

Creating Impact. Leaving Legacy.



**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF NORTHERN COLORADO**



A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley with mountains in the background and a semi-transparent text box overlaid in the center. The river is the central focus, winding through a lush green valley. The background shows rugged mountains under a cloudy sky. The text box is a dark grey rectangle with white and orange text.

MISSION:

Create transformational community impact by inspiring philanthropy and engaging the region.



WHO IS THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

- Facilitator of philanthropy
- Help donors be strategic
- Community partner and resource
- Convener, connector, catalyst

With connections to **philanthropists, community leaders, and nonprofits,** the Foundation naturally assumed the role of a non-partisan, regional leader and convener.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS



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Education Pathways
to Employment

Northern Colorado



Water Literate Leaders

in partnership with



**COLORADO
WATER CENTER**
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

WATER CONVENING OVERVIEW



REGIONAL LEADERS' INITIATIVE



2013: Mayors, Mayors Pro Tem, and City or Town Managers

- Greeley
- Windsor
- Loveland
- Fort Collins

Sample Discussion Topics

- Transportation
- Economic development
- Community engagement
- Water and regionalism
- Mental health
- Legislative updates

2019: Shared vision to secure Northern Colorado's water future

- Keep water in the river
- Preserve some level of irrigated farming
- Maintain a desirable level of utility service (cost and quality)
- Asked their Water Utility staff and several water providers to meet



2020-2022: WATER PROVIDER STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Facilitated by Paterson Group
- 16 water providers
- Two years of virtual & in person meetings

Mission

- Build sustainable water systems and solutions for the future Northern Colorado.

Action Initiatives

- Communications Strategy
- Watersheds
- Water Systems Gaps & Opportunities
- Strategic Growth Plan



2023 – present

Mission

Collaborating and educating for the protection of water resources and systems to ensure a resilient future for the northern Colorado Front Range.

Water Messages

- Collaboration is important to the region's goal or successfully protecting water
- The region is building a foundation of education and familiarity with complexities of water systems, laws, and uses.
- Entities from outside of the region have purchased water rights for their own use, putting Northern Colorado water supplies and users at risk.
- Development and growth within the region's communities has created tension between residential/commercial and agricultural interests.
- The high cost of large-scale projects limits the region's ability to deliver necessary infrastructure.

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU

