



City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Ballot Issues Summary

The Natural Areas Program, which became a department in 2012, was established in 1992. Funding for Natural Areas has come from the following ballot measures:

- **1992 - City 1/4 Cent Sales Tax for Natural Areas.** The initial funding for the Natural Areas began with 52.88% voter approval of this citizen-initiated five-year 1/4-cent sales tax. This sales tax was collected from 1993 through 1997.
- **1995 - Larimer County Help Preserve Open Space (HPOS) Sales Tax.** A citizen-initiative approved by 65% of voters in 1995. This sales tax was collected from 1996 through 2003.
- **1997 - Building Community Choices – City ¼ Cent Sales Tax with a portion going for Natural Areas.** 68.96 % of Fort Collins voters approved this seven-year sales tax in 1997. This tax also funded the following capital projects: Community Horticulture Center; Fossil Creek Community Park; Community Park Improvements; and Regional Trails. This sales tax was collected from 1998 through 2005.
- **1999 - Larimer County Help Preserve Open Space (HPOS) Sales Tax.** 60 % of the voters approved this citizen initiative for a 15-year extension of this sales tax. This sales tax will provide funding for the City's Natural Areas from 2004 through 2018.
- **2002 - Open Space Yes! – City ¼ Cent Sales Tax for Natural Area.** 65.26% of Fort Collins voters approved this citizen-initiated twenty five year sales tax extension. This sales tax will be collected from 2006 through 2030.