

**CITY OF SANDPOINT
AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: 12.15.16

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

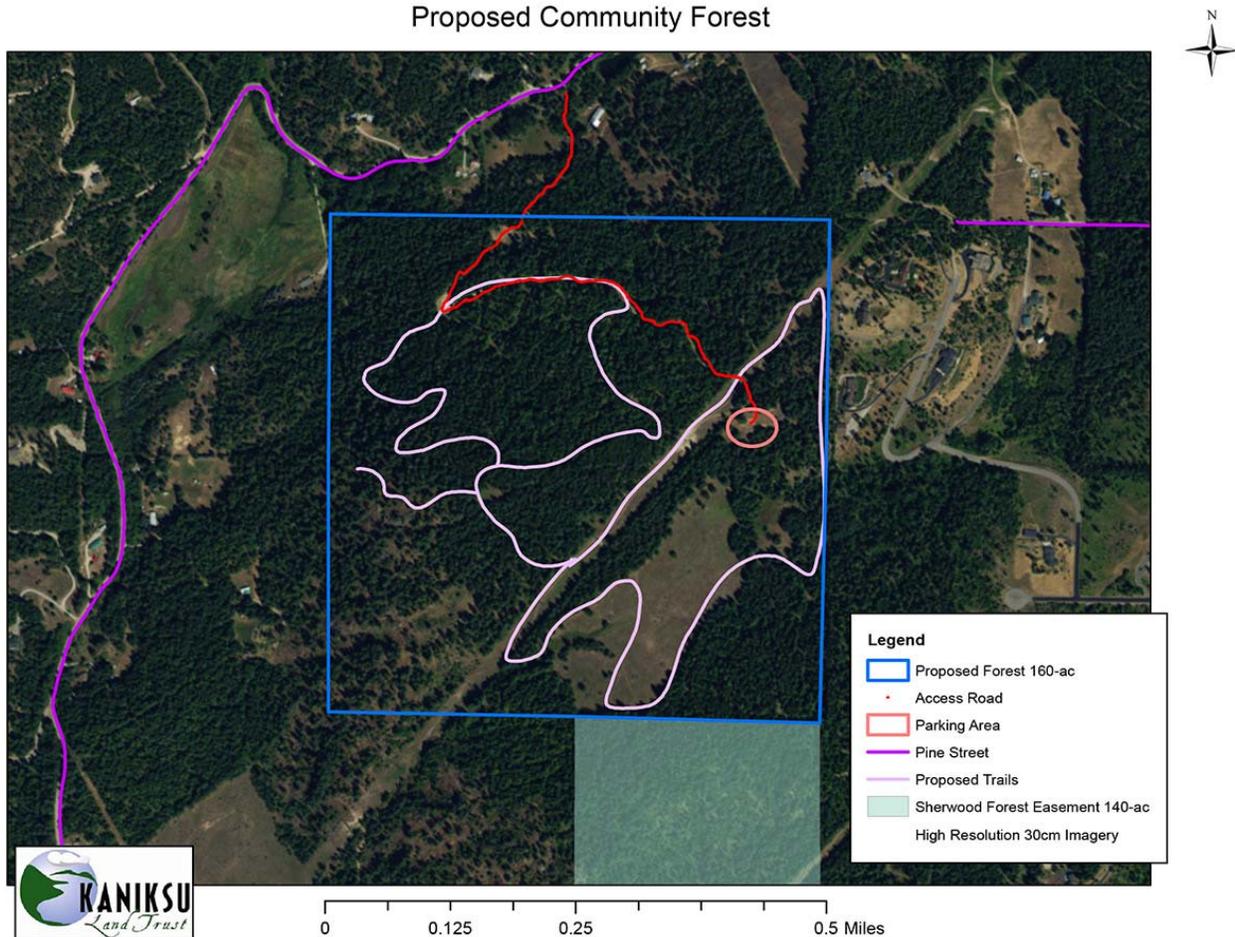
FROM: Aaron Qualls

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for support for Pine Street Woods Community Forest Project

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

[Kaniksu Land Trust](#), in partnership with individual donors and a landowner, is applying for a [U.S. Forest Service Community Forest Grant Program](#) to help acquire a 160-acre parcel to protect wildlife, water quality and provide for recreational amenities. The parcel is adjacent to the Sherwood Forest easement and trail system on Pine Street approximately 1.5 miles outside of Sandpoint City Limits.

Proposed Community Forest



STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of the proposed resolution

ACTION: Motion To Approve

WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? No

No: 16-
Date: December 21, 2016

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: SUPPORT FOR PINE STREET WOODS COMMUNITY FOREST PROJECT

WHEREAS: The establishment of a community forest in the Dover/Sandpoint area would provide a range of vital benefits to our community while conserving important wildlife habitat, water quality values and contribute to the practice of sustainable forestry in our area, now and into the future;

WHEREAS: The parcel of land that has been proposed for this project is presently threatened with conversion to non-forest uses due to its relative size, topography, and proximity to developed suburban areas;

WHEREAS: The parcel's strategic location within our community landscape would allow enhanced access to existing recreation opportunities, provide additional public use opportunities in close proximity to residences and satisfy a desire for increased recreational opportunities that has been conveyed in the 2009 Sandpoint Comprehensive Plan and through other local planning processes; and

WHEREAS: If established as a community forest, this land would also create opportunities for increased environmental education, community health benefits and overall quality of life—furthering the City of Sandpoint's economic development objectives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Sandpoint Mayor and City Council support Kaniksu Land Trust's 2017 grant application to the U.S. Forest Service for the acquisition of lands for the Pine Street Woods Community Forest Project.

Shelby Rognstad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maree Peck, City Clerk

City Council Members:

YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT

1. Eddy
2. Aitken
3. Williamson
4. Camp
5. Ruehle
6. Snedden