AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET

ITEM TITLE	**AGENDA NO.**
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG): Central Arkansas Green Network Grant	**AGENDA DATE:** 2/25/25

FUNDING CERTIFICATION (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable)

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

ITEM HISTORY (Previous Council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

The Arkansas Tri-Region CPRG Coalition received a federal grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with Metroplan overseeing the distribution of funds. In turn, Metroplan has allocated funding through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

The City of Bryant is seeking to acquire two parcels of land, identified as Parcel Numbers 840-14238-000 and 840-14288-000, totaling 37.82 acres, contingent upon grant funding. If awarded, the City will enter into an agreement to preserve 36.56 acres as protected greenspace until at least 2050. The remaining 1.26 acres will be used in the future for a waterline and a trail connection linking the Mills Park Trail to a planned route along Reynolds Road. This project is fully funded through the grant, requiring no matching funds from the City.

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

ACTION PROPOSED (Motion for Consideration)

Motion to approve

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF CITY OF BRYANT TO APPLY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE METROPLAN CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT: CENTRAL ARKANSAS GREEN NETWORK GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant recognizes the importance of seeking additional funding opportunities to support its initiatives and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the Arkansas Tri-Regional CPRG Coalition was selected for a $99,999,999 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) award for its "Energy and Environmental Innovation for the Natural State" proposal, with funding administered through Metroplan; and

WHEREAS, Metroplan has made funding available through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to assist in land acquisition/preservation and land restoration/tree planting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant has identified to parcels of land, Parcel Numbers 840-14238-000 and 840-14288-000, totaling 37.82 acres, as suitable for acquisition under this grant program to support conservation efforts, enhance public greenspace, and contribute to the region's sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant will sign an agreement to preserve 36.56 acres until 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant is committed to fulfilling all requirements of the Metroplan Climate Pollution Reduction Grant including management, reporting, and compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BRYANT CITY COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION I: The City of Bryant hereby expresses its willingness to apply for and participate in the Metroplan Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: Central Arkansas Green Network Grant.

SECTION II: The City of Bryant authorizes the purchase of Parcel Numbers 840-14238-000 and 840-14288-000, contingent upon grant funding approval.

SECTION III: Mayor Chris Treat is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, applications, and agreements required to secure and administer the grant funds for this project.

SECTION IV: Bryant City Council pledges its full support and hereby authorizes Metroplan to initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 25th day of February, 2025.

Signed: _____

Chris Treat
Mayor of Bryant

ATTEST: _____
(SEAL)

Metroplan CPRG: Green Network Map

