

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

2/1/2018

PROJECT TITLE: OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL WOOD BURNING

OVERALL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT LEVEL: Collaborate with key stakeholders to develop new program or policy recommendations based on community feedback.

BOTTOM LINE QUESTION: What program or policy options does the community support to reduce air quality concerns and nuisance complaints related outdoor residential wood burning?

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- Residents who actively participate in residential wood burning activities
- Residents living in close proximity to frequent or infrequent residential wood burning activity
- Residents sensitive to air quality impacts (e.g., children, the elderly and people with respiratory issues)
- Poudre Fire Authority (currently respond to safety concerns related to indoor and outdoor fires)
- CDNS staff (currently provide neighborhood outreach regarding residential wood burning concerns)
- Environmental Services staff (currently support air quality improvement initiatives)
- Larimer County Health Department
- Home builders (who install built-in outdoor wood burning fireplaces)
- Businesses that sell outdoor wood burning appliances and/or firewood
- General public

WORKING GROUP:

- Lucinda Smith, Environmental Services, Director
- Cassie Archuleta, Environmental Services, Air Quality Program Manager
- Jenna Channel, Environmental Services, Associate Environmental Planner
- Eric Keselburg, Neighborhood Services, Compliance Supervisor
- Jonathan Nagel, Neighborhood Services, Environmental Compliance Inspector
- Justin Moinester, Assistant Fire Marshal – Investigative Services

TIMELINE:

Phase 1: Data Collection and Research

Timeframe: January – May 2018

Key Messages: What is the extent and frequency of the problem, and what type of program and policies options are available to address the problem?

Tools and Techniques:

- Assemble information and data related to current policies and programs, and complaint history.
- Collaboration with CSU Political Science Department to assemble a suite of policies, programs and motivations from other communities.
- Statistically valid survey to characterize behaviors and perceptions around wood burning.

PHASE 2: Public Engagement and Policy Deliberations

Timeframe: April – August 2018

Key Messages: What program and policy options are supported by the impacted sensitive population, and the broader community?

Tools and Techniques:

- Working group meetings (quarterly)
- Expert Panel (e.g., air quality, health, social science and policy experts); filmed for Cable 14
- Community Issues Forum, in collaboration with CSU's Center for Public Deliberation
- Boards and Commissions meetings (Air Quality Advisory Board, Natural Resources Advisory Board, Larimer County Environmental and Science Advisory Board, and SuperBoard meeting)
- "Our City" online electronic forum
- Meetings conducted by "Neighborhood Connections" neighborhood facilitators
- Website updates (www.fcgov.com/airquality/wood-smoke.php)
- Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor)
- Utility bill mailer (City News)
- Press releases

PHASE 3: Develop Recommendations

Timeframe: August – December 2018

Key Messages: What policies and programs are recommended for Council consideration?

Tools and Techniques:

- Working group meetings (quarterly)
- Triple Bottom Line screening analysis
- Boards and Commissions meetings (Air Quality Advisory Board, Natural Resources Advisory Board)
- Council work session