



ST. LUKE'S XERISCAPE

Prepared by Blue Spruce Horticulture
For the St. Luke's Community Meeting

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BLUE SPRUCE - WHO WE ARE



Our Mission:

To create unique, functional,
living landscapes
that thrive in Northern Colorado,
focusing on sustainable garden design,
installation, and maintenance.

We are impassioned horticulturists,
creative designers,
and skilled landscape craftsmen.









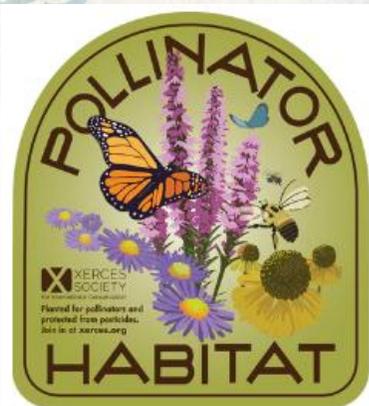
WATER SAVINGS OF THE PROJECT

* = Fall 2025 Installation

Code on Design Plan	Planned Area	Area in sq. ft	Water savings (gal)
1	Xeric and native prairie gardens	12084	84588
2*	Foothills Garden (<i>Stover Street Entry</i>)	3161	22127
3	Dry Creek Bed	267	1869
4	Riparian Garden	364	2548
5*	Streetside Gardens	2562	17934
6	Low Perennial Gardens with wood mulch (<i>Near main and south entrances and patios</i>)	3728	26096
7*	Contemplative Garden (<i>North of Chapel</i>)	4322	30254
8	Tall Perennial Garden (<i>Near patios and Buildings</i>)	1422	9954
9	Low Perennial Garden (<i>East of Building</i>)	2413	16891
10	Xeric Full Sun Garden (<i>East Parking Lot</i>)	9045	63315
	Total	39,368	275,576

EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

- Xeriscape Incentive Program – will receive upon receipt of grant
- People & Pollinators Action Network (PPAN) – “Let’s talk about pollinators”
- Blue Spruce “What is Xeriscaping”
- Certified Wildlife Habitat (only for certified)
- Xerces society – signage and guides
- Custom signage (see Nectary Example)
- Pulse design studio – botanic garden signage – templates & custom



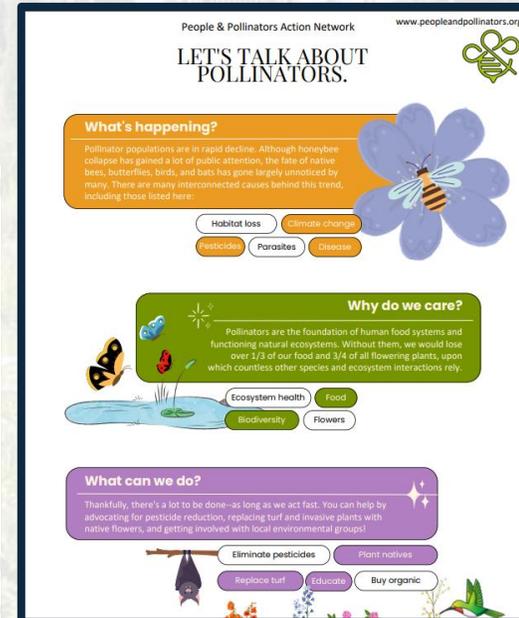
Pollinator Habitat Sign



Leave the Leaves Sign



Letrero Hábitat para Polinizadores



CERTIFICATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

CERTIFICATION	ORGANIZATION	FOCUS	COST
Sacred Grounds – for places of worship only	National Wildlife Federation	Native garden/ wildlife habitat	Free certification
Pollinator Protection Pledge + Interactive Map	Xerces Society	Pollinators	Free Pledge
Homegrown National Park – Biodiversity Map	Doug Tallamy’s Homegrown National Park	Biodiversity	Free to add project to map
Certified Wildlife Habitat	National Wildlife Federation	Wildlife, especially birds	\$25 application
Habitat Hero Certification	Audubon Society	Bird & Wildlife Friendly Landscapes	\$30 application

FUNDING

- City of Fort Collins – Xeriscape Incentive Program (XIP) – matching grant
Approved for Phase 1 for \$15,000 + \$3,000 bonus.
Can reapply for up to \$15,000 each year of project.
- Northern Water – Water Efficiency Grants – matching grant
Application in Progress. Up to \$25,000 per year.
- City of Fort Collins – Nature in the City – Design Grant
Received \$8,000
- City of Fort Collins – Nature in the City – Implementation Grant
Due Oct. 20th. \$25,000-\$60,000
- City of Fort Collins – Commercial Irrigation Parts Rebates
Submit application within 60 days of purchasing parts.
Variable rebates (from \$4 to \$500) for different parts.
- People & Pollinator Action Network: from \$500 to \$2000
2026 grant applications open winter 2025
- Larimer County – Small Grants for Community Partnering Program
Up to \$4,000 – due Oct. 10th



COST CONSIDERATIONS



- Free wood chip mulch provided by tree care companies - Save \$7,500
 - Labor provided by St. Lukes Volunteers - Save \$10k
 - Reducing plant densities / Scaling back plant quantities - Save \$5-10k (materials and labor)
 - Utilizing existing overhead irrigation Save \$5-7k between materials and labor
 - Concrete patios instead of pavers -Save \$15-20k
 - All breeze paths instead of concrete - Save \$15-20k
 - Combining projects/codes, thereby increasing efficiency and economies of scale - Save \$20k
 - Excluding Codes 9 & 10 (East of Building/Parking Lots) - Save \$46,000
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Maximum Potential Cost Savings and Omissions = \$140,000

A lush garden scene featuring a variety of flowers. In the foreground, there are clusters of small, bright red flowers. Behind them, several tall, thin stems with yellow flowers and dark brown centers are visible. The background is filled with dense green foliage and more yellow flowers. The overall atmosphere is bright and natural.

THANK YOU!

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