

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY



[Juneteenth Celebration 2022](#)

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

Please note that this list is subject to frequent change. Please call the City Clerk's Office for up-to-date information. 970-416-2774.

JULY 19 REGULAR MEETING

[View meeting here:](#)

- **Waste/Trash Contracting**
 - Consider a Resolution to adopt a districted system for garbage, recycling and compost disposal.
Environmental Health 4.3 – Enhance efforts to achieve 2030 zero waste goals.
- **Referral of Ballot Questions to November 2022 Ballot – Residency Requirements**
 - Consider referring a ballot question related to residency requirements of certain city positions.
High Performing Government 7.4 – Attract, retain, engage, develop and reward a diverse and competitive workforce to meet the needs of the community now and in the future.
- **Redistricting Ordinance (second reading - consent)**
 - Adopt a revised District-Precinct map to achieve a balance in population between the districts and to conform City precinct boundaries to County precinct boundaries.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.

JULY 26 WORK SESSION - CANCELLED

- Meeting Cancelled for Council in the Community Break – July 26 – August 9

JULY 28 URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD

- 5:00 p.m. – CIC Room with Remote Participation Option

AUGUST 2 – REGULAR MEETING - CANCELLED

- Meeting Cancelled for Council in the Community Break – July 26 – August 9

AUGUST 9 - WORK SESSION - CANCELLED

- Meeting Cancelled for Council in the Community Break – July 26 – August 9

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS

Minimum Wage Input:

The City of Fort Collins is seeking input from both employers and employees in Fort Collins about a possible minimum wage increase and the impacts of an increase. The survey is available in both English and Spanish through Sunday, July 24 at: <https://www.fcgov.com/citymanager/minimum-wage>. City Council discussed this topic at their July 12 Work Session.

Lagoon Series:

The Lagoon Summer Concert Series is back in 2022 at Colorado State University. The City of Fort Collins will host an interactive engagement booth each night of the series which runs June 15 – July 27. **The last night is on July 27 featuring the Wendy Woo Band.** Stop by to learn more about

upcoming projects and programs and to provide input. For more information visit:
<https://lagoonseries.com/>

Budget Engagement Continues:

The City is developing its 2023-2024 budget, and it's important that our budget reflects the priorities of our community. Even if people only have a few minutes to spare, there are options to share priorities and ideas at ourcity.fcgov.com/23-24budget.

Additionally, the City has partnered with the Center for Public Deliberation to create a Community Guide program, which will train individuals in facilitation, meeting design, data collection, and provide information about how the budget process works. The Community Guide program is a way to empower community members with the skills needed to host conversations about important issues in the community.

Guides who are selected into the program will attend a four-hour training session which will equip them with all the tools they need to host conversations about the city's budget. More information about the expectations and time commitment of the overall program can be found at: <https://col.st/XsRSy>

SALES TAX - MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE

This report reflects Sales and Use Tax collected in June for economic activity that occurred in May. Please note the sales and use tax collected in June is predominately from May sales but also includes delinquent collections from prior periods.

JUNE SUMMARY OVER PRIOR YEAR

	Month	Year to Date
Net Sales Tax Collected:	9.3%	12.4%
Net Use Tax Collected:	-6.8%	23.1%
Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:	7.1%	13.8%

Year to date, sales and use tax collections excluding rebates are up 13.8% and total \$85.1M.

JUNE SUMMARY OVER BUDGET

	Month	Year to Date
Net Sales Tax Collected:	8.2%	11.3%
Net Use Tax Collected:	1.4%	19.1%
Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:	7.3%	12.3%

Year to date, the City has collected 12.3% more sales and use tax revenue, totaling \$9.3M over budget.

CP - ENGINEERING

CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS RENOVATION PROJECT



Funding Source: Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP)
Estimated Project Budget: 2022 - \$1.2M
Estimated Completion Date: Ongoing
Phase: Construction

Project Details:

This project maintains a complete City sidewalk inventory, identifies sidewalk inadequacies, and access needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and develops a prioritized work program to achieve goals of providing unobstructed access for transportation and recreation.

Project Status:

- Construction work began at Manchester/Sheffield to remove and replace with a wider ADA compliant sidewalk as this location provides direct access to schools and parks.
- The next project will be completing a missing segment near Prospect and Overland that provides access to an existing bus stop and nearby businesses.
- Work along the south side of Kechter is scheduled to take place within the next couple of weeks. This is a long-awaited pedestrian connection that provides direct access to schools and parks.
- Staff has prioritized eight project locations and is currently in the construction design phase: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0f31cd83165a408eaa707b4a6d3c2387>

More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pedneeds.php>

COLLEGE AVE (SH 287) AND TRILBY ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: CDOT / FHWA grants, Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Development Contributions
Estimated Project Budget: \$9-10M
Estimated Completion Date: End of year 2023

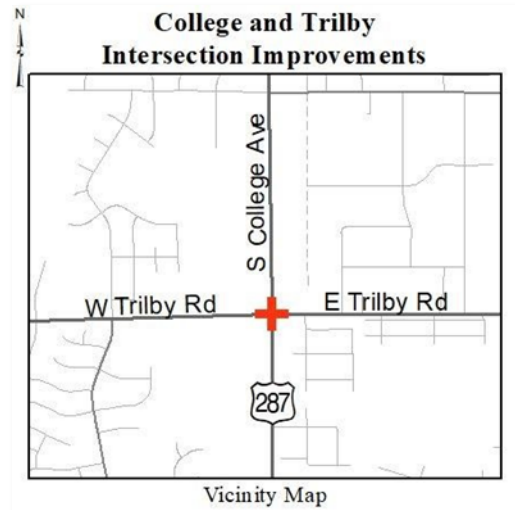
Phase: 30% Design Complete, ROW phase underway

Project Details:

Safety improvement project geared toward accident reduction and improved safety. Dual north and southbound turn lanes, multi-modal implementation, east / west (Trilby Road added turn movements).

Project Status:

- Rights-of-Way plans have been authorized by CDOT for use.
- Staff has begun meeting with property owner for the purpose of rights-of-way acquisition.
- Project design is currently at 60% and being reviewed for constructability and cost.



More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/college-trilby>

POWER TRAIL AND HARMONY ROAD GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING

Funding Source: Federal Grant, Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP - Bike / Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings)

Estimated Project Budget: \$7M - \$10M

Estimated Completion Date: Pending funding

Phase: Preliminary Design

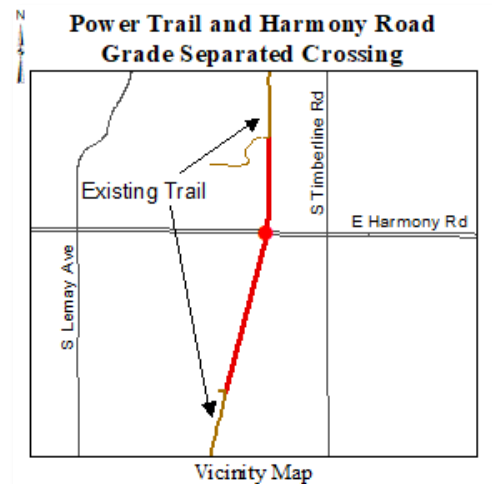
Project Details:

The Power Trail provides connectivity between the Spring Creek Trail to the north and the Fossil Creek Trail to the south. The Trail currently has a gap approximately three-quarters of a mile long north and south of Harmony Road. The detour route requires users to cross Harmony Road at grade at McMurry. This project will design, acquire property interests, and construct a trail underpass at Harmony Road as well as the trail connections on either side.

Project Status:

- Reassessing alternatives in light of new pricing information regarding duct bank relocation
- Awaiting BFO offer and grant application status to inform project schedule

More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/powertrailcrossing>



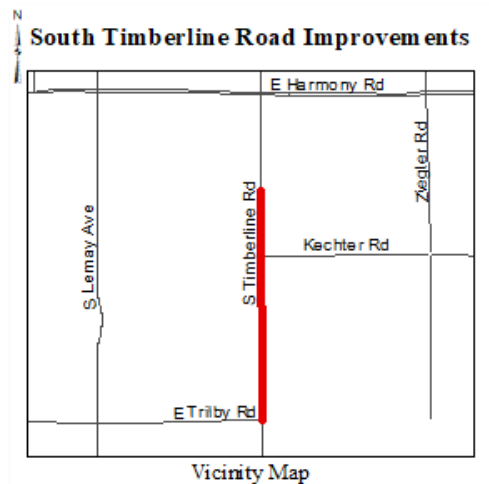


TIMBERLINE ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

Funding Source: Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Developer Contribution, Federal Grant
 Estimated Project Budget: \$8M
 Estimated Completion Date: 2022
 Phase: Construction

Project Details:

This project will reconstruct South Timberline Road from Stetson Creek Drive to Zephyr Road to the City's four lane arterial roadway standards. Zephyr Road to Trilby Road will be restriped to include two northbound lanes and one southbound lane. Planned improvements include intersection improvements at Kechter Road and Zephyr Road, multi-modal accommodations, raised medians and center turn lanes, access control, landscaping improvements, and roadway improvements. A pedestrian underpass crossing Timberline Road will also be constructed near Bacon Elementary School.



This project serves to build upon the development improvements that have been completed along the corridor. This project will improve safety, reduce congestion, and provide improved accommodations for alternate travel modes.

Project Status:

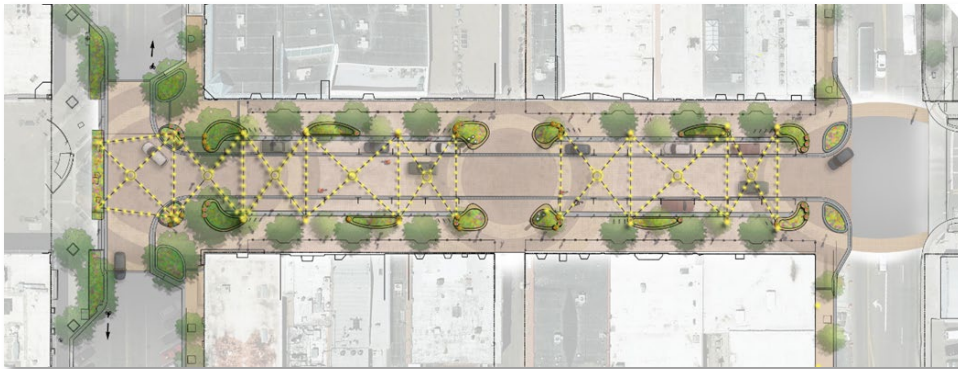
- Construction on the Mail Creek Ditch Box Culvert is completed.
- Construction on the east half of the Pedestrian Underpass Box Culvert is completed
- Work on the west half of the pedestrian underpass is underway
- Traffic patterns are shifted to the east side of Timberline Road so work on the western portion of the two structures can be completed.
- The box culvert projects are on track to be completed in mid-July 2022.
- The Timberline (Stetson Creek to Zephyr) project bid opening resulted in pricing that exceeded the project budget. Engineering is rescoping the project and seeking additional funds to re-bid the corridor project this summer with the goal of starting construction in late summer, 2022.



More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/timberlinewidening>

LINDEN STREET RENOVATION PROJECT

Overall Project Improvements



2022 Construction



Funding Source: Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP)

Estimated Project Budget: \$3.8M

Estimated Completion Date: 2022

Phase: Construction

Project Details:

The goals of this project are to renovate Linden Street between Walnut Street and Jefferson Street. Initial concepts include converting this section of Linden Street to a “convertible” street; one that can function primarily as a roadway but can also be closed to vehicles and converted to a pedestrian plaza during specialty events.

Project Status:

- Continued outreach and engagement with business owners and stakeholders on Linden Street throughout the project.
- Linden Street is closed to traffic and will remain accessible by pedestrians throughout the project.
- All new subsurface storm and utility infrastructure is in place.
- Paver work is beginning to take form starting at Walnut and working toward Old Firehouse Alley
- Paver installation starting from Jefferson to Old Firehouse Alley will begin the week of 6/27
- The interior concrete slab and paver installation will begin the week of 6/27 and start to tie together the street from Walnut to Old Firehouse Alley.
- Substantial completion is scheduled to be met by end of July with some finish items remaining through the first weeks of August.

More information is available at: <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/linden-street-renovation/>

NORTH MASON ROW AND DESIGN - ALPINE TO HICKORY

Funding Source: Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Storm Water Utility, Urban Renewal Authority (URA) funding

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.0M

Estimated Completion Date: 4th quarter 2022

Phase: 30% Design

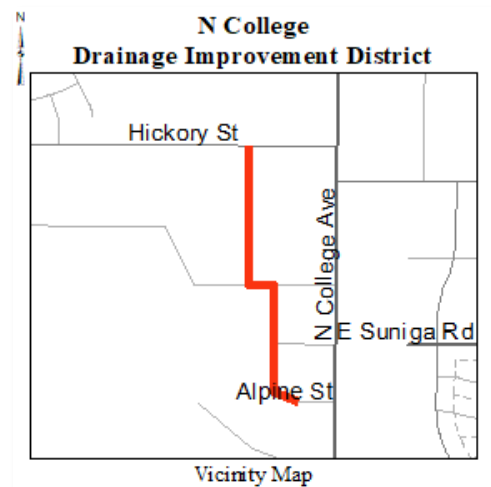
Project Details:

A collaborative effort between City departments and the North College URA to find solutions to existing drainage issues along the west side of College Avenue, north of the Poudre River. The project was approved through the 2019/2020 Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) process and will focus on roadway and storm sewer alignments for North Mason. Construction of the storm sewer backbone is expected to occur in late 2022 or early 2023. No funding has currently been identified for the roadway construction.

Project Status:

- Staff will begin reviewing alternative alignments based on the use of appraisals and geometric remainders for the purpose of determining an alignment that reduces impacts to adjacent property owners combined with fiscal responsibility.

Seeking additional funding sources/partners through budget and renewal authority.

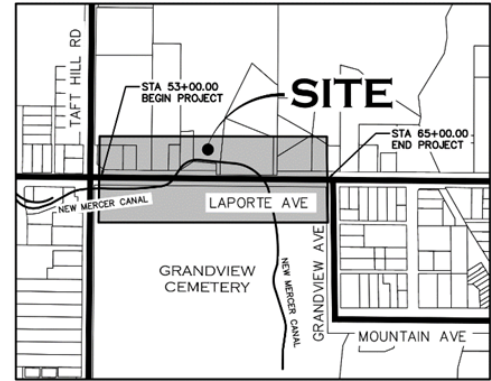


LAPORTE AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

Funding Source: Capital Bridge Program
Estimated Project Budget: \$4.2M
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2023
Project Phase: Design 30% to 90%

Project Details:

This project will replace two bridges over the New Mercer Canal just east of Taft Hill Road along Laporte Avenue north of the cemetery. One bridge is structurally deficient while the other is functionally obsolete. This project is entirely locally funded and will employ the GM/GC contract method.



Project Status:

- SEMA was awarded the CMGC contract.
- Design team working on progressing 60% designs
- 30% Design reviews completed and comments are being addressed.
- Reviewing potential as a Greenroads project
- Art in Public Places selection process underway
- Construction set to begin October 15th.

More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/laporte-road-and-bridge-improvements>

CP - PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

BUCKING HORSE PARK

Funding Source: Neighborhood Parkland Funds
Total Project Cost: \$2.5 - \$4.5 million
Phase: Design
Estimated Completion: 2023

Project Details:

Bucking Horse Park is a park planned for the Bucking Horse neighborhood.

Project Status:

- **APP has been approved by the APP Board and will now go to City Council for final approval**
- **Construction began the week of July 5 and is expected to be complete in Spring 2023.**



More information available on [project webpage](#).

EAST PARK DISTRICT MAINTENANCE FACILITY



Funding Source: Neighborhood Parkland & Community Parkland Funds
Total Project Cost: \$7 million
Phase: Design
Estimated Completion: Fall/Winter 2022

Project Details:

A maintenance facility to serve the East Park District, which includes multiple neighborhood and community parks, is proposed near the intersection of Drake & Ziegler near the water treatment facility. The maintenance facility will house Parks

Department staff, equipment, and some minor material storage.

Project Status:

- Construction is ongoing, and the building is weather tight with exterior finishes being installed and the inside is being finished. Site work concrete and landscape is also starting to be installed.
- Timeline for completion is on track.

MAIL CREEK TRAIL



Funding Source: Multiple Funding Sources including Grants, Transportation Capital Expansion Fees (TCEP), and Conservation Trust Funds
Total Project Cost: TBD
Phase: Design
Estimated Completion: TBD

Project Details:

When completed, the Mail Creek Trail will create a trail connection from Kinard Middle School to the Power Trail, providing much needed trail access for southeast Fort Collins. Currently, design of the Siphon overpass and construction of the trail widening/underpass at Timberline Road are in

progress, in partnership with the Engineering Department. In addition, Park Planning & Development is working to identify the best location for the segment of Mail Creek Trail.

Project Status:

- The City has contracted with Horrocks Engineers to design the segment of trail between Timberline Road and Spindleshush Lane.
- Work continues on Timberline widening project as well as the siphon overpass.

More information available on [project webpage](#).

SPRING CANYON DOG PARK



Funding Source: Nature In the City Grant for \$75,000
Total Project Cost: TBD
Phase: Design
Estimated Completion: Fall 2021

Project Details:

The water quality at Spring Canyon Community Park was adversely affected by the drainage out of the dog park pond. Particularly, issues like E. coli were difficult to manage and put the dog park pond at risk of closure. Park Planning & Development worked with Stormwater, Parks, and Environmental Regulator Affairs to seek and receive a grant from Nature in the City. This grant will allow for much needed LID improvements and restoration work on the dog park and

SCCP water quality ponds.

Project Status:

- **Construction on the pond improvements is ongoing.**
- **New signage has been completed and is waiting on review for approval.**

More information available on [project webpage](#).

TRAVERSE PARK



Funding Source: Neighborhood Parkland Funds
Total Project Cost: \$3.5- 4 million
Phase: Construction
Estimated Completion: December 2021

Project Details:

A new neighborhood park to be built in the Trail Head neighborhood, located on East Vine Street. The park will include typical neighborhood park features including a shelter, playground, multi-purpose field, basketball court,

and play area for teens.

Project Status:

- **Trees and shrubs have been planted. Restroom is now open.**
- **A grand opening celebration was held on July 14th.**

More information available on [project webpage](#).

EDORA DISC GOLF PARK UPDATES

Funding Source: TBD
Total Project Cost: TBD
Phase: Planning
Estimated Completion: TBD

Project Details:

Staff are coordinating with two private disc golf groups to significantly improve the course located at Edora Park.

Project Status:

- **New signage is being made and will be installed in July.**
- **Construction for the new improvements is currently on hold due to contractor staffing shortages which should be addressed in the next few weeks.**



POUDRE TRAIL AT I-25 UPDATES



Funding Source: Conservation Trust Fund & Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Grant (\$1M for Fort Collins)

Total Project Cost: \$3 million

Phase: Design

Estimated Completion: 2023

Project Details:

Construction of this 2-mile section of the trail will complete the entire extent of the approximately 10-mile Poudre Trail in the City of Fort Collins. Fort Collins partnered with Timnath, Windsor, and Larimer County in 2019 to win a \$2 million GOCO Connect Initiative Grant to complete all remaining segments of the Poudre Trail. The GOCO project will complete approximately 4-miles of missing trail segments, to complete the

entire 40+ mile Poudre Trail from Bellvue to Greeley. The Fort Collins project will connect the existing trail ending at the Colorado State Environmental Learning Center through the future East Community Park to the proposed I-25 underpass to be constructed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) with the North I-25 project, and thereafter to the existing trail segment in Timnath.

Project Status:

- **Coordination with Larimer County, Timnath, Windsor, and CDOT continue as each entity works to design and construct segments of the trail.**
- **Coordination with GOCO continues to keep them informed of the overall project schedule.**

More information available on the [project webpage](#).

CP - OPERATION SERVICES

BLOCK 32/42 – CIVIC MASTER PLAN REFRESH

Funding Source: Capital Project via BFO: \$300,000
Estimated Project Cost: TBD
Phase: Conceptual Master Plan
Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

Project Details:

Space planning for Block 32 and 42 that was performed in 2013-2014 and needs to be updated. The new planning effort will involve each affected department to determine their space needs and anticipated growth over the next 10-12 Years. With the completion of the refresh the City can decide which departments to house in 215 N. Mason, 300 Laporte Ave - Building A, and the new City Hall. The refresh will also help determine an appropriate size of the new City Hall. Once this is determined and a conceptual design is produced it will be submitted to Council for review, next recommended steps and approval.



Project Status:

- The Master Plan has been adopted by City Council.
- Next steps as outlined in the Council Work Session presentation are ongoing. This includes the traffic and parking studies and Civic Center Master Plan Space Planning.
- **The plan is to share these results in a memo to City Council in fall 2022.**

CP - UTILITIES

DEMAND RESPONSE TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Funding Source: Offer # 1.14
Estimated Project Budget: \$870,000 (\$435,000 in 2021)
Phase: Design

Project Details:

The AT&T 3G network is used to communicate with the controllers installed in electric water heaters participating in the Peak Partners Program. This network is scheduled for retirement by AT&T in Q1 2022 to release electromagnetic spectrum bandwidth for upcoming 5G technologies. Over 2400 DCU3 have been deployed in the service territory of Fort Collins Utilities and they will become stranded assets when the 3G network is turned off. A technology refresh is therefore needed to continue operating the resource, which shifts approximately 400 MWh/year from “On-Peak” to “Off-Peak” hours. The replacement units will be 4G controllers, which will be a straight replacement of the control unit and therefore a low to no-risk technology refresh.



Project Status:

- All contractual documents are in place and hardware has been ordered.
- Due to the worldwide shortage of microchips this project is behind schedule.
- The first 1,000 DCU3 are expected to arrive in mid-July 2022 and installation of the units will start in late summer. The rest of the units are expected to arrive in early Q4 2022.
- Installation of the units will take until Q2 2023

AMI EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Funding Source: Offer 11.13 (2021), Offer 2.13 (2022)

Estimated Project Budget: \$300,000 (2021), \$932,000 (2022)

Phase: Proof-of-Concept Installation Complete

Project Details:

These two offers included in the 2021 and 2022 BFO budgets fund the first two years in a three-year replacement program of our data collecting devices called Gatekeepers with the next generation of technology.

It also includes a transition in the data backhaul architecture and construction standard. For infrastructure within city limits, the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) network will use Connexion fiber as the data backhaul mechanism to replace the existing wireless router system.

Project Status:

- L&P and Connexion has agreed upon pricing for Enterprise Connexion services to each Gatekeeper located within city limits.
- L&P and Connexion staff have completed conceptual design with Systems Engineering and Cyber-security teams. The proof-of-concept location on the production AMI network is now operating with a Connexion backhaul.
- This solution includes upgraded data collecting devices for the AMI system; material availability from the vendor has significantly delayed the progress of beginning implementation. We are optimistic that we will receive our first units in the next month or two.



Install of a Gatekeeper and wireless router mounted on a streetlight.

TEFT ACRES OVERHEAD CONVERSION

Funding Source: BFO 8.9
Estimated Project Budget: \$324,000
Phase: Design

Project Details:

- This project will convert the existing overhead powerlines to underground around Moffett Drive and Moore Lane.

Project Status:

- Existing right-of-way and utility easement research is underway for final design. Anticipated start to resume second or third quarter of 2022
- The project has been designed and a field crew has been assigned for the construction of the project.



Powerline of Teft Overhead Conversion

27" POUDDRE CANYON RAW WATERLINE

Funding Source: Water - BFO#12.21 (2021)

Estimated Project Budget: \$3,200,000

Status: In Design

Estimated Completion Date:

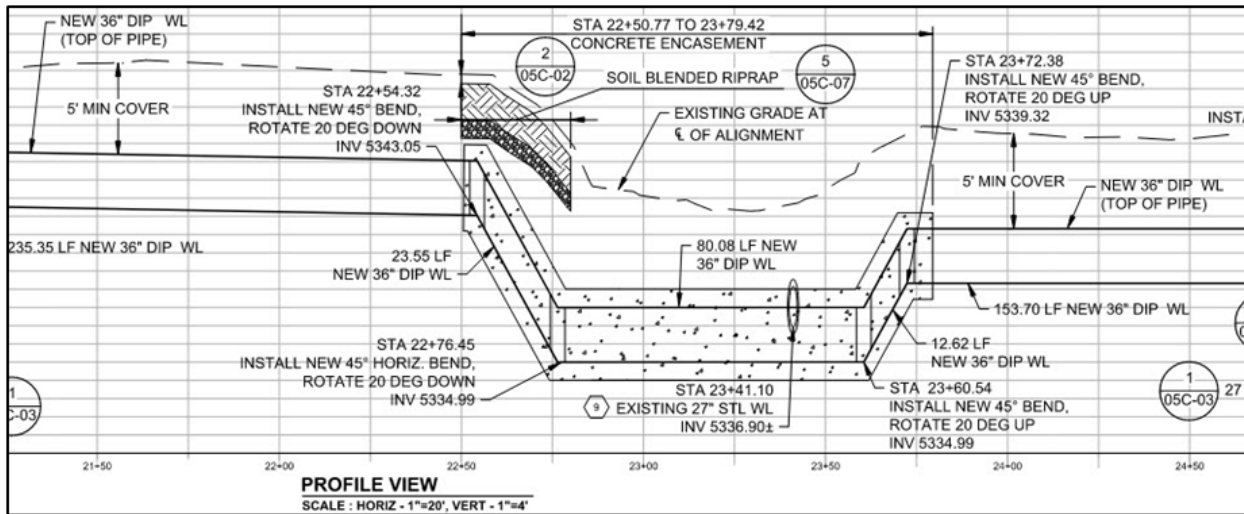
- Final Design – Complete
- Construction - August 2023

Project Details:

The goal of this project is to ensure the structural integrity and operational longevity of the City's 27" raw waterline in the Poudre Canyon. An existing, exposed section of the pipeline in the river near Gateway Natural Area will be replaced to eliminate the risk of failure which ensures the continued delivery and reliability of raw water from the Poudre River to the Water Treatment Facility. The design considered the existing geomorphology of the river to develop a long-term solution which required pipe alignment modifications and deeper burial depths. Final design and construction of the selected alternative are included in this project.

Project Status:

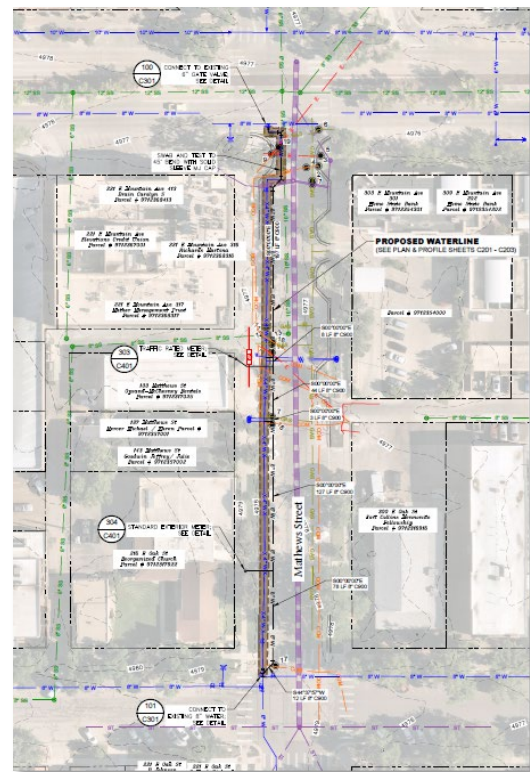
- Ongoing team meetings with consultant and contractor on pre-construction tasks.
- Continued Risk Register and Safety Plan development with Project Team.
- Permitting approvals in process.
- Final "Issued For Construction" documents completed and delivered.
- Independent Cost Estimate process completed.
- Material submittals ongoing.
- Construction scheduled for coming winter.



*Portion of Profile View
(Final Design Drawings)*

MATHEWS STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

As part of the distribution and collection system replacement program, the Mathews Street Water System Improvement Project will replace approximately 500 linear feet of 4-inch cast iron water main installed in the early 1900's with new 8-inch PVC pipe. The project limits extend from Mountain Avenue south to Oak Street. Coordination and outreach with businesses and residents in the area is currently underway. Construction is scheduled to begin in early August and wrap up in late September.



OAK STREET STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Funding Source: Stormwater

Estimated Project Budget: \$2.0M (Design), \$32M-\$36M (Construction), \$38M Total

Status: In Design

Estimated Completion Date: Fall/Winter 2022 and Spring 2023 (Design), TBD (Construction)



Data Collection: Sewer Service Investigations, May 2022

Project Details:

This project is for the design and construction of stormwater infrastructure for the Oak Street Stormwater Improvements Project (OSSP) that is part of the larger Downtown Stormwater Improvement Program (DSIP). The project is located on Oak Street from Mason to Jackson and will include a few storm laterals extending to the blocks both north and south of Oak Street. There will be approximately 8500 LF of new storm pipe installed with this project, ranging in size from 78" to 48". This project will also include LID or "green infrastructure" systems that filter and treat stormwater prior to its discharge downstream.

The data collection and ground survey efforts are mostly completed for this project. Utility potholing was completed in May. Additional geotechnical work was also completed in May and a groundwater drawdown test is scheduled for September.

Project Status:

- Preliminary (60%) Design is completed.
- Permitting – Submittal packages to BNSF and Arthur Ditch Company are underway.

- Cost Estimating – Contractors and third party (Capstone) completed their cost estimates at end the of Preliminary Design Phase (60%). The cost reconciliation meeting was held April 2022.
- Data Collection – Third round of potholing and survey data collection completed in June 2022. Groundwater drawdown testing to be conducted in September 2022.
- Final Design will kick off in July 2022.

PUBLIC SAFETY

POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY

Independence Day Celebrations and Mascot Unveiling | July 2



PFA was happy to join the Independence Day parade down Mountain Ave. It was the perfect opportunity to unveil the newest (and furriest) firefighter that has joined the ranks of PFA. We look forward to having him join many more events. PFA personnel, their families, and fire apparatus also joined in the parade.

Fireworks Campaign

PFA partnered with Fort Collins Police Services and Neighborhood Services in the annual fireworks campaign. The campaign spreads information about not only the fact that fireworks are illegal in Fort Collins but also the risks and concerns associated with their use. This year's ask for the community to "skip the at home bangs and flames" included a broad presence across all PFA social media channels, communications with individuals, marketing of local alternatives, yard signs, and information shared across fire crews. At this time, no fires over the last three weeks are believed to be caused by fireworks.

9/11 Memorial Park Campaign



Poudre Fire Authority along with the City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department, asked the community for their support of the 9/11 Memorial Park which will be built in Spring Creek Park near Fire Station 3. It will be home to a steel I-beam that was part of the World Trade Center.

It will honor the police officers, firefighters, first responders, rescue and recovery workers, and medical personal who bravely served at the World Trade Center on 9/11. It will provide a place for remembering for some and understanding for those too young to remember. **Help us build the park by donating today! Go to www.911memorialfortcollins.org**

Collective Bargaining Agreement Signed | June 28

Three years of work on the collective bargaining agreement with the Local1945 came to fruition and was approved and signed at the Poudre Fire Authority Board Meeting. This included extensive collaboration and we thank all involved, including the IAFF leadership, members, and the board, for all the support.

Missing Tuber Located after Several Hours of Searching | June 4



At 3:00 p.m., crews were dispatched to reports of a person that had been tubing the Poudre River with two other people and could not be found. The other members of the group reported that they had seen him running along the shore after his tube which was in the water but had lost sight of him and not been able to make contact since.

Crews and teams parked along the Gateway Bridge on N. College just west of the Whitewater Park, donned swiftwater gear, and began searching upriver along both shorelines. Members of PFA and the Larimer County Dive Rescue Team searched the shores multiple times and three drones were deployed in an effort to locate the missing tuber.

After over two hours of searching along the shore and from the air with the drones, the teams transitioned to a land focused search. Crews and response vehicles moved from College Ave. to Legacy Park. Fort Collins Police Services, Larimer County Dive Rescue Team, and Larimer County Sheriff's Office remained and planned to search until dark.

At about 8:00 p.m., the missing tuber was located. He was safe and worked with responders to wrap up the incident.

The incident serves as a reminder that the Poudre River is not safe for novice recreation right now. The water is too high, fast, and cold. [Learn about how and when to recreate on the Poudre River here.](#) For now, **SAY NO TO THE FLOW** until conditions have improved.

Memorial Day Flag Presentation

PFA took part in a special event for Memorial Day at Grandview Cemetery. Following the ceremony BSA Troop 96 helped the firefighters fold the flag that was flown. PFA thanked all who have served in the military and asked the community to do the same.



POLICE SERVICES

Notable Cases

Encampment Cleanup Efforts – Officers from the Neighborhood Engagement Team, Mental Health Response Team, District One Unit, and Patrol supported several encampment cleanup efforts in North Fort Collins on Blue Spruce Drive and around the Max Guideway. After working with local social service providers to give individuals several days' notice that they would not be able to continue obstructing sidewalks, roadways, and other areas, as well as connecting people with local support resources, officers worked to complete the cleanup efforts. This is a complex issue that we continue to navigate as a community. We're grateful for the ongoing partnerships and efforts to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness while also protecting and preserving the rights of local residents and businesses who are negatively impacted by encampments.

Cyclist Hit-and-Run Case Solved – On May 27, FCPS investigated a hit-and-run crash that left a cyclist with serious injuries. A Medina Alert was issued, which led to a community member recognizing the suspect vehicle and notifying police. After further investigation, officers identified and arrested the suspect in late June. He faces several charges, including Vehicular Assault - Reckless Driving with Serious Bodily Injury (class 5 felony), Failure to Remain at the Scene of an Injury Accident (class 4 felony), Reckless Endangerment (class 2 misdemeanor), and Careless Driving - Vulnerable Road User (class 1 traffic misdemeanor). We are extremely grateful to the community member who shared a tip that became a pivotal component in solving this case.

Series of Serious Crashes – The FCPS CRASH (Collision Response and Scene Handling) Team was called out to investigate four major crashes in just one weekend in June. Sadly, several of these cases resulted in fatalities. Traffic safety is a priority for our agency, and officers will continue working to

impact dangerous driving behaviors through education, enforcement, and partnering with our community to address chronic safety issues.

Agency News

25x25 Initiative – On June 1, Fort Collins Police Services announced the launch of its 25x25 program. This initiative sets FCPS on a course to take 25% of all police reports online by the year 2025. In 2021, FCPS received 2,280 reports (or 12%) through its web portal, which amounts to a savings of roughly 570 officer hours. To reach “25x25,” FCPS has enhanced the agency’s online system where community members may report incidents such as vehicle break-ins, theft, vandalism, and other cold crimes that occur within the city limits of Fort Collins. People who have questions or prefer to speak with an officer can still call the non-emergency number at 970-419-FCPD. This enhanced online system serves as a convenient option for community members, reduces wait time when reporting a crime, and uses police resources efficiently.

Cultural Competency Training – Larimer County Coroner's Office hosted a training about the intricacies of different faith practices when it comes to death. The goal was to help increase our cultural sensitivity and spiritual awareness when we're conducting a death investigation. FCPS was glad to provide the space and learn through this important discussion, which included presenters from our Native American, Jewish, Baha'i, Christian, Muslim, and Buddhist communities. Thank you to these leaders for sharing their insights and experiences so we can better serve individuals and families, especially when they've lost a loved one.

Community Engagement

Bike to Work Day – FCPS participated in the Summer Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day event with a station on the Power Trail. Officers served up fresh donuts (“power rings”) from local business FoCo DoCo and connected with a total of 507 visitors!



Community Training – Local staff from Dutch Bros reached out to ask if FCPS could educate their staff about ways to handle disruptive or unsettling behavior from patrons. Our Mental Health Response Team led discussions about recognizing mental health issues, ways to deescalate, and contacting the right resource in different situations. Since we highlighted this training event on social media, other local coffee chains have also requested training for their staff. We recognize and appreciate the challenges that customer service professionals face each day, and we're grateful for this opportunity to empower these individuals to access the best resources (which may not require police).



Police in the Park – Over the last several years, FCPS has worked to create space for casual community conversations to reduce barriers and build trust in neutral settings. In June, the agency hosted a police expo event at Jessup Farm so people could interact with officers and learn about our specialty units. Officers and professional staff members also spent a few summer evenings in Spring Canyon and Library Park. These events have been a great way to connect with community members, answer questions, and address concerns.



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION

BUILDING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Monthly Reporting

Monthly construction reporting and mapping of development review proposals and construction can be found by visiting:

<http://citydocs.fcgov.com/?dt=MONTHLY+REPORT&dn=NEIGHBORHOOD+%26+BUILDING+SERVICES%2FZONING&vid=2&cmd=showdt>

For a detailed listing of development Proposals under review, please visit:

<https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/>

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	% Change
Development Project Submittals Received	88	86	-2.27%
Conceptual/Preliminary Design/Staff Reviews	106	63	-40.57%
Building Permits Issued	3,090	2,544	-17.67%
Building Permit Valuations (\$M)	\$99.21	\$174.01	75.39%
Building Inspections Performed	10,133	11,057	9.12%
Zoning Inspections Performed	173	137	-20.81%
Zoning Plan Reviews Performed	1,342	1,543	14.98%

Overall Development Review Center revenues are \$(725,707) under projection for 2022 as of May 31st, with Building Services under by \$(648,538), Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance over by \$58,838, Development Review over by \$8,970 and Engineering Development Review under by \$(144,976).

GRAFFITI UPDATE

During the month of June 2022, the Graffiti Abatement Team abated 102 issues consisting of 709 tags measuring 1,714 square feet of graffiti-covered surfaces.

Month	Access FC	Hotline	Pro-Active	Total
January	4	43	8	55
February	2	25	12	39
March	28	6	37	71
April	23	9	32	62
May	30	6	39	75
June	42	12	48	102

The issues were distributed throughout the City in the following Council Districts:

Month	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
January	11	7	5	5	5	22
February	11	8	6	5	5	9
March	29	4	2	14	6	15
April	21	8	1	8	12	10

May	27	8	10	3	15	12
June	34	12	5	15	20	16

SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

City of Fort Collins Hosting Workshops on Indoor Air Quality During a Wildfire



Is your home prepared to keep wildfire smoke out?

During a wildfire, smoke can make the air in your home unhealthy to breathe. Join City of Fort Collins staff and learn how to protect your home's indoor air quality.

- July 21 from 6 – 7 p.m. – [Register here](#)
- August 4 from 6 – 7 p.m. – [Register here](#)

Each participating home will receive a free furnace filter.

For questions, email: healthyhomes@fcgov.com

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Equity Trainings & Conversations

The City's Equity and Inclusion Office is hosting two events this month: with the Economic Health Department, a Community Conversation on the Economic Health and Opportunity Equity Indicator on July 21; and with the Fort Collins Human Relations Commission, an anti-bias training on July 28. Both events will take place from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center, where a light meal will be provided.



Childcare and Spanish/ASL interpretation provided upon request. RSVP at fcgov.com/equity.
ECONOMIC HEALTH

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Development Review Technical Assistance Mini Grant Program



We are excited to announce the launch of the new Technical Assistance Mini Grant Program! The Community Development & Neighborhood Services Department is awarding mini grants to small businesses and non-profits located in Fort Collins with 20 or fewer employees going through the Building or Development Review process to provide them with technical assistance. This funding is from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and is intended to help support our local business and non-profit community recovery from the effects of COVID-19.

Each approved business can receive a maximum of \$1,000 to \$2,000 (depending on project type) for qualifying services. Mini grant funding may be spent on technical services such as project management, site planning, landscape design, civil/structural engineering, surveying, lighting design, architectural design, sprinkler design, environmental consultations, and fire/hazard consultations, etc. Please note that these mini grants cannot go towards City fees or building and infrastructure improvements.

We are now accepting mini grant applications on a rolling basis. Funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis for eligible Building and Development Review projects.

UTILITIES

CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS SERVICE UNIT (CCSU)

In the month of July, Utilities offered the following engagement opportunities:

- July 6 – **Stream Ecology Education** –Utilities staff offered a watershed field trip to the Boys and Girls Club fourth grade students where they explored the Poudre River by dip netting for macroinvertebrates which are an indicator for water quality health.
- July 7, 27 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff will offer a watershed field trip for the children and families of the Kids Feeding Kids Summer Breakfast Program. Students will explore the Poudre River by dip netting for macroinvertebrates which are an indicator for water quality health.
- July 8 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff offered a watershed field trip to the Boys and Girls club fifth grade students where they explored the Poudre River by dip netting for macroinvertebrates which are an indicator for water quality health.

- July 9 – **WILD fest** – Utilities staff engaged community members and discussed the importance of water and energy conservation, what not to flush, the don't drip and drive campaign and other Utility resources.
- July 11 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff taught middle and high school science teachers the watershed education curriculum. The program consisted of Cache la Poudre watershed information and included macroinvertebrate catching in the river at Lee Martinez Park.
- July 13 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff partnered with Natural Areas and engaged community members with hands on activities down at the river. They learned about the importance of water and water quality.
- July 14 – **Stream Ecology Education** - Utilities staff engaged Camp Fun Quest summer campers ages 12-15, with hands on activities down at the river. Participants learned about the importance of water and water quality by dip netting for macroinvertebrates. Careers in Utilities were also discussed with this group.
- July 15 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff offered a watershed field trip to other internal city departments. Participants learned by dip netting for macroinvertebrates which are an indicator for water quality health.
- July 20 – **Stewardship Behind the Scenery** – Utilities staff offered a presentation about our water shed, quality, conservation and protection.
- July 21 – **Junior Naturalist Watershed Education Program** - Utilities staff collaborated with Natural Areas on water quality, wildfire and watershed health education. This program included a short hike and an exploration of how the City assesses the health of our watershed to provide drinking water for thousands.

In 2022, Community Engagement has reached 5,019 participants through 132 engagement opportunities.

CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS

- July 16 – **Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Pickup Event** – Water Conservation hosted a compost bin and rain barrel sale online through a third-party vendor to promote soil amendment and water conservation. Purchased materials were picked up by customers on July 16 in the Front Range Community College parking lot. fortcollinscompostersale.com
- **Sprinkler Checkup Program** – 120 checkups have been completed so far this Sprinkler Checkup season. A free sprinkler checkup helps customers save water by using their sprinkler system more effectively. The program is still scheduling checkups for July, August, and September at fcgov.com/sprinkler-checkups.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECREATION

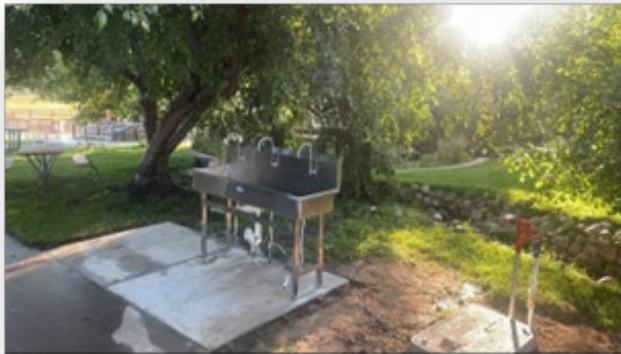
- The handwashing station at the Farm at Lee Martinez Park was installed this month. This will provide a more sanitary environment for groups visiting the Farm.
- Summer child care camps continue to serve more than 400 community children with over 1,800 total weekly enrollments. Highlights have included educational visits from Poudre Fire Authority, the Police Department, Utilities, Water Conservation, and the Poudre Library Book Bike Program; field trips to City pools, parks, Natural Areas, and the Museum of Discovery; and introductions to Recreation programs including swim lessons, pottery classes, and sports enrichments.
- In June, Northside Aztlan Community Center underwent annual maintenance including a full gymnasium floor refinishing project. Other projects included painting, floor cleaning, fitness equipment maintenance, storage organization, and more.

- The CARA Track program hosted approximately 1,000 participants throughout the state on July 9 at FCHS.



PARKS

- Monitoring and responding to closures of the Poudre River Whitewater Park due to the rise of the river.
- Completed the annual planting in the downtown core.
- \$6,500 awarded to local kids as part of the Golf Youth Scholarship program.
- Continuing to actively address staff shortages.



CULTURAL SERVICES



Contemporary Art Quilts Exhibit

- **Art in Public Places** is continuing the [Transformer Cabinet Mural Project](#) in collaboration with Utilities Light and Power. Murals will be painted by 16 local artists on 26 transformer cabinets this year. At the end of the 17th season of painting, there will be murals on 410 cabinets throughout Fort Collins. The Transformer Cabinet Mural program project was started in 2004 to help mitigate graffiti on transformer cabinets and bring art into the community.
- A new exhibit, [38th Annual New Legacies: Contemporary Art Quilts](#) will open at **The Lincoln Center Art Gallery** starting July 9th and will be on display until September 10th. The exhibition features the current work of the finest national and international contemporary quilt artists. The Art Gallery has public access hours on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is open for most performances until immediately after intermission.
- [Season packages](#) for the 2022-2023 **Lincoln Center LC LIVE Season** go on sale July 30th and public ticket sales begin August 10th. Highlights include Postmodern Jukebox, Broadway shows Legally Blonde and Anastasia, comedian Drew Carey on the Whose Live Anyway tour, ZUZU African Acrobats, Parsons Dance, and The 5 Browns.

NATURAL AREAS



Diversify Whitewater Community River Float

The Natural Areas Department partnered with [Diversify Whitewater](#), a national nonprofit that works to share the beauty of paddling with Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and Allies, for the third annual Community River Float on the Cache la Poudre River. Despite the cloudy, cool weather, 110 participants rode in rafts with experienced river guides down an exciting stretch of whitewater between Gateway Natural Area and Picnic Rock. Several City employees and members of the Employee Resource Group, ENCORE participated and shared positive feedback.

Natural Areas Ozone Action Days

The Natural Areas Department, in partnership with Parks, is observing Ozone Action Days (when air pollution is expected to reach unhealthy ranges) this summer, in which gas-powered mowers and two-stroke handheld equipment will sit idle. Both departments will also avoid filling gas tanks between 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will minimize driving during this time. Natural Areas has changed out 80% of its equipment to electric equivalents. Electric mowers and electric vehicles are operated on Ozone Action Days. Natural Areas and Parks are doing this to set a public example. So far, Natural Areas has observed six Ozone Alert Days and there are typically 30 to 40 alerts per summer.

Explorer Publication

The Natural Areas Explorer booklet is more than a program guide. This year's edition contains valuable information on exploring natural areas safely on your own, tips on sustainable actions at home and on the trail, suggested activities to get kids outdoors, a list of what to bring while hiking in natural areas, and water safety tips.

The Natural Areas Explorer is a community effort as it features community generated artwork from 20 different artists, including poetry, plant-based recipes, photographs, paintings, and prose.

Artists were compensated for their work with a stipend or through volunteer hours. The Natural Areas Explorer also features over 100 free community activities on topics ranging from skygazing, to fireflies, to geology, to wellness. Copies of the Natural Areas Explorer can be found online at fcgov.com/naturalareas, at Natural Areas trailheads, libraries, the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce, and at Jax Outdoor Gear.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

West Nile Virus Research Partnership

The City of [Fort Collins West Nile Virus Program](#) is working with CSU's [OneHealth Institute](#) to pursue a variety of research questions and funding opportunities to [support improved systemic management and reduction of West Nile Virus](#) risks for the community. Nearly a dozen research laboratories are in various stages of field trials, data analysis, and planning for the upcoming mosquito season, and funding is being sought from a variety of federal sources. Studies include an effort to understand the efficacy of reducing mosquito populations through ivermectin-treated bird seed, inducing mosquito larvae to ingest DNA-coded markers to determine breeding locations, as well as using past weather, mosquito, and virus data to build improved predictive models. Laboratories at the CDC Division of Vector-Borne Diseases, Rocky Mountain Raptor Center, and several commercial partners are also contributing to these efforts.

Since the inception of the City's West Nile Virus Management Program, CSU has played an integral role in creating a management approach that effectively decreases WNV transmission risk while minimizing negative impacts to the community and ecological values. This new work, using a "One Health" transdisciplinary framework, is intended to improve the health and well-being of humans, animals and the environment in the City and adjacent areas, and represents a nationally unique government-academic partnership.

Mid-to-late summer is when we typically begin seeing West Nile virus locally in the mosquito population. As the season progresses, we will continue the annual education and outreach campaign to encourage community members to protect themselves from West Nile using the Four Ds:

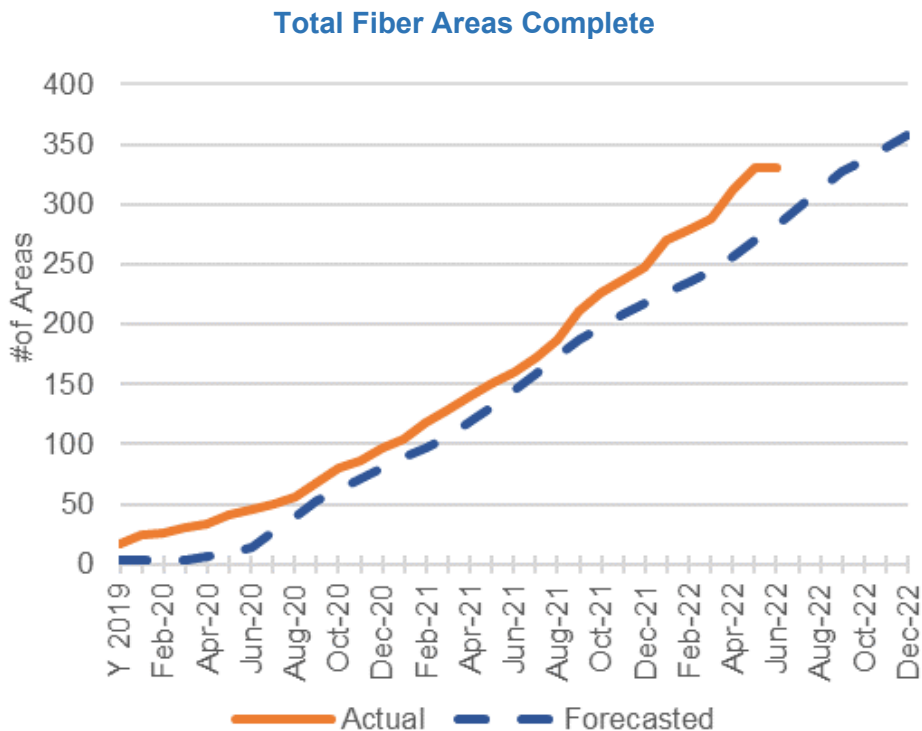
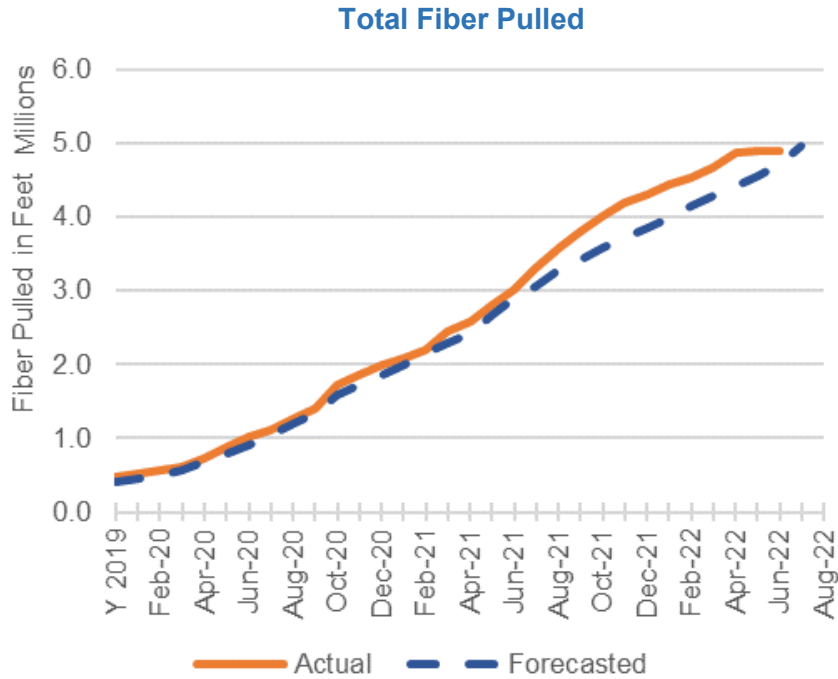
- Drain standing water
- Dress in lightweight, long-sleeved clothing
- Defend with an approved insect repellent
- Limit time outdoors at Dawn and Dusk



BROADBAND – FORT COLLINS CONNEXION

Connexion Construction Update

Connexion continues to build out across the city of Fort Collins. We are on target to complete construction by the end of the year.



We are releasing new neighborhoods for service weekly with new customer sign ups daily. Our vendor partner, OnTrac, recently added a 7th installation truck to help with the increase in new customer installations. The demand for new installs continues to grow; therefore, Connexion is working to get more installers added.



Lawn Restoration

Our goal throughout the entire construction and installation process is to be as minimally invasive as possible and return your property to its original state. Following work, crews will restore landscaping and clean up after themselves when finished. However, there are occasions where your sprinkler system may be impacted. But not to worry! If your lawn or sprinkler system has been affected by construction or installation, please call our Construction Help Line at 970-674-7800 and we will take care of any resodding and/or sprinkler repair.

Social Media

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @FoCoConnexion! Join the Connexion community—get updates and information on services and more!

COMMUNITY DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHT

The Community Dashboard features performance data and information that highlights how the City is doing in achieving its seven Outcome areas: Neighborhood Livability and Social Health, Culture and Recreation, Economic Health, Environmental Health, Safe Community, Transportation and Mobility, and High Performing Government. The Dashboard is made up of 37 total metrics that are published quarterly and demonstrate where the City is doing well and where there are opportunities to improve. The color status of performance for each metric is determined based on the actual result for the quarter compared with the target. The color status of performance for the Outcome is determined based on the average calculation of the performance of each metric within that Outcome.

Each month the City Manager's Update will highlight a metric from the Community Dashboard. This month's feature is from the Neighborhood Livability and Social Health Outcome Area.

Response Time to Graffiti Removal



Analysis:

The Graffiti Abatement Team abated 165 issues as compared to 69 this same time last year. The average response time for removal was 0.27 days. The target is to remove graffiti within 1.5 days. Though the response time is very aggressive staff was able to exceed the target goal.

Definition:

This indicator measures the amount of time to respond to and abate both reported and unreported graffiti in the City. The goal is to have graffiti properly abated within two business days.

Why is this metric important?

Tracking response time to abate graffiti is part of the overall process to defeat and deter graffiti. Graffiti generally includes any type of writings, drawings or symbols applied to any surface without the consent of the owner. Graffiti is a crime and when left unchecked, can contribute to the deterioration of our neighborhoods and the beauty of Fort Collins, as well as it can be the tipping point leading to increased crime in an area.

City's impact on this metric:

High – The City's Graffiti Abatement team plays a high impact role by proactively searching for new graffiti throughout the City in day-to-day operations. In addition, the public can notify the Abatement team through a 24-hour hotline, email notification, an on-line reporting system, and a smart phone reporting application.

Benchmarks:

Benchmarking in progress

To view the entire Dashboard, please visit: <http://fortcollins.clearpointstrategy.com/>