

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-18-62 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION

2 FORMALIZING A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
3 ALBUQUERQUE AND BERNALILLO COUNTY TO PRESERVE CRESTVIEW  
4 BLUFF AS AN HISTORIC URBAN AREA.

5 WHEREAS, Crestview Bluff has a long and rich history and is the last  
6 undeveloped location in direct proximity to the original Atrisco Village  
7 settlement and land grant that pre-dates the Albuquerque's "Old Town"  
8 founding; and

9 WHEREAS, The site area is located along the western edge of the Middle  
10 Rio Grande Valley in Albuquerque near Central Avenue and Old Coors  
11 Boulevard; and

12 WHEREAS, Crestview Bluff originated twelve years after the reoccupation  
13 of New Mexico by Don Diego de Vargas in 1692, an 82,000-acre land grant was  
14 awarded to Don Fernando Duran y Chaves II as a town settlement, which  
15 became known as the Atrisco Land Grant. The land grant stretched from the  
16 Rio Grande to the Rio Puerco and included the Crestview Bluff area and  
17 surrounding neighborhoods; and

18 WHEREAS, The site comprises 34.11 acres, under multiple ownerships;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The subject property is located in both unincorporated  
21 Bernalillo County and within the City bordering Central Avenue; however, the  
22 residential subdivisions bordering immediately to the west of Crestview Bluff  
23 are within the city limits; and

24 WHEREAS, A study commissioned by the City of Albuquerque to evaluate  
25 the possibility of a land acquisition revealed as many as 152 occasional,  
26 vagrant and migratory wildlife species, of which, 17 species are formally

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1 recognized by either State or Federal authorities as sensitive, may be found at  
2 or proximate to the site; and

3 WHEREAS, Crestview Bluff has one of the few undeveloped and  
4 unobstructed west mesa views incorporating downtown, the Bosque and  
5 Sandia Mountains; and

6 WHEREAS, The community desires the land to be publicly acquired,  
7 preserved and used for the purposes of historical and ecological interpretive  
8 outdoor education; biological conservation, wildlife viewing, scenic overlooks,  
9 and recreation; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a need for open space opportunities including  
11 bicycling, walking trails; pedestrian access, picnic, shaded areas and view  
12 opportunities; outdoor education, and cultural resource conservation in this  
13 area.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
15 ALBUQUERQUE:

16 A. The City Parks and Recreation Department shall work in  
17 collaboration with Bernalillo County to explore the possible public acquisition  
18 of Crestview Buff as an historic urban area for the purposes enumerated  
19 above;

20 B. The Parks and Recreation Department shall report to the City Council  
21 on progress toward this initiative in six months from the adoption of this  
22 resolution.

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