

4/8/2020

eproval - City of Fort Collins

Address 1	123 Lane
City	Fort Collins
State	Colorado
Zip Code	80525
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^ Neighborhood Details	
Neighborhood's Zip Code	80525
Name of Neighborhood	Other
Neighborhood Name (Other)	Happy FC Neighborhood
Neighborhood Community Description	<p>Happy FC neighborhood is a collection of 91 homes tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the nearby intersection of Harmony Road and College Avenue. Flowing through our neighborhood is the scenic Mail Creek with an upper and lower pond.</p> <p>Surrounding the water feature is a green open space with one mile walking loop. The natural area is approximately 10 acres and is home to all sorts of wildlife such as raptors, herons, owls, deer, bobcats, coyote, and fox to name a few. Happy FC has a diverse population of residents with a wide range of young families to long term owners who are well into their ninth decade. Our oldest resident is soon to be 98, fought in WWII, and built our pedestrian bridges to allow residents to cross over the pond/ spillway. The people who reside here love the mature trees, large residential lots and the natural open space that provides a peaceful respite from the commotion that lies just beyond our neighborhood boundaries.</p>
^ City Priorities	
Event/Project Goal	Water: Conserve water resources and improve water quality, Land: Encourage caring for and conservation of ecosystems & resources, People: Encourage community interaction, partnerships, and outreach programs
City Strategic Objective	Neighborhood Livability & Social Health, Environmental Health, Safe Community
^ Activity/Event Details	
Date of activity/event	2020-05-02
Anticipated number of participants	50
Activity/Event Name	Happy FC Neighborhood Annual Spring Clean Up Day & Friends of the Open Space
In-kind contributions by neighbors	Neighborhood HOA provides coffee and donuts. Neighbors bring gardening tools, rakes, shovels, gloves, power tools, electric saws and Bobcat Utility Vehicles. HOA provides dumpsters from Ram Waste Company for Spring Clean Up Day Event.

Number of helpers	12 helped to plan and 50-60 will help with the Spring Clean Up
Event outreach description	<p>The outreach efforts to our neighborhood began last fall when our neighborhood formed a “Friends of the Open Space” club which is open to all the neighbors to discuss ways to preserve, protect and enhance our open space. Over the course of the fall/ winter, the “friends of the open space” group, consisting of about 12-15 neighbors, met regularly to discuss a well thought out vision for the Open Space.</p> <p>Some of the goals the group set out to achieve are as follows: to eradicate all of the noxious Russian Olive trees that are growing in our open space; treat the stumps of the Russian Olive trees with an aquatic safe approved herbicide; remove noxious Canadien Thistle weeds and other broadleaf weeds that invade the banks of our ponds and creek and crowd out native species; introduce dry area specific wildflowers and native plant species that would add beauty to the open space; educate the neighborhood of the types of plant species we have by installing plant identification markers.</p> <p>To help educate the entire neighborhood about the issues, we wrote extensively about them in our online neighborhood newsletter called the Creekside Gazette. At the annual HOA neighborhood meeting in February, we presented the issues again to inform, educate and help engage the entire neighborhood. We advertised the date of the annual Spring Clean Up and explained how their help can make a difference.</p> <p>As we get closer to the date of the clean up, the event will be advertised in our online newsletter that gets distributed to the entire neighborhood. The attached flyer will be included in the newsletter.</p> <p>In summary, on the Annual Spring Clean Up Day, the 50 plus neighbor volunteers will work together to prepare a 5' x 12' space in preparation of the Garden in A Box plants; cut down the noxious Russian Olive trees and pull out noxious weeds that are growing in our open space; inject the Russian Olive stumps with an approved aquatic safe herbicide; place plant identification markers next to plant species.</p>

Event outreach related file(s) upload	Happy FC flyer.pdf
Will this activity/event be held on private property?	No

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Funding cycle	2020 Round 1
Grant amount requested	\$300.

Funds used description	<p>1.The funds would be use to purchased a safe aquatic approved chemical to treat the Russian Olive tree stumps such as triclopyr or glyphosate, or combination of the two. Home Depot, approximately, \$50.</p> <p>2. Purchase one "Naturally Native" Garden in a Box from Resource Central - https://resourcecentral.org/gardens/. \$109.</p> <p>3. Purchase plant identification markers that can be inserted into the ground next to existing and newly introduced desired plant species. Amazon, https://www.amazon.com/GardenMate-25-Pack-Weatherproof-Labels. \$33.</p> <p>4. Purchase one 5 lb sack of dry area wildflower seed mix \$109. https://www.edenbrothers.com/store/dry_area_wildflower_seed_mix.html</p>
Expected outcome	<p>1. Eradicate the noxious Russian Olive trees in the Open Space</p> <p>2. Introduce wildflowers/ native plants, that attract bees and butterflies, that are low water plants, and add beauty to our surroundings.</p> <p>3. Educate our neighborhood community on the varied plant species that grow in our open space by installing plant identification markers</p> <p>4. Work together as a neighborhood to get to know one another better and collectively improve our shared common areas.</p>
Funding preference	After

⤴ Declaration

I have reviewed the Neighborhood Mini Grants Website and have read the frequently asked questions.		true
Funding Preference		After your event
Status		
Comments and Files:		