

# Climate Smart Future Ready: Focus Areas, Strategies, Actions, and Tactics

## Strategy Objectives

- Improve air quality and human health by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and use of non-renewable natural resources.
- Increase community resiliency and ability to adapt to changing climate conditions.
- Improve quality of life for residents and ecosystems in Larimer County and beyond.

## Strategy Development & Prioritization Guidelines

- Meets strategy objectives.
- Supported by data.
- Fills a gap in existing resources and efforts.
- Community willingness to implement.
- Creates economic benefit.

## Interconnection Between Strategies

Given the inherent interconnectedness of the focus areas and strategies, seek to identify unifying solutions that address multiple goals simultaneously.

# Overarching Implementation Actions

Strategies	Actions/Champions	Tactics
<b>Interconnection Between Strategies</b>		
<p><b>S1. Identify unifying solutions that address multiple goals simultaneously.</b></p>	<p>I1. Conduct a policy and existing plan review and partner regionally to connect CSFR actions, especially those creating opportunities for all and in alignment or exceeding state plans and partner actions./ <b>County Office of Sustainability and Climate</b></p>	<p>I1.1 Maintain and keep current an existing <a href="#">regional plan inventory</a> that establishes synergies between partner programs and CSFR actions. - <b>COMPLETED 2024</b>            I1.2 Coordinate scopes of work and funding requests with CSFR plan action champions. <b>COMPLETED</b> and see 1.4 below <a href="#">Secured Grant Writing consultant 2024 Developed Return on Investment study COMPLETED 2025</a>            I1.3 Integrate fairness into and across actions and seek implementation of connection and barrier free services throughout CSFR strategies. (<a href="#">Fairness and Representation Plan Completed 2025</a>) <b>ONGOING</b>            I1.4 Identify, prioritize, and secure funds and coordinate work across entities that support the strategies and actions identified in this plan. <b>ONGOING</b></p>
	<p>I2. Evaluate and calibrate land use plans, capital improvement plans, and other guiding plans to align goals and priorities related to: greenhouse gas emissions, growth management, wildlife corridors, water, air quality, affordable housing, public health, transportation, and community resilience and risk./<b>County Community Development</b></p>	<p>I2.1 Recalibrate zoning to match the future land use patterns specified in the Larimer County Comprehensive Plan (implementation of NR-Natural Resource, FO-Forestry, and A-Agriculture zone districts). [Legislative Rezone Project] <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b>            I2.2 Partner with municipalities to establish and refine intergovernmental agreements related to annexation, growth management and development policy within urban growth areas. [Potential alignment with goals related to affordable housing, resource protection, and flood/fire hazard mitigation] <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b> <a href="#">Housing Consultant and Hazard Mitigation Consultant hired 2025 (plan by 2027)</a>; <a href="#">IGA with Wellington Completed 2025</a>; <a href="#">IGA update with Timnath will follow overlay zone district late 2025-early 2026</a>; <a href="#">Berthod will follow Timanth IGA then Estes Park and Fort Collins</a>            I2.3 Explore the potential for Transfer of Density Unit programs in partnership with local municipalities and rural communities. [Potential alignment with goals related to affordable housing, resource protection, and flood/fire hazard mitigation] <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b> <a href="#">Contractor hired 2025</a>            I2.4 Convene a regional group, including all municipalities, to explore countywide land use patterns, growth management strategy, transportation, open lands, and housing policy, in order to bring visibility and shared understanding of the overall system/bigger picture. -Year 3?</p>



		<p>12.5 Identify elements of plans to be integrated and develop structural way to ensure topic specific coordination <a href="#">PIRS Consultant hired 2025; ONGOING</a></p> <p>12.6 Revise policies to create more diverse and affordable housing options.</p>
	<p>13. Advocate for public policy and legislation that supports the achievement of initiatives outlined in this plan./ <b>County Legislative Affairs</b></p> <p><a href="#">(all actions ONGOING)</a></p>	<p>13.1 Actively engage with organizations advocating for climate and sustainability legislation at the state level (e.g., CCAT and CC4CA).</p> <p>13.2 Monitor and analyze legislation that either contributes to the initiatives in this plan, or runs counter to them.</p> <p>13.3 Formulate and implement plans for county activism around identified legislation by engaging county staff and leadership.</p> <p>13.4 Seek out State support and incentives for land use decisions by local governments that reduce vehicle miles traveled, reduce GHG and other pollutants, and support greater access to housing near jobs as well as expand public transit.</p> <p>13.5 Engage legislators on CSFR strategies and actions.</p>
<p><b>S2. Share and receive information with the community of the climate-related health risks and solutions that support the implementation of this work. CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>14. Convene a robust network of connected entities (government, community, businesses, policy, etc.) to share information that highlights the connections between actions in this plan and realized impacts to our community on a daily basis. /<b>Larimer County Health Department</b></p>	<p>14.1 Develop awareness, resources for protection, and community outreach via the BRACE Framework and collaborate to use similar branding/materials across the community. <a href="#">Communication concentration in 2025; Branding Study Initiated 2025 ONGOING</a></p> <p>14.2 Address climate mental health through a series of youth, professional, and older adult focus groups that can co-develop messaging and work through solutions that benefit the community support needed to address our changing climate.</p> <p>14.3 Inform, collaborate, and repair, develop, and maintain trust for historically marginalized groups on comprehensive responses to natural disasters and changing climate conditions. <a href="#">Dare to Prepare class developed and conducted 2025; Larimer Connects Program hosting 21 Community Hubs; Community Micro-Grant Program continued for a 6th year - COMPLETE</a></p> <p>14.4 Create data dashboards and infographics and video/ multimedia plan reporting. <a href="#">Air Quality dashboard and CSFR dashboards complete 2024 COMPLETE</a></p> <p>14.5 Coordinate climate impact communications and planning across the County by developing an extreme heat communication campaign and communicating air quality impacts. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b> <a href="#">Cool Kit campaign 2024 and 2025; Communication coordination Completed 2024</a></p>



## Built Environment, Circular Economy, and Businesses and Jobs

Energy in the Built Environment		
Strategies	Actions	Tactics
<b>S3. Advance energy efficiency and electrification of new and existing buildings.</b>	E1. Convene a regional group, including all municipalities, to update building codes to encourage energy efficiency, indoor air quality and healthy home standards./ <b>County Planning &amp; Building CSFR PHASE 1 &amp; 2 RECOMMENDATION</b>	E1.1 Ensure future adopted codes address and allow for demand side management, vehicle-to-grid integration, and the development of resilient microgrids. <b>New Code updated Sep 2025 in LC and by majority of municipalities by early 2026 - COMPLETED</b> E1.2 Identify key building codes stakeholders and establish regular meetings to develop consensus around goals and approaches to code language and incentives. <b>COMPLETED for code development; Grant funding application for regional implementation and outreach Nov 2025</b>
	E2. Provide education, training, and incentives that reduce the upfront cost for property owners who weatherize and electrify their businesses and homes./ <b>Carbon Neutral Group</b>	E2.1 Develop and publicize local case studies and pilot projects to illustrate a proof of concept for energy efficiency and electrification in different residential and commercial building types. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION Commercial Navigators Guide completed 2024</b> E2.2 Engage General Contractors, HVAC contractors and installers in education, training, and incentives. <b>CSFR PHASE 1 &amp; 2 RECOMMENDATION ONGOING</b> E2.3 Conduct a gap assessment of existing programs and services available for Efficiency Works, Xcel, etc. Determine what is missing and where collaboration between utilities may be possible. <b>Commercial building data collection and analysis underway - ONGOING</b> E2.4 Develop specific targeted programs to address gaps identified in the gap assessment. <b>ONGOING</b> E2.5 Develop creative funding resources such as utility rebates for electrical panel upgrades for property owners who electrify their buildings/homes (e.g. Efficiency Works offers a bundled incentive for HVAC and panel upgrade). <b>COMPLETE via Utility and State programs</b> E2.6 Fund and implement Navigators technical assistance programs to support residential and commercial property owners in reducing GHG emissions. Programs will provide guidance, resources, and support to understand building requirements, conduct benchmarking assessments, implement efficiency projects, and identify/provide funding and incentives for

		building improvements. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
<b>S4. Advance renewable energy and grid resilience across the County.</b>	E3. Support renewable energy installations and electric grid expansion and energy storage to accommodate building and transportation electrification in a geographically equitable manner. <b>/no Champion</b>	<p>E3.1 Encourage renewable energy adoption and local scale renewable energy production, including agrivoltaics. Provide information to landowners to increase renewable energy production on buildings, including on farms and farm buildings. <a href="#">SolSmart Silver Designation 2025 ONGOING</a></p> <p>E3.2 Modernize energy infrastructure to strengthen grid reliability, enhance resilience (community-based and otherwise), improve transmission, and more fully integrate renewable energy, distributed generation, and energy storage resources, especially in equity-priority communities. Support resilient microgrids, vehicle to grid integration, demand side management, and battery storage. <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <p>E3.3 Remove barriers and promote opportunities that allow counties and municipalities to maximize deployment of local clean energy and climate-related strategies, including resilience-oriented strategies, while promoting affordable, accessible, and equitable delivery of reliable clean energy. <a href="#">SolSmart Silver Designation 2025</a></p> <p>E3.4 Work across a coalition of local government, public sector entities, and energy providers to advance renewable energy and storage solutions, to develop renewable energy projects that work equitably with local markets. <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <p>E3.5 Complete an analysis of renewable energy and energy storage opportunities and costs/benefits/impacts for the Larimer County community while increasing consumer demand for renewable energy and advocate for additional renewable energy requirements. <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p>
<b>Circular Economy</b>		



<p><b>S5. Expand the regional capacity to accept and process compostable and recyclable materials.</b></p>	<p>CE1. Require or incentivize the diversion of materials from the landfill, including construction and demolition (C&amp;D) waste./ <b>County Solid Waste</b></p>	<p>CE1.1 Develop waste diversion from landfill goals and timeline. <b>COMPLETE 45% diversion by 2036 consistent with State goal</b>  CE1.2 Build the infrastructure required to recycle, reuse, and divert waste to achieve waste diversion from the landfill goals, including battery repurposing and recycling and food waste composting. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION Construction underway of new landfill and transfer station 2025 ONGOING</b>  CE1.3 Adopt a <a href="#">hauler ordinance</a> that requires haulers to offer residential recycling and composting services alongside trash services, and requires reporting on waste data. <b>Year 4-5</b>  CE1.4 Conduct assessment of municipal building codes related to diversion of C&amp;D waste. <b>Grant awarded Dec 2025-2027</b>  CE1.5 Develop policies to streamline the collection of waste and diverted materials across the community. <b>C&amp;D grant award 2025 (complete in 2027)</b>  CE1.6 Decrease the quantity of construction and demolition (C&amp;D) materials sent to landfill. <b>Permitting for C&amp;D facility and program underway 2025-2026</b></p>
<p><b>S6. Promote, expand, and create end markets for regional materials.</b></p>	<p>CE2. Coordinate with State entities and others to understand and promote processing capabilities and end markets for waste materials./ <b>County Solid Waste</b></p>	<p>CE2.1 Advocate for policy changes to require construction and demolition (C&amp;D) waste diversion for new construction and major renovations. <b>Grant secured 2025 ONGOING</b>  CE2.2 Work with regulatory stakeholders to develop and clearly communicate timelines for any waste diversion rules that may impact new construction. <b>Grant secured 2025 ONGOING</b></p>
	<p>CE3. Facilitate collaboration among existing companies/organizations focused on repairing, reusing, and reselling goods and incentivize development of new companies/organizations to engage in this work./ <b>County Solid Waste &amp; County Economic and Workforce Development</b></p>	<p>CE3.1 Identify materials with potential for re-use, such as wood waste, e.g. - several different types - green (yard); construction = clean, treated, painted. <b>C&amp;D policy development underway 2025-2027 via IMPACT grant</b>  CE3.2 Develop partners to accept those materials. <b>ONGOING</b>  CE3.3 Identify a state-level champion for policy. <b>CEO Grant success COMPLETE</b>  CE3.4 Continue data collection over a five-year period - look at case studies (Washington, e.g.).  CE3.5 Support and connect with agricultural producers to develop or identify uses/preferences for organic materials for compost and create systems for distribution and use. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION Year 4-5</b>  CE3.6 Explore the utilization of local wood waste and biomass. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION Biomass study completed 2025; evaluating technologies</b></p>



Businesses and Jobs		
<p><b>S7. Support the development of businesses that are focused on enhancing sustainability in their operations or products/services.</b></p>	<p>B1. Expand outreach efforts and support the growth of the reimagined Northern Colorado Sustainable Business Program./<b>City of Fort Collins Sustainability Department CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>B1.1 Establish funding for County Contribution to expand the SBP and determine existing incentives. <a href="#">Larimer and Fort Collins partnership funded 2024-2025</a> <b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p>B1.2 Conduct direct outreach to property owners and businesses, including site visits, etc. to promote SBP. <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>B1.3 Work with Larimer County to develop pilot programs to support market transformation. <a href="#">Pilot programs in Berthoud and Wellington are underway 2025</a> <b>COMPLETE</b></p>
<p><b>S8. Enhance workforce development for regional jobs in sustainability with an emphasis on supporting just transitions.</b></p>	<p>B2. Collaborate with high schools, vocational trade schools, universities, recruitment agencies, and workforce centers to increase funding and access to local sustainable career opportunities in the construction trades, conservation fields, and beyond./<b>County Economic and Workforce Development</b></p>	<p>B2.1 Sustain and expand programming as a direct career pipeline, such as the Larimer County Conservation Corps. Serve as a development program and entry point into sustainability-aligned occupations. Intentionally connect participants to career pathways in areas such as wildfire mitigation, natural resource management, energy-efficient construction, and infrastructure resilience. <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>B2.2 Target Training Investments Toward High-Demand, Non-4 Year Credentials. Identify existing and new partner resources to layer into existing workforce funding (e.g., ITAs, OJT, and work-based learning) to accelerate access to credentials that lead to climate-related jobs requiring less than a four-year degree.</p> <p>B2.3 Align Funding Decisions to Support Occupational Transition. Prioritize enrollment and training resources for individuals entering or transitioning into these emerging fields—particularly youth, dislocated workers, and those seeking career pathways outside traditional four-year education.</p> <p>B2.4 Leverage Employer Services to Reinforce Adoption of New Skills. Business and Economic Development services will help local employers upskill workers as technologies and practices evolve, ensuring workforce readiness keeps pace with industry demand.</p> <p>B2.5 Advance Skills-Based Hiring as the Scaling Mechanism for Access to Climate Careers. Integrate ongoing work with businesses to adopt skills-based hiring practices, when applicable, ensuring climate emerging occupations remain accessible through demonstrated competencies, industry credentials, and work-based learning rather than degree requirements.</p> <p>B2.6 Increase Awareness of Colorado’s Climate-Related Occupational Priorities.</p>



		Incorporate information from the State of Colorado’s identified climate-related occupational priorities into existing workforce communications, ensuring local employers, training partners, and job seekers are informed of statewide demand trends.
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## Mobility of People, Goods, and Services

Sustainable Transportation Systems		
Strategies	Actions	Tactics
S9. Accelerate infrastructure and adoption of electric vehicles and e-bikes.	ST1. Enhance infrastructure for electric mobility options including cars, scooters and e-bikes by reducing barriers and exploring incentives and education to support adoption./ <b>Drive Clean Colorado; Larimer County Climate and Sustainability Office</b>	<p>ST1.1 Support the implementation of the LarCo EVCS Plan. <b>COMPLETED 7 of 7 tasks 2025</b></p> <p>ST1.2 Develop a plan that breaks up tactics for workplace charging, at home charging, and community-wide charging and supports the transition of the County and other jurisdictions’ fleet to EVs, as well as organizations and businesses throughout the County. <b>ONGOING</b> Include assistance for and guidance on installing EV charging stations in the Navigators program. <b>COMPLETED 2024</b></p> <p>ST1.3 Outline options for infrastructural enhancements (incentives, policy, building codes) to EV and e-bike charging. <b>Building Code update for EV complete 2025 *Full tactic not complete</b></p> <p>ST1.4 Develop a community outreach plan to involve the community and address community concerns and misconceptions around EVs. <b>COMPLETED 2025</b></p> <p>ST1.5 Align with federal, statewide, and utility EV goals and promote their programs for EVs and e-bikes. <b>ONGOING and haven’t started anything with E-bikes</b></p> <p>ST1.6 Develop barrier free programming by engaging community-based organizations and community voices in program design and implementation and increasing investment in communities. <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>ST1.7 Work proactively to support a broad and resilient zero emissions vehicle workforce that ensures transportation system safety and reliability, while offering job opportunities to all Coloradans.</p>
Improving Connectivity Across the County		



<p><b>S10. Enhance and expand regional transportation.</b></p>	<p>IC1. Ensure access for all regarding amenities and resources across and within Larimer County communities to reduce the need for vehicle miles traveled./ <b>NFRMPO CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>IC1.1 Assess needs and potential locations for resilience hubs and access for communities (A3). <a href="#">Transportation Master Plan Completed 2025</a></p> <p>IC1.2 Develop Regional trip planning and campaign <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <p>IC1.3 Regional air quality and safety related transportation outreach <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety Roundtable Summit to link muni plans for common safety priorities on regional perspective</li> <li>• interstate and EPA Regional Air Quality Conference</li> </ul>
	<p>IC2. Convene a coalition to address areas in Larimer County that need additional research, planning, funding, and support to improve transit services, and improve cross-boundary collaboration. / <b>NFRMPO CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>IC2.1 Engage urban - urban and urban -rural communities to identify the specific solutions that meet the needs of those different communities. <b>COMPLETED 2025 NFRMP Coordinated Plan</b></p> <p>IC2.2 Review regional plans and conduct a study to investigate gaps in transportation needs to rural centers in the county. <b>Transportation Master Plan Completed 2025; COMPLETED 2025 NFRMP Coordinated Plan ; Update Regional Transportation Plan expected to be complete 2027</b></p> <p>IC2.3 Increase funding and policy incentives for mobility options and to address gaps in transportation. <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <p>IC2.4 Increase on-demand transportation services particularly to increase mobility for all across the region. <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <p>IC2.5 Work regionally to integrate public transit and active transportation access to regional recreation amenities and expand equitable, sustainable access to recreational amenities (parks, regional trails, rec centers, public lands, ski areas). <a href="#">Ride NOCO Riders Guide Completed 2025; Ride NOCO Expansion and Trip Planning Tool COMPLETE 2025; ONGOING Active Transportation Plan public comment and adoption in 2026; 34-Corridor transit services working on regional approach</a></p>
<p><b>S11. Expand non-motorized and active transportation infrastructure.</b></p>	<p>IC3. Improve maintenance, connectivity, safety, and accessibility of existing and new biking and walking infrastructure with special attention to safety./<b>NFRMPO CSFR PHASE 1 &amp; 2 RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>IC3.1 Conduct a community assessment of transportation barriers. <a href="#">NFRMPO Active Transportation Plan to be completed 2026</a></p> <p>IC3.2 Update County Transportation Master Plan to include TDM techniques and align with the NFRMPO Active Transportation Plan. <a href="#">Transportation Master Plan Completed 2025</a></p> <p>IC3.3 Identify “quick win” projects that can be quickly deployed when funding is made available. <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <p>IC3.4 Develop metrics such as increasing miles of regional paved trails to track progress. <a href="#">ONGOING</a></p> <p>IC3.5 Coordinate regionally to develop a ArcGIS (or similar) map of all ongoing projects that is</p>



		updated as items are implemented. Mapping our trail system for accurate geo-referenced locations; GPS / GIS technology grant (width, miles, intersections) IC3.6 Translation of RATCs for the public
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# Natural Environment, Water, and Agriculture

Natural Environment		
Strategies	Actions	Tactics
<b>S12. Conserve and improve critical ecosystems. CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b>	NE1. Create and/or increase incentives and education for land stewards to implement local climate-resilient and ecologically adaptive restoration and stewardship practices./ <b>Extension/OSC</b>	NE1.1 Create an inventory of existing resources available to land stewards: current / planned project, prioritization tools/data sources, collaboratives, funding sources, educational opportunities, etc. <b>Inventory COMPLETE 2024</b> NE1.2 Use Tactic #1's resource inventory to identify gaps between existing programs/resources to establish countywide needs for improving critical ecosystem conditions. <b>Gap analysis COMPLETE 2024</b> NE1.3 Use data and resources to prioritize locations for future restoration and stewardship projects <b>ONGOING</b> NE1.4 Convene partners to coordinate and plan habitat and ecosystem projects across jurisdictions. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION ONGOING</b> NE1.5 Establish funding streams and secure conservation funding. NE1.6 Develop an outreach plan to inclusively engage communities in conservation issues and key ecosystem processes for enhancing climate resilience and ecologically adaptive restoration and stewardship practices. <b>Land Owner Packet under development 2026</b> NE1.7 Conduct Community outreach events to educate community members of key ecosystem processes, conservation issues, and opportunities to engage towards conserving ecosystem health and resilience.
	NE2. Coordinate across jurisdictions to conserve lands to enhance ecological connectivity and improve community ecosystem services./ <b>County Department of Natural Resources (all actions ONGOING)</b>	NE2.1 Collaborate with other land conservation entities, and inclusively engage the public, to identify priorities for land conservation and formally conserve lands by fee or CE purchase. NE2.2 Coordinate with ICARE goal to conserve 74,000 acres (24,000 additional acres over baseline of 50,000 acres in 2018) within Larimer County by 2043. NE2.3 Enhance open spaces for ecological connectivity, wildlife habitat, ecological diversity, and riparian and upland native vegetation communities. NE2.4 Continue to focus and expand current efforts to provide opportunities for equity-priority populations to access public lands.
	NE3. Enhance and expand	NE3.1 Increase capacity of the Wildfire Partners Program.



<p><b>S13. Mitigate disaster impacts from and adapt to natural hazards and extreme weather.</b></p>	<p>existing efforts living with fire through responsible fire management practices (e.g. forest fire mitigation, tree removal, prescribed burns, etc.)/ <b>County Sheriff &amp; County Office of Emergency Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the existing Wildfire Partners Program in Larimer County to identify strengths and weaknesses.</li> <li>● Collaborate with neighboring counties like Boulder to gain insights into their successful programs and explore opportunities for shared resources and best practices. <b>ON-GOING</b></li> <li>● Seek additional funding and resources to expand the program, allowing more homeowners to participate in wildfire mitigation efforts. <b>ON-GOING</b></li> <li>● Provide educational workshops and training sessions for residents to improve their understanding of fire risk and mitigation techniques.</li> </ul> <p>NE3.2 Conduct a landscape review of what is working well with other organizations and at the State level and bring best practices down to the County level where needed. <b>ONGOING through HMP update process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conduct a thorough review of successful wildfire mitigation and disaster adaptation initiatives at the state, national, and international levels.</li> <li>● Identify innovative approaches, strategies, and technologies that reduce fire risk and disaster impacts.</li> <li>● Customize and adapt successful practices to the specific needs and conditions of Larimer County.</li> <li>● Establish a knowledge-sharing platform to disseminate best practices within the county and encourage cross-collaboration among stakeholders (Coincides with NE4.2).</li> </ul> <p>NE3.3 Use modeling and mapping to understand where priority locations are located. <b>ONGOING through HMP and PIRS initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use advanced modeling and mapping tools to identify high-priority areas within Larimer County most susceptible to wildfires and natural disasters.</li> <li>● Analyze historical data, topography, weather patterns, and vegetation to create risk assessment maps.</li> <li>● Develop predictive models for future fire and disaster scenarios based on various factors, including climate change projections.</li> <li>● Use these maps and models to prioritize resources and mitigation efforts in the most significant risk areas.</li> </ul> <p>NE3.4 Collaborate with multiple agencies and multiple levels of government, including indigenous communities, to develop a unified response to wildfire.</p>
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	<p>NE4. Enhance and expand existing efforts to reduce disaster risk and increase community resilience. <b>County Office of Emergency Management CSFR PHASE 2</b></p>	<p>NE4.1 Update Hazard Mitigation Plan, and nest other existing plans through a lens of climate adaptation and disaster mitigation. <b>IN PROGRESS.</b> HMP update underway, nearing the halfway point with anticipated plan approval in 2026. Info and progress updates can be found here: <a href="https://www.larimer.gov/emergency/hazard-mitigation-plan">https://www.larimer.gov/emergency/hazard-mitigation-plan</a>. Also the Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard (PIRS) project is underway, anticipating completion in 2026.</p> <p>NE4.2 Develop a common umbrella or network of disaster mitigation organizations that can</p>



	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>sync existing efforts and discover opportunities for improved collaboration. <b>COMPLETED</b> An umbrella grant coordination team of 39 individuals representing 21 organizations has successfully secured 16 grants supporting CSFR strategies. Development of project teams networking to address these strategies have resulted from these efforts including a robust Wildfire Defense team of 57 individuals over 18 organizations. Additional project teams are anticipated in the future as a result of the umbrella grant coordination team efforts.</p> <p>NE 4.3 Increase wildfire mitigation capacity. <b>Grant Funding received for ~2% of total County mitigation work in 2025 - ONGOING</b></p> <p>NE4.4 Increase capacity of floodwater mitigation and infrastructure projects. <b>Updated Floodplain Code and Stormwater Standards completed 2025; Hydraulic Modeling and Flood Mapping COMPLETE 2025</b></p>
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**Water**

<p><b>S14. Increase the efficiency of water used across urban and agricultural sectors, with an emphasis on regional alignment, while making efforts to improve ecological conditions of local watersheds.</b></p>	<p>W1. Develop and implement a water plan to address risks and vulnerabilities related to future water supply, quality, timing, storage, and distribution issues./<b>County Community Planning, Infrastructure, and Resources</b></p>	<p>W1.1 Coordinate with interested stakeholders from Climate Smart Future Ready and others across the County, including water providers, water renters, farmers, and ranchers, and other relevant stakeholders, to support the development of the water plan. <b>Water Master Plan COMPLETE 2025</b></p> <p>W1.2 Develop a risk and vulnerability assessment that addresses uncertain water futures as it relates to the climate. <b>Included in Water Master Plan COMPLETE 2025</b></p> <p>W1.3 Engage the broader County community in the planning process, including specific water users and water providers. <b>COMPLETE 2025</b></p> <p>W1.4 Collaborate with stakeholders to update the County land use and building codes as it relates to water use. Coordinate across County jurisdictions to increase alignment in these code elements to the greatest degree possible, providing incentives for low-water use and water efficiency. <b>CSFR PHASE 1 &amp; 2 RECOMMENDATION COMPLETE 2025</b> updates to LUC to meet SB-005 that prohibits non-functional turf (water conservation) and non-functional artificial turn (water and environmental quality) ; <b>ONGOING TDR studies in Year 3</b></p> <p>W1.5 Leverage strategies that innovate on agricultural water use, including NRCS funding for upgrading irrigation methods and improving water quality. <b>Year 3-4</b></p>
	<p>W2. Develop a regional alignment strategy to optimize</p>	<p>W2.1 Understand and plan for drought and climate variability impacting water resources <b>ONGOING</b></p>



	<p>and identify correlated opportunities related to water demands and conservation/efficiency, water storage and water distribution./ <b>Northern Water</b></p> <p>(action initiated 2025)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explore countywide planning effort to better inform actions in light of these uncertainties</li> <li>● Understand and address impacts to the end user and impacts to the utility from both supply and monetary angles</li> <li>● Prepare for short and long-term drought by identifying supply vulnerabilities in the county- who are the most impacted and what are strategies address those vulnerabilities</li> <li>● Create disaster planning that addresses the long-term consequences of drought (e.g., tree canopy impacts) including tools to address those consequences (e.g., shared resource agreements</li> </ul> <p>W2.2 Exploring tools and policy addressing water tied to land use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support efforts to protect instream flows and collaborate with entities in Larimer County to enhance the ecological health of rivers, forests, and watersheds.</li> <li>● Involve water provider stakeholders in future zoning discussions. This could be through individual meetings or through a collaborative group. (in concert with W1 efforts)</li> <li>● Explore ways to permanently preserve existing land use and tools to keep water tied to the land - considering several ways to discourage dry up covenants.</li> <li>● Explore several tools to tie water to land. Maintaining viability of the agricultural economy. <b>ONGOING</b></li> </ul>
<b>Agriculture</b>		
<p><b>S15. Support and expand regional agriculture.</b></p>	<p>A1. Develop a program that provides agricultural land and infrastructure access for farmers that reduces GHG emissions, improves soil health, and reduces water use./<b>Poudre Valley Community Farms</b></p>	<p>A1.1 Determine needs of local ag community members (especially small, young, and/or BIPOC farmers) who are looking for access to land and land owners who may participate in the program. <b>Agriculture Producer Survey COMPLETE 2024; Wash/pack facility grant award 2024 (built in 2026); Hispanic Women’s Farming Proyecto connections 2024</b></p> <p>A1.2 Determine which types of ag activities should be strategically supported from the Conservation Agriculture pilot in Fort Collins to be more countywide. <b>Supported 12 local farmers in 2024; 15 local farmers in 2025; ONGOING</b></p> <p>A1.3 Develop incentive and training programs for producers in partnership with County Economic and Workforce Development that support reductions in GHG emissions,</p>



		<p>improvements in soil health, and reductions in water use. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b>  <a href="#">Hired PVCF Land and Access Program Manager 2025</a>  A1.4 Recruit landowners to participate in the program. Work with County Community Development on appropriate sites and buildings. <a href="#">4 properties in 2025 over 305 acres</a>  A1.5 Pilot program with a select number of farmers and landowners, including a comprehensive evaluation of outcomes for GHG emissions, soil health, and water use. <b>CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b></p>
<b>S16. Maintain and improve the health of agricultural soils.</b>	<p>A2. Develop agricultural programs and facilitate communities focused on soil health practices (such as enhancing soil moisture, biodiversity, and organic matter) to increase long-term carbon storage and climate resilient soils./<b>County Agricultural Extension CSFR PHASE 2 RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>A2.1 Work with organizations and producers within the soil health and regenerative agriculture space (NRCS, Larimer Conservation District, etc.) to compile a list of soil health practices tailored to suit the diverse range of agricultural activities found within Larimer County. <a href="#">Agriculture Producer Survey COMPLETE 2024</a>  A2.2 Create a network of people working in the soil health space that can provide technical assistance to producers to implement soil health practices. <b>ONGOING</b>  A2.3 Address the needs of agricultural producers and small acreage owners by facilitating connections with them and organizations such as the CDA, NRCS, SARE and private entities that offer grants, programs, and opportunities to enhance soil health practices. <b>COMPLETE</b>  A2.4 Educate the general public on soil health practices that are being implemented in the county by local producers to increase producers marketability of agriculture products. <a href="#">ONGOING Soil Health Days sponsored in 2024 and 2025</a></p>
<b>S17. Support and expand access to local food markets.</b>	<p>A3. Expand access to local, fresh food for equity priority communities./ <b>Northern Colorado Foodshed Project and Poudre Food Partnership</b></p>	<p>A3.1 Collaborate with local food producers and distributors to develop innovative opportunities for equity priority communities to access sustainable and locally produced food sources. (mobile delivery systems, delivery and organizations partnerships, etc.) <b>ONGOING</b>  A3.2 Incentivize and develop new infrastructure to support, expand and enhance local food aggregation, distribution and processing capabilities (as connected to S15. A1). <a href="#">Familiar Food mobile farmers market launched 2025</a>  A3.3 Conduct a food access study to understand where equity priority community members currently source food and where local food is available. <a href="#">2030 NOCO Community Food Assessment COMPLETE 2024</a>  A3.4 Support and expand educational opportunities for intermediate purchasers of local agricultural products. <a href="#">NOCO Trade Show Roundtable 2024</a>  A3.5 Support the development of a Latinx-forward farmers market. <b>ONGOING</b>  A3.6 Develop an online resource guide of local products, local purchase opportunities, and</p>



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