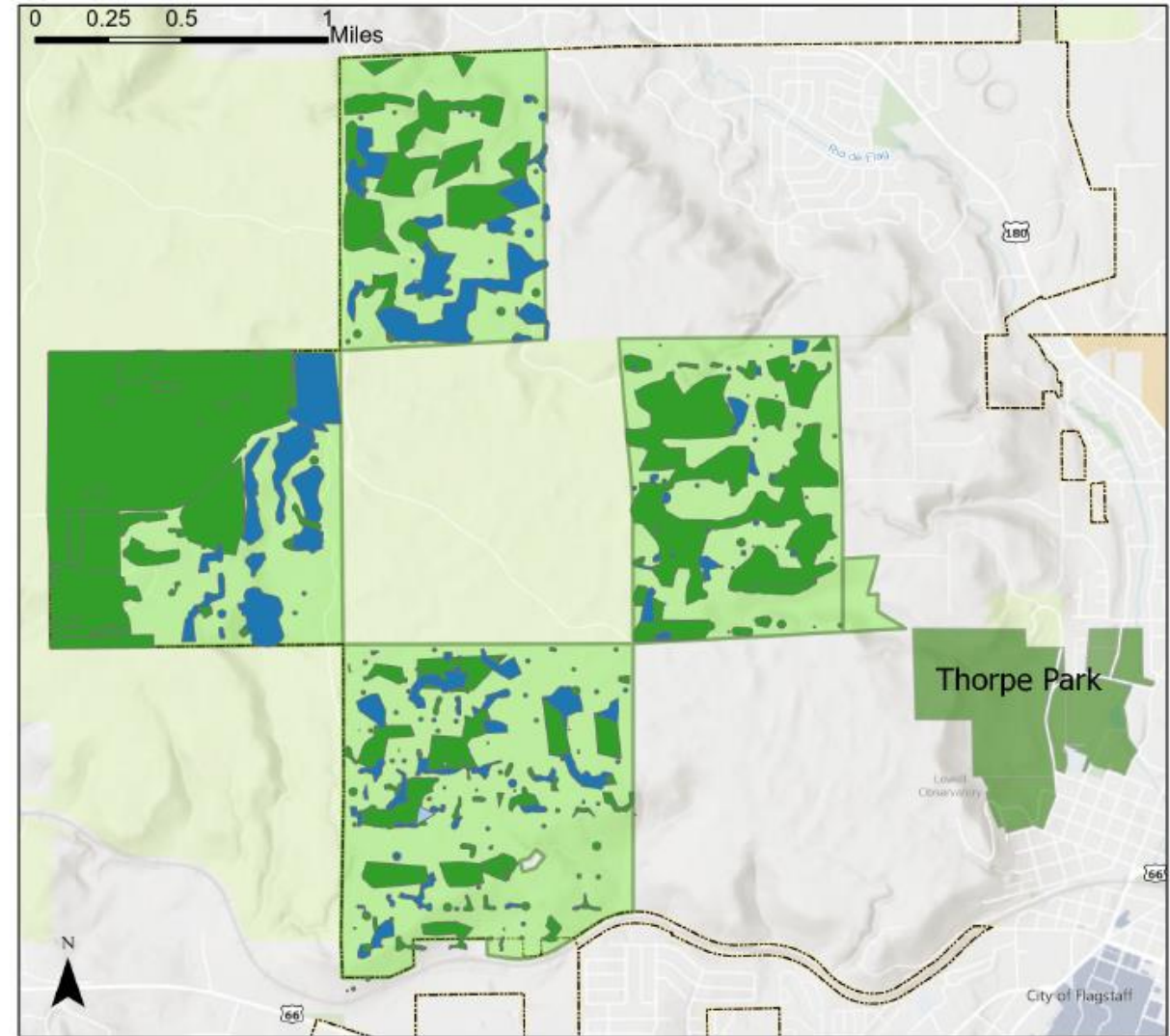
- Two full-time employees, & a one-year grant-funded position (2023)

What we are working to achieve

- Manage 3,000 acres of Open Space
- Complete an Open Space System
- Share benefits through education

How are we moving forward

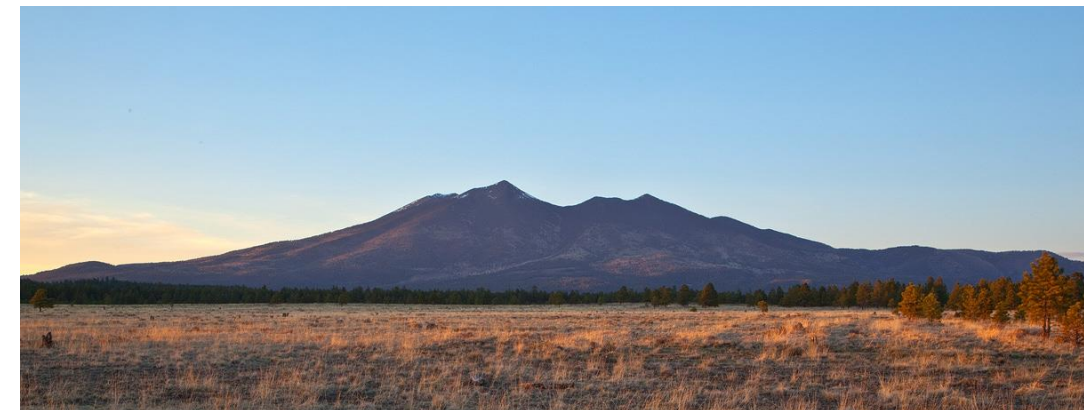
- Observatory Mesa Trail Plan
- Picture Canyon Grant: restoration & trails
- Invasive Plant Grant: \$111,500





What Will This Grant Achieve

- Invasive Plant Grant – *Federal Funding*
 - Contribute \$111,500 toward managing weeds and restoring for the Observatory Mesa area, for two years
- Complete Objectives:
 - Focus on two adjoining locations
Observatory Mesa (2,200 acres) and
Thorpe Park (172.9 acres).
 - Invasive plant prevention and control, 372
acres for two years





What Is The City Agreeing To?

- A completed grant agreement
- \$11,500 match, Open Space base budget allocation. Total project cost \$111,500.
- Detailed status quarterly reporting
- Required to submit “deliverables”
 - Documentation of treatments
 - Project sustainability (continued weed management).





How Grant Acceptance Meets City Goals

Maintains Service Level

- **Section goals:**
 - Maintain, restore, and enhance the natural ecosystem
 - Protect diverse and healthy wildlife populations.
 - Secure funding through grants
- **Community goals:**
 - Supports all 7 PBB Priorities
 - Climate Neutrality Plan
 - Priority one: Neighborhoods - Inclusive Recreation
 - Priority four: Commitments - Healthy Forests and Open Spaces





Questions?

