



# 2022 NATURE IN THE CITY ANNUAL REPORT

## VISION

A connected open space network accessible to the entire community that provides a variety of experiences and functional habitat for people, plants and wildlife.



## GOALS



CONNECTIVITY



STEWARDSHIP



ACCESS

## GRANTS

*"The new landscaping changes the whole feel of the community area. We can't wait to see more flowers in the spring when they bloom again." - Evelyn C*

Implementation Grant Community Member



2022 Grant projects increased habitat and access to nature by

**173,000** Square Feet!

That is the size of three football fields!

Support the installation of

**4**

Fort Collins Rain Gardens in collaboration with the Colorado Stormwater Center



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**1,400**

Contacts at outreach events



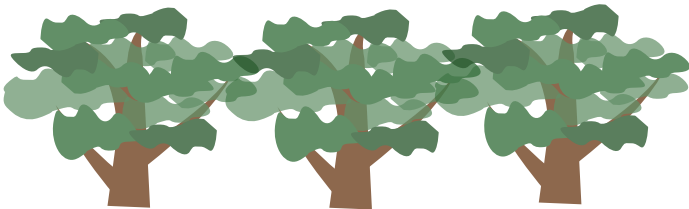
**2,000**

Plants given away at the Xeriscape Garden Party

Partnering with City of Fort Collins departments, native gardens and trees were **distributed to the community:**

**1,000** trees

Wow that's a lot of trees!



**VOLUNTEERS**



Volunteers contributed over **186** hours keeping Sugar Beet Park Pollinator Garden beautiful.

Plans for **2023**

- Enhance community stewardship with **fun volunteer opportunities.**
- Support native Northern Colorado gardens and yards with a **Design Guide.**
- Support **9 community led planning grant projects.**
- **Urban Natural Areas Plan update-** community feedback opportunities comming soon
- **Work with you to bring even more nature to the city.**



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**51**



Xeriscape Incentive Program projects received support for planting native gardens.



**90**

Garden in a Box

A huge **thank you!** to our amazing **volunteers** who:

counted over **2,038** birds,

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over **1,233** butterflies,



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and completed biodiversity surveys.

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