



THORNTON NORTHERN PROPERTIES STEWARDSHIP PLAN

COMMUNITY DRIVEN-PROCESS

2020

- Subject Matter Expert Interviews

2021

- Steering Committee Convenes
- Confluence Water Summit
- CSU Water Literate Leaders
- South Platte Forum
- Weld County Commissioners

2022

- Steering Committee Continues
- Water Optimization Study Group Convenes
- Weld County Commissioners
- Town of Ault Meetings

2023

- Steering Committee Continues
- Water Optimization Study Group Continues
- CSU Water Literate Leaders Regional Working Group Meetings
- Poudre Valley RE-9 Meeting
- Towns of Eaton, Ault and Pierce Meeting
- Town of Ault Meetings
- Farm Tenant Open House
- Community Open House #1
- Poudre River Forum
- Urban Land Institute
- Joint Regional Working Group Meeting
- Poudre Heritage Alliance
- Larimer County Agricultural Advisory Board
- Community Open House #2

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is a complimentary process to Thornton’s agricultural to municipal water transfer.

While Thornton’s water will be used in accordance with Thornton’s water rights decree, the Stewardship Plan is a vision for the management and future land use of the properties Thornton owns in Weld and Larimer Counties.

CALL TO ACTION

Maintain key components of the region’s agricultural heritage.

Support transitioning agricultural economies.

Promote economic diversification.

Address a future with one million residents in 2040.

Advance regional approaches to land and water planning and management.

OUTCOMES

Land Use Assessment: A stakeholder-driven assessment of community land use objectives

Water Optimization Study: A stakeholder-informed study of opportunities to maintain irrigation on Thornton farms with non-Thornton water

NEXT STEPS

Submit final reports to granting agencies

Thornton City Council review

Develop implementation strategy

Steering Committee Members

- Keith Amen, Amen Farm
- Brendan Boepple, Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust
- Sean Chambers / Cole Gustafson, City of Greeley
- Nick Colglazier, Colorado Corn Growers
- Carmen Farmer, Colorado Open Lands
- Meegan Flenniken, Larimer County Natural Resources
- Jim Flesher, Weld County
- Amber Graves, Morning Fresh Dairy
- Julie Lukela, Town of Pierce
- Cindy Lair, Department of Agriculture
- Trent Verquer, CO Parks & Wildlife
- Drew Rayburn, The Nature Conservancy
- Eric Reckentine, North Weld County Water District
- Chris Schnorr, Thornton Tenant Farmer
- Sharon Sullivan, Town of Ault
- Stacy Suniga, Latino Coalition of Weld County
- George Wallace, Larimer County Agricultural Advisory Board
- Richard Werner, Upstate Colorado Economic Development
- Bryan Willson, CSU Energy Institute
- Brad Wind, Northern Water
- Mark Reifenrath, Local farmer

City of Thornton & Consultants

- Emily Hunt, City of Thornton
- Ed Lanyon, City of Thornton
- Brian Foss, Thornton Ault Office
- Pia Gerstle, City of Thornton
- Mike Flowers, Thornton Ault Office
- Susan Perez, City of Thornton
- Matt Stockton, City of Thornton
- Jonathan Bartsch, CDR (facilitator)
- Scott Campbell, ICS/TFT (consultant)
- Andrew Boyd, TFT (consultant)
- Kevin Shanks, THK (consultant)
- Erik Sakotas, THK (consultant)

FUNDING

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, WaterSmart: Water Marketing Strategy Grant
- City of Thornton

- Colorado Water Conservation Board (Colorado Water Plan Grant; South Platte Basin Roundtable Water Supply Reserve Fund; Metro Basin Roundtable Water Supply Reserve Fund; Statewide Water Supply Reserve Fund)

- Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy Impact Administrative Grant