

Fort Collins Utilities Customer Segmentation Study Lucas Mouttet – Customer Accounts Manager

Current State



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Desired State



Fort Collins

Why Segmentation?



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Approach

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS Telephone Survey *n* = 1,000

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- Satisfaction with Utilities
- Conservation attitudes
- Conservation participation
- Communication preferences
- Demographics



- Utilities attitudes
- Conservation participation
- Conservation motivation
- Communication preferences





FOR EXAMPLE:

- I consider the environmental impact that my water and electricity use will have on the community.
- I am more likely to participate in conservation programs if there are clear cost savings.

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• The City of Fort Collins' Climate Action Plan goals motivate me to reduce my water and electricity use.

LAYER IN:

- Usage data
- Satisfaction with Utilities
- Conservation programs
- Demographic characteristics



Residential Customer Segments

Enthusiastic Conservationist

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- Environmental/economic impacts factor heavily into decisionmaking
- Supportive of Climate Action
 Plan

Cost-Driven Users

- Cost, comfort drive usage decisions
- Willing to participate in conservation programs for cost savings

Receptive but Busy



- Environmental/economic impacts important but very timeconscious
- Willing to participate in conservation programs

Neutral Users



- Neutral about conservation
- Neutral toward Climate Action Plan

Unmotivated to Conserve



- Cost, comfort, convenience drive usage decisions
- Generally disinterested in conservation programs





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Residential Customer Segments





Electric and water usage

Average Water Usage (gallons)



Support for Climate Action Plan



City of

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Utilities Customer Survey Results- Residential

Amount customers are willing to pay additionally per month to support CAP

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Utilities Customer Survey Results- Residential

Fort Collins Utilities emphasizes the importance of <u>ENERGY</u> efficiency and conservation at a level that is:



- Not enough
- About right
- Too much
- Don't know/refused

Fort Collins Utilities emphasizes the importance of <u>WATER</u> efficiency and conservation at a level that is:





Utilities Customer Survey Results- Residential

I take the time to learn more about conservation in an effort to make better energy and/or water use decisions



Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither

- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Don't know/Refused

I expect the City of Fort Collins to lead the way to a clean energy future through investment in or support of community based solutions



- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Don't Know/Refused





I support charging more for energy used during peak periods of the day when it costs more to generate energy





Environmentally-Conscious

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- Engaged, proactive, and enthusiastic about conservation
- Motivated by the communal good (and cost savings)

Environmentally-Flexible



- Environmentally-conscious to some degree
- Motivated most by cost savings and company image



Cost-Oriented

- Largely indifferent toward conservation
- Motivated largely by cost-savings

Business Characteristics

Environmentally-Conscious



More likely to

Flexible

Environmentally-



Cost-Oriented



Account size varies

Most likely to have tenants

More likely to own

33%

be Key Accounts Majority do not have tenants

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ACCOUNT SIZE

TENANTS

RENT/OWN

% of BUSINESSES

All own their properties

20%

More likely to be small accounts

Majority do not have tenants

Most likely to rent

to rent 48% Participation in Conservation



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Environmentally Flexible

Fort Collins Utilities Customer Survey Results – Small/Medium Commercial

Amount customers are willing to pay additionally per month to support CAP





- **1-5%**
- **■6-10%**
- **11-15%**
- More than 15%
- Don't know



Utilities Customer Survey Results – Small/Medium Commercial

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- Not enough
- About right
- Too much
- Don't know/refused

Fort Collins Utilities emphasizes the importance of <u>WATER</u> efficiency and conservation at a level that is:





Utilities Customer Survey Results – Small/Medium Commercial

My organization takes the time to learn more about conservation in an effort to make better energy and/or water use decisions.



- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither
- Agree
- Strongly Agree
- Don't Know/Refused

My organization supports charging more for energy used during peak periods of the day when it costs more to generate energy.



- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither
- Agree
- Strongly Agree
- Don't Know/Refused

My organization expects the City of Fort Collins to lead the way to a clean energy future through investment in or support of community based solutions such as solar gardens, on-bill financing for efficiency upgrades, and contractor certification.





Next Steps for Fort Collins Utilities





Thanks!

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