

Neighborhood Quality

- The City launched the first annual Urban Design Awards recognizing projects that contribute to our community and quality of life.
- The City, in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority, CSU, and the Community Foundation, launched a new program called UniverCity Connections, designed to strengthen the connections between CSU's campus, Downtown Fort Collins and the Poudre River.
- The Police Party Project/Riot Prevention Plan reduced noise calls by 43% since 2004.

Community Safety

- Fort Collins Police Services added a second computer forensics detective to the Major Crimes Unit and joined a statewide Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.
- In 2006, Larimer County Drug Task Force concluded a 10-month investigation into a major methamphetamine drug trafficking organization which resulted in over 70 felony meth-related arrests.
- The Criminal Impact Unit (CIU) completed an 11-month repeat-offender investigation resulting in the arrest of eight suspects. The CIU also seized 20 crime-related guns.
- Fort Collins celebrated the start of construction on the new three-story, environmentally-friendly Police Building.
- The City completed the Dry Creek and the West Prospect Ponds Drainage Improvement Projects using stormwater detention and stormwater conveyance (moving the water) to increase flood protection.
- Fort Collins completed the electric undergrounding project. Electrical lines below ground improve reliability as they are not affected by weather.

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2006 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

DEAR CITIZENS:

In this annual Report to the Community, you'll find that, amidst challenges, 2006 was a year of progress. More than just progress, we laid the foundation for sustainable progress – actions, decisions and initiatives that are not only smart for today, but also have positive long-term results.

The following accomplishments demonstrate tangible steps the City has taken toward creating a robust economy, a healthy environment, and a vibrant community. You'll also find that the City, as an organization, is continuing to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and maintain high-quality services.

We have a clear understanding of our reality, we've developed a vision for where we're headed, and we're following a deliberate course of action to get us there. These actions, detailed in this Report, have truly set us on a path of sustainable progress now and for many years to come.

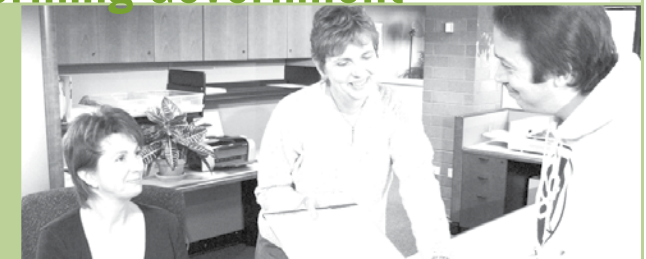
Sincerely,

DOUG HUTCHINSON
Mayor

DARIN ATTEBERRY
City Manager

Customer Service and High Performing Government

- The City implemented a variety of efficiencies to improve productivity and decrease costs. Departments streamlined processes; for example, timesheets and other internal forms and services are now only available online. IT services underwent an extensive consolidation. Finally, the City created new work groups, such as the Budget and Finance Liaison Group, to maximize resources.
- The City Clerk's Office became a Passport Application Acceptance Facility processing 1,174 applications in 2006.
- The City also upgraded fcgov.com with a complete website re-design, including access to council meetings and other Cable 14 programs via Video on Demand.
- Council and City staff spent eight months rework-



ing the General Fund budget. After exploring all options, we used a combined approach of service reductions and operational efficiencies to balance the 2007 budget.

- Fleet Services Division was certified as one of the most cost-effective fleets in North America by the nation's most rigorous and elite certification agency which evaluates vehicles, alternative fuels, technology, and processes.

Cultural, Educational, and Recreational Opportunities

- By a margin of 64% to 36%, voters approved the formation of a new Library District. The new District means that libraries will no longer be a City service and as such, they will no longer be funded by the City's General Fund.
- The Children's Garden on Spring Creek was completed. Ninety percent of the funding came from non-City government sources, including Great Outdoors Colorado and local Rotary Clubs.
- In partnership with the DDA, the City also completed renovations at Oak Street Plaza creating a safer, more pedestrian-friendly environment.
- Art in Public Places dedicated eight projects this past year including Oak Street Plaza, the CSU Transit Center, Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, and others.
- The City Park Pool Slides opened this summer to rave reviews. The slides are now financially self sufficient.
- Fort Collins Libraries received two state awards for excellence from the Colorado Association of Libraries.
- The City's Soapstone Prairie Natural Area received a Preserve America grant to collect oral histories from a variety of local and regional sources affiliated with area.
- The City completed the Fossil Creek Trail underpass of College Ave., which links the existing trail to the east to the new Mason Corridor Trail to the west.
- The Parks and Recreation Department also broke ground on two major projects. Spring Canyon Community Park will feature the first fully-accessible playground in the state of Colorado. The new Northside Aztlan Center will be a world-class facility to replace the current, outdated building.

Economic Health

- City Council continued to refine our economic position and strategies, building off the economic vision developed in 2005: to create a healthy economy reflecting the values of our unique community in a changing world.
- The City created our first-ever Economic Action Plan that provides guidance in transforming our vision and philosophy into action.
- A Target Industry Study which identifies industries that have experienced noteworthy success, present strong opportunities for growth, and are compatible with our community was completed. Biotechnology, Clean Energy, Hardware, Software, and Uniquely Fort Collins are categories identified in the report.
- Fort Collins reached the half-way point of a community branding project to aid in attracting new businesses and marketing to potential visitors.
- In November, the City opened the new one-stop-shop development review center, which co-locates all development activities under one roof, providing a single point of contact for the business community and better customer service.
- The City improved the Manufacturer's Use Tax Rebate Program by simplifying calculations, removing caps, and increasing awareness.
- The North Fort Collins Urban Renewal Area celebrated the completion of their first large-scale infrastructure project. Over the next 25 years, the North Fort Collins URA will redevelop North College Avenue.
- The City also created the Monthly Financial Report, which highlights the performance of the major revenues and overall expenditures for the City's General Fund and Utilities.
- Total Sales and Use Tax collections in 2006 were \$74,850,552, an increase of 3.4% over last year. Total Sales Tax collections were \$63,385,570, or 6.3% more than 2005. Total Use Tax collections in 2006 decreased 10.1% when compared to the previous year totaling \$11,464,982.
- Intel announced an expansion of their Fort Collins facility.
- Woodward Governor designated Fort Collins as their corporate headquarters.
- AMD located the Mile High Design Center to Fort Collins bringing with it 200 jobs.

Transportation

- Fort Collins widened and made general improvements to Timberline Road from Drake to Prospect.
- Improvements to East Prospect Rd. (from Summit View to the Poudre Bridge) were completed. The project included street improvements, bike lanes, and a sidewalk/trail.
- The City secured local match dollars for SB-1 and FTA New Starts grant monies that will support the Mason Transportation Corridor Bus Rapid Transit system.
- South Taft Hill Road Reconstruction project repaved and added shoulders to the 3 miles of road between Harmony Rd. and the Coyote Ridge Natural Area.
- The City upgraded Laurel Street from College to Shields with sidewalk and intersection improvements.
- Fort Collins replaced the signalized intersection at Kechter and Ziegler with a new, modern roundabout.
- A major patching/paving operation on East Harmony Rd. was completed last year.
- The City built a deicing facility to store materials and equipment and replace the old rapidly deteriorating building.
- A partnership with the federal government and Colorado State University resulted in the renovation of the Transit Center at CSU.
- Following the winter storms of 2006, City snow removal crews worked 24 hours a day to open City streets and facilities and assure the safety of our community. Without taking a single day off, not even Christmas Day, crews plowed more than 840 lane miles of streets in the city system.

Environmental Health



- The Bobcat Ridge Natural Area opened with 2,600-acres of foothills property including great views, an abundance of wildlife and a five-mile loop trail with a section designed to be handicapped accessible.
- The City's Climate Wise Program surpassed its year 2010 goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 93,390 tons per year. With data still coming in, the Climate Wise businesses will reduce more than 100,000 tons per year! Total costs savings among partners tops \$4 million.
- Mayor Doug Hutchinson was appointed one of ten Project Directors for the Colorado Climate Project, a statewide effort to reduce Colorado's contribution and vulnerability to climate change.
- In September, City Council adopted a resolution stating all new construction of city-owned buildings will achieve LEED "gold" certification. Fort Collins became only the third city in the nation to set this high standard.
- As part of an extensive project to provide drought protection, ensure a reliable water supply, and meet future water demands, the City of Fort Collins hosted Public Input meetings regarding the Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project. These meetings provided citizens with information and gave them an opportunity for public comment.