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NATURE IN THE CITY GRANTS OPEN HOUSE

# NATURE IN THE CITY

## GRANTS OPEN HOUSE

OVERVIEW

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

APPLICATION PROCESS & TIPS

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

QUESTION/ANSWER



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

# NATURE IN THE CITY VISION

A CONNECTED  
**OPEN SPACE NETWORK**  
ACCESSIBLE TO THE  
**ENTIRE COMMUNITY**  
THAT PROVIDES  
**FUNCTIONAL HABITAT**  
FOR PEOPLE, PLANTS & WILDLIFE.



# CITY STRATEGIC GOALS

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**NEIGHBORHOODS**

**RECREATION**

**ECONOMIC HEALTH**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**SAFE COMMUNITY**

# NATURE IN THE CITY STRATEGIC GOALS



Connectivity

**High QUALITY  
Natural Spaces**

+



Access

**EASY Access  
to Nature**

+



Stewardship

**More DIVERSE  
Urban Landscapes**



# PROJECT PRIORITIES

# 2020 NATURE IN THE CITY GRANTS

RESIDENTIAL

NEIGHBORHOOD

COMMUNITY



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RESIDENTIAL

COMMUNITY

NEIGHBORHOOD

IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING A PROJECT? Apply for a small grant under the category that is the best fit. "PLANNING GRANTS" up to \$5,000 will be considered for Neighborhood and Community-Scale projects.

# RESIDENTIAL-SCALE

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RESIDENTIAL

- HABITAT ENHANCEMENT
- INSPIRE STEWARDSHIP
- CONVERSION FROM NON-NATIVES TO DIVERSE, NATIVE HABITAT

Good fit if you are interested in the  
Certified Natural Areas program



# NEIGHBORHOOD-SCALE

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- INCREASE ACCESS
- CONVERT AREAS AROUND SCHOOLS & OTHER COMMUNITY SPACES
- INSPIRE STEWARDSHIP AND CONNECTION TO NATURE



# COMMUNITY-SCALE

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COMMUNITY

- SIGNIFICANT CONVERSION PROJECT
- INCREASE NATIVE HABITAT AND ACCESS TO NATURE
- PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF LAND STEWARDSHIP

Good fit if you are an HOA interested in the Certified Natural Areas program



# APPLICATION PROCESS & TIPS

# 2020 NATURE IN THE CITY GRANTS

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accepting applications

**November 15, 2019**

through

**JANUARY 15, 2020**

\*pre-qualification by January 8



# 2020 GRANTING TIMELINE

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Nov 15 – Jan 15: Application open

Jan 16 – Feb 28: Evaluation period

Week of March 2: Announce grant awards

April/May: First dispersal of funds

# 2020 GRANT FUNDS DISPERSAL

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- Projects will be eligible for upfront funding to get your project started within 30 days of finalizing all necessary agreements.
- Remaining funds to be reimbursed based upon documented project progress or completion.
- Final details of agreements and payments may be tailored to specific needs.



# ZOOMGRANTS APPLICATION PORTAL & Navigation



You will need to make a Zoom Grant account (unless you already have one) and log in.

You must be logged in to apply.

[New ZoomGrants™ Account](#)

City of Fort Collins  
Natural Areas  
2020 Nature in the City Grants

Deadline 1/15/2020

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Application Status: Not Submitted

You must be logged in to begin.

[Activity Log](#)

USD\$ 0.00 requested

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# PRE-APPLICATION

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Quick questions will help determine if your project qualifies for funding – reviewed for approval within 2 business days of submission

**The deadline for submitting a pre-application is  
11:59 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020**



# APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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5 application sections:

- General Information
- Alignment with Nature in the City Strategic Goals
- Project Approvals
- Funding
- Timeline



**The deadline for submitting an application is  
11:59 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2020**



# PROJECT APPROVALS: MINOR AMENDMENT



Date Submitted:	_____
Comments Due By:	_____
Minor Amendment #	_____
Zoning Facilitator:	_____
Effective Date:	_____
THIS BOX IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	

## Minor Amendment Application Form - Zoning Department

The requested information on this application is required.

Project name: _____	
Project Location (Street Address): _____	
General Information: List all property owners having a legal/equitable interest in the property (Attach separate sheets if necessary).	
Owner's Name (s): _____	
Street Address: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____	Email: _____
Applicant's/Consultant's Name: _____ Name of firm: _____	
Street Address: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____	Email: _____

### SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) The initial submittal and additional rounds of review shall be electronic (one (1) copy on a CD or Flash drive) of the site, landscape, elevation, etc. - whichever sheets are being altered. A Legal Description is required. Changes on each sheet should be clouded.  
Once all departments approve the proposed changes a Final Hard Copy will be required to be printed on 24"x36" Mylar sheets. Please ensure the electronic submittal can be printed to scale on 24"x36" sheets.
- 2) Complete and sign [Minor Amendment application form](https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pdf/TDRF2012applicationform.pdf) and [Transportation Development Review Fee application form \(TDRF\)](https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pdf/TDRF2012applicationform.pdf). The following link is to the TDRF application form: <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pdf/TDRF2012applicationform.pdf>
- 3) Application fee of \$350.  
Note: an additional \$250 fee is required if the Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) needs to review the application. Typically, PFA fee is required for all changes of use, building additions and/or new buildings.

### MINOR AMENDMENT

Detailed description of the change and reason(s) for the request:

<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	
<small>I certify the information and exhibits submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that in filing this application, I am acting with the knowledge, consent, and authority of the owners of the property (including all owners having a legal or equitable interest in the real property, as defined in Section 1-2 of the City Code; which is the subject of this application) without whose consent and authority the requested action should not lawfully be accomplished. Pursuant to said authority, I hereby permit City officials to enter upon the property for the purpose of inspection, and if necessary, for posting a public notice on the property.</small>	
Name (please PRINT): _____	_____
Address: _____	_____
Telephone: _____	Signature: _____

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## Proposed landscape changes require a Minor Amendment application

<https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/pdf/minor-amendment-application.pdf>

Most applicable to Neighborhood and Community-Scale Grants



# APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

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- Project budget
- Overview of Team
- Draft landscape plan

# ATTACHMENTS: PROJECT BUDGET



	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>2020 Nature in the City Grant Program</b>				
2	<b>Project Budget Worksheet</b>				
3					
4	<p><i>Instructions: Applicants must use this worksheet to submit their total project budget. Please list all expenses associated with completion of the project as detailed in your landscape plan.</i></p>				
5	<p><i>Each item should include a quick description in column A and the total cost for that item in column B.</i></p>				
6	<p><i>Please indicate what portion of this cost you are requesting to be addressed by the grant and which expenses or portion of expenses will be covered by other funding.</i></p>				
7	<p><i>As a reminder, NIC Community Grants cannot be used for staff, overhead, or long-term maintenance costs.</i></p>				
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9	<b>Item</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>NIC Grant Request</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	
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20	<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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# ATTACHMENTS: PROJECT TEAM

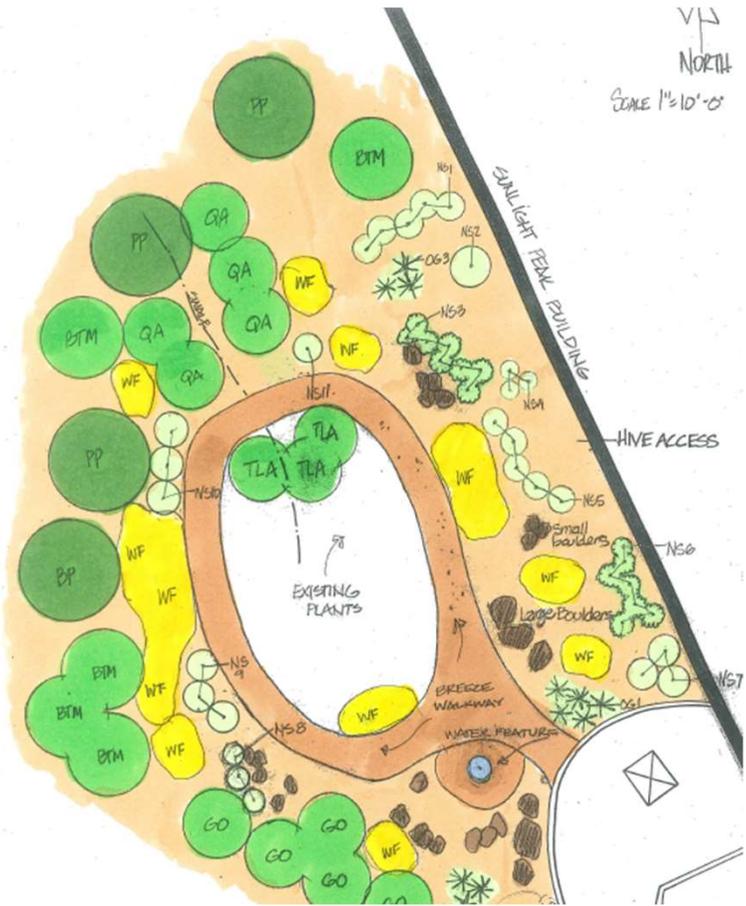


	A	B	C
1	<b>2020 Nature in the City Grants Program</b>		
2	<b>Project Team Overview</b>		
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4	<i>Instructions: Please use this worksheet to identify the key members of your project team.</i>		
5	<i>This should include individuals from within your organization, as well as collaborators from other organizations and groups.</i>		
6	<i>Please note the project manager in the description of that person's role.</i>		
7	<i>If funded, the project manager will serve as the main point of contact for NIC communication and for disseminating timely information across the project team</i>		
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9	<b>First and last name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project team role</b>
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# ATTACHMENTS: LANDSCAPE PLAN



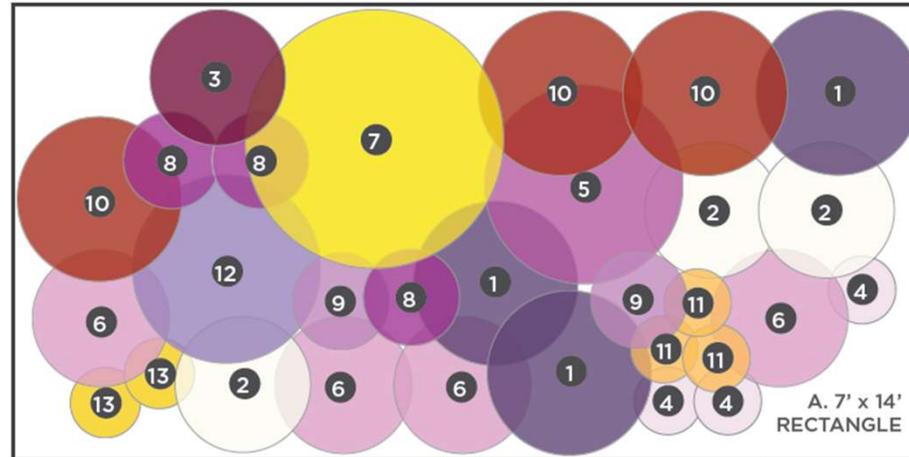
# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

# GARDEN IN A BOX



## NIC | WCC GARDEN IN A BOX: "NATIVE POLLINATOR PARADISE"

PLANTS: 30 Perennial Starter Plants    COLORFUL: Spring to Fall    SUN EXPOSURE: Full Sun  
MATURE HEIGHT RANGE: 6" - 8'    FITS IN: 100 square feet    HARDY TO: 6,000 feet



### JUST STARTING OUT?

The Native Pollinator Garden in a Box helps transform 100 sq ft of your yard. Waitlist opens in January 2020, boxes available for pick up Spring 2020.



# Landscape Programs



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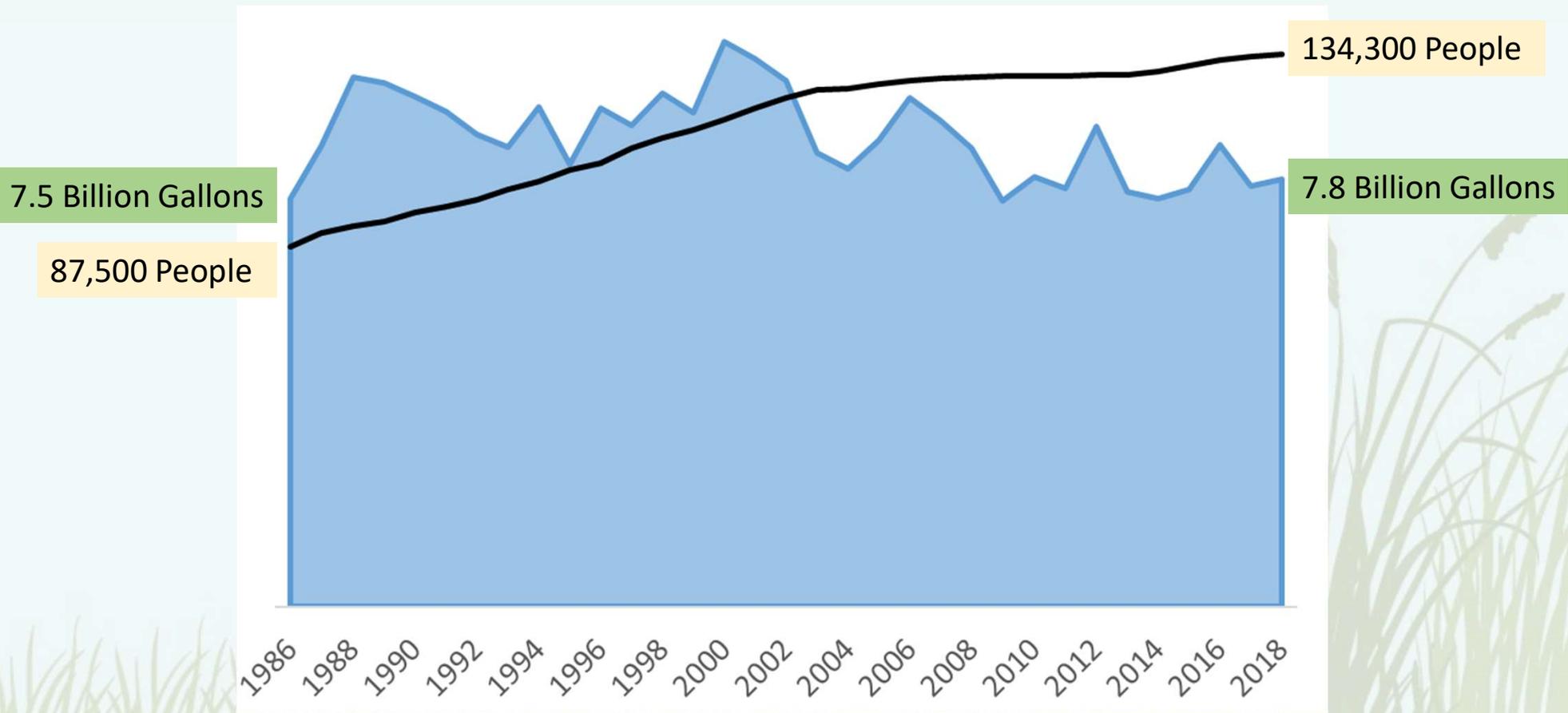
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Water Conservation – it is important!



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# Allotment Management Program



Eligible customers submit a plan for long-term, permanent outdoor water reduction.



Staff determines if customer and project qualify.



If project qualifies, customer receives a temporary exemption from excess water use surcharges.



Customers who do complete project may be billed for any applicable surcharges.

# Allotment Management Program

## How do I qualify?



Fort Collins Utilities non-residential water customer



Have a water allotment



Plan for long-term outdoor water reduction



Demonstration that customer will exceed allotment given current landscape, even when watering efficiently.

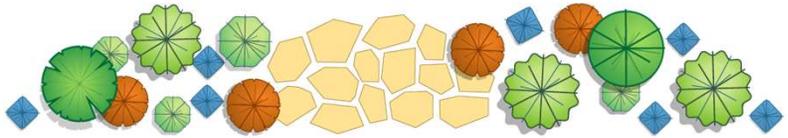
# Allotment Management Program

Temporary Waiver from Excess Water Use surcharges

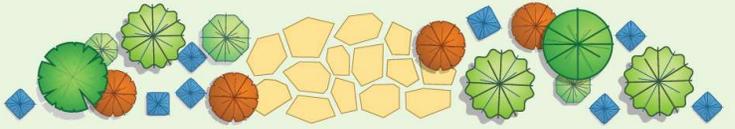
Who: Allotment customers



Who: All residential and non-residential Utilities Water customers



**XERISCAPE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
RESIDENTIAL

The logo features a decorative arch of colorful geometric shapes (circles, squares, hexagons) in shades of green, orange, yellow, and blue. Below the arch, the text "XERISCAPE INCENTIVE PROGRAM" is written in a blue, sans-serif font, with a double-headed arrow underneath. Below that, the word "RESIDENTIAL" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

**XERISCAPE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
HOA & COMMERCIAL

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Who: Residential Utilities water customer

What: \$0.75/sq. ft. up to 1000 sq. ft. Classes required.

Enroll for spring class now!  
[fcgov.com/xip](http://fcgov.com/xip)



Who: Any non-residential Utilities water customer

What: Up to \$15k per project.  
50% match required

Open now!  
[fcgov.com/xipxl](http://fcgov.com/xipxl)

# Allotment Management Program

## Temporary Waiver from Excess Water Use surcharges

- For customers w/ an allotment
- Unlimited number of awards
- **Full Application by Dec 31 2019 to receive waiver in 2020**



Rebate for residential Utilities water customer. Enroll for spring class now.



Grant for commercial Utilities water customer. Application due Dec 31, 2019.

# Thank you!

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***Important Links***

WaterSmart – [fcgov.watersmart.com](http://fcgov.watersmart.com)

Landscape Water Budget – [fcgov.com/commercial-irrigation](http://fcgov.com/commercial-irrigation)

City Docs – [citydocs.fcgov.com](http://citydocs.fcgov.com)

QUESTIONS

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ANSWERS

THANK YOU

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