

City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Community Supported Ballot Issues

Since the Natural Areas Program (now a Department) was established in 1992, funding has come from the following ballot measures:

- **1992 - City 1/4 Cent Sales Tax for Natural Areas.** The initial funding for the Natural Areas Program began with 52.88% voter approval of this community-initiated 5-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 community-initiative approved by 65% of voters in 1995, this 8-year sales tax provided funding for the City's Natural Areas Program 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 7-year sales tax in 1997; this sales tax was collected from 1998 through 2005. This tax also funded the following capital projects: Community Horticulture Center (Gardens on Spring Creek); Fossil Creek Community Park; Community Park Improvements; and Regional Trails.
- **1999 - Larimer County Help Preserve Open Space (HPOS) Sales Tax.** Sixty percent of the voters approved this community initiative for a 15-year extension of this sales tax. This sales tax provided funding for the City's Natural Areas Program from 2004 through 2018.
- **2002 - Open Space Yes! – City ¼ Cent Sales Tax for Natural Area.** 65.26% of Fort Collins voters approved this community- initiated 25-year sales tax extension. This sales tax will be collected from 2006 through 2030.
- **2014 – Larimer County Help Preserve Open Space (HPOS) Sales Tax extension.** 81% of Larimer County voters approved this county commissioner-referred sales tax extension. The sales tax will be collected for 25 years from 2018 to 2043.

