

# CITY HALL NORTH LAWN TRANSFORMATION

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## Purpose:

Overview of the design and progress of  
the City Hall North Lawn Project

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# Setting the Stage for Transformation

July 2021 - The City is selected as a pilot community in a Colorado Water Conservation Board funded Non-Essential Turfgrass Project

January 2022 - City Council directed Staff to limit freed up ARPA funding to \$500k and seek alternative funding sources

August 2022 - POST Debt issued to fund three (3) major PRL projects

February 2024 - CWCB awards the City Hall project a \$225,000 Water Plan grant

March 2024 - Governor Polis signed SB 24-005 limiting non-functional turf (Non- Residential) in new development



# Underutilized Asset – Why the North Lawn at City Hall?



- City Code defines the City Hall grounds as “Parkland”
- Site is highly visible but lacks accessible amenity space
- Yearly maintenance costs are approximately \$42,500 to maintain with no prescribed use
- City’s Strategic Objective 5.4: “Enhance community outreach and awareness on water conservation methods”

# Project Highlights

- Staff have received and are reviewing 90% design
- New access points and circulation routes are created
- Design is guided by water conservation & landscape education
- Irrigation is being designed for the entire City Hall complex
- Designed with public “garden art” in mind



60% Project Design



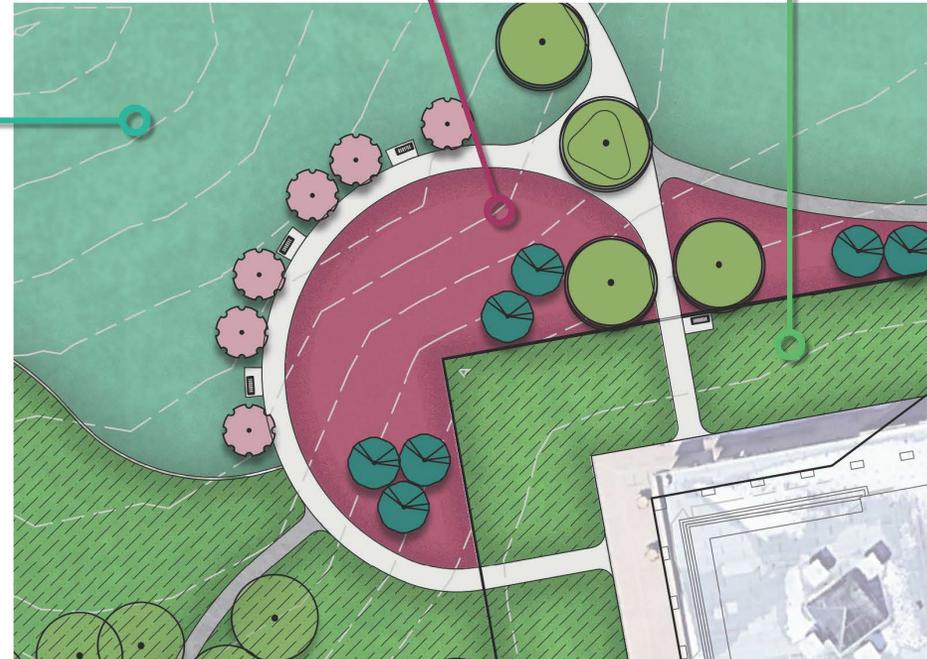
Xeric Planting Matrix



Existing Turf Panels



Irrigated Native Matrix



PLANT PALETTE - PLANTING CHARACTER IMAGES

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**Hoptree**  
*Ptelea trifoliata*



**Prairie Coneflower**  
*Ratibida columnifera*



**Jones Bluestar**  
*Amsonia jonesii*



**Black-Eyed Susan**  
*Rudbeckia hirta*



**Native Lavender Bee Balm**  
*Monarda fistulosa*



**Prairie Junegrass**  
*Koeleria macrantha*



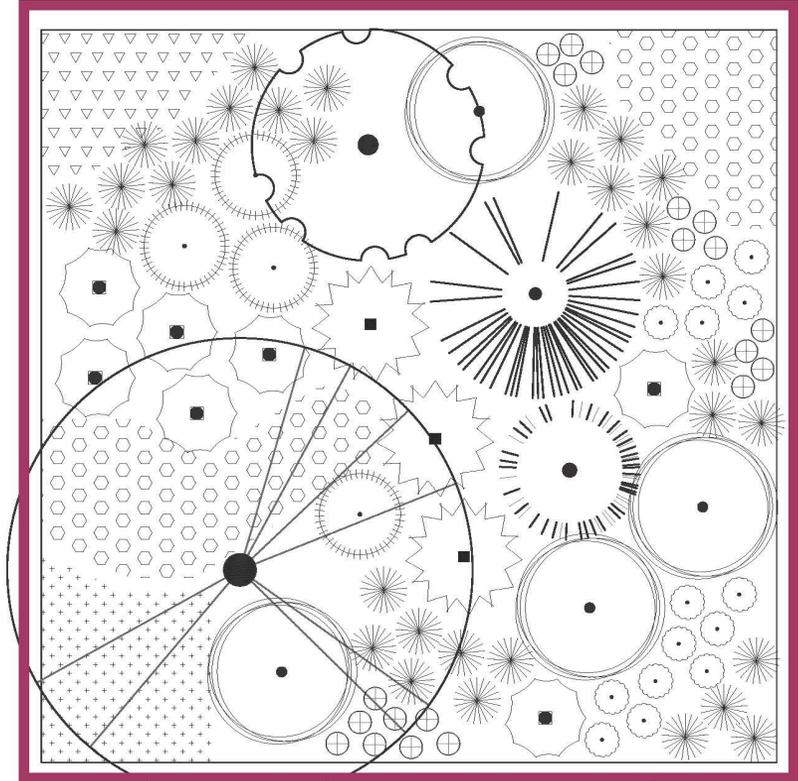
**Little Bluestem**  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*



**Baby Blue Rabbitbrush**  
*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*



**Butterfly Weed**  
*Asclepias tuberosa*



**Indian Grass**  
*Sorghastrum nutans*



**Tufted Hair Grass**  
*Deschampsia cespitosa*



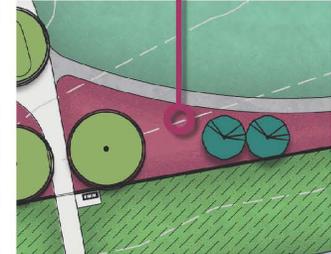
**Panchito Manzanita**  
*Arcostaphylos x coloradensis 'Panchito'*



**Blue Jazz Pinon Pine**  
*Pinus monophylla 'Blue Jazz'*



**Apache Plume**  
*Fallugia paradoxa*



Plan Location

**PLANT PALETTE - ROBUST XERIC MATRIX**

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# Water Stewardship & Empowering Our Community



- Incorporates a variety of water wise and drought tolerant perennials, shrubs, trees, and grasses into the area
- Interactive experience allowing visitors to scan QR codes on signs and obtain information on water wise alternatives
- Helps residents and businesses make informed decisions when it comes to efficient water use options

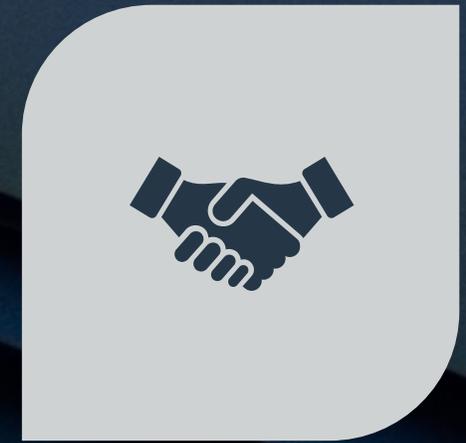
# PROJECT STATUS & NEXT STEPS...



90% DESIGN UNDER REVIEW  
100% DESIGN IN JUNE



OPINION OF PROBABLE COST:  
DESIGN: \$117,270  
CONSTRUCTION: \$964,832



CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO  
CITY COUNCIL LATER THIS  
SUMMER FOR CONSIDERATION

# QUESTIONS?