

Vision and Goals - Worksheet

Purpose:

Through the Water Master Plan, Larimer County intends to work collaboratively with local communities to address water sustainability. By focusing on efforts like watershed health, planning for unincorporated areas, agriculture viability, emergency preparedness and response, education and outreach, Larimer County can increase water resilience to the region.

We need your help in identifying a vision statement and goals! Please read through this worksheet, make comments, edits, suggestions, and give your input on what the outcomes of this project should be. Please note, the vision and goals on this worksheet are starting points and we seek your input for refinement; your ideas and feedback are welcomed and valued.

DRAFT Vision Statement

Larimer County's vision is to have healthy watersheds and resilient water systems.

Comments:

DRAFT Goals *(no priority suggested by the order)*

1. Create opportunities and identify outcomes to improve the situation for high-risk watersheds.
2. Increase understanding of water-related risks, provide for more precision in determining risk mitigation strategies and actions, and inform and learn from ongoing and future planning processes (such as the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Climate Smart Plan, Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Building codes).
3. Be proactive to reduce the impact of natural hazards and prepare responsive measures to lessen the intensity or reduce the length of recovery following a natural hazard.
4. Strengthen communication, coordination, and collaboration among partner organizations, especially regarding risk reduction, improving sustainability, and increasing resilience of our communities and water resources.
5. Develop and promote community education efforts around water. This includes creating resources about watersheds within Larimer County, including content like watershed health, water provider boundaries, water sources and uses, as well as methods that can increase water conservation and efficiency.
6. Balance growth in Larimer County while considering water reliability and protecting natural resources. New developments should have adequate water supply.
7. Take steps related to water planning to create and support equitable and affordable opportunities.

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8. The Water Master Plan will be a “living plan” that Larimer County updates at least every five years or as needed, with accountability measures and current data included.
9. Maintain supplies of agricultural water while supporting efficient water use and helping to sustain agriculture into the future.
10. Help identify shared water priorities among stakeholders, particularly around protection of watershed health, mitigation of utility disruption, and preparation for drought conditions.
11. Help protect and maintain current, stable water supplies, while engaging in positive and productive relationships between different water users. This includes prioritizing watershed and forest health measures as well as aiding in water rights related discussion.
12. Continue dialogue and planning to improve water quality in Larimer County.
13. Ensure there is adequate and appropriate infrastructure to meet the water demand that is to come with the implementation of the Larimer County Comprehensive Plan.
14. Evaluate codes, policies, and opportunities for new development to be water efficient and water conserving from the start, this includes both indoor and outdoor water use.

What are your top 5 goals for this plan?

What other ideas about the water plan do you have?

Name (optional):

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