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or phone: 970-416-4254.

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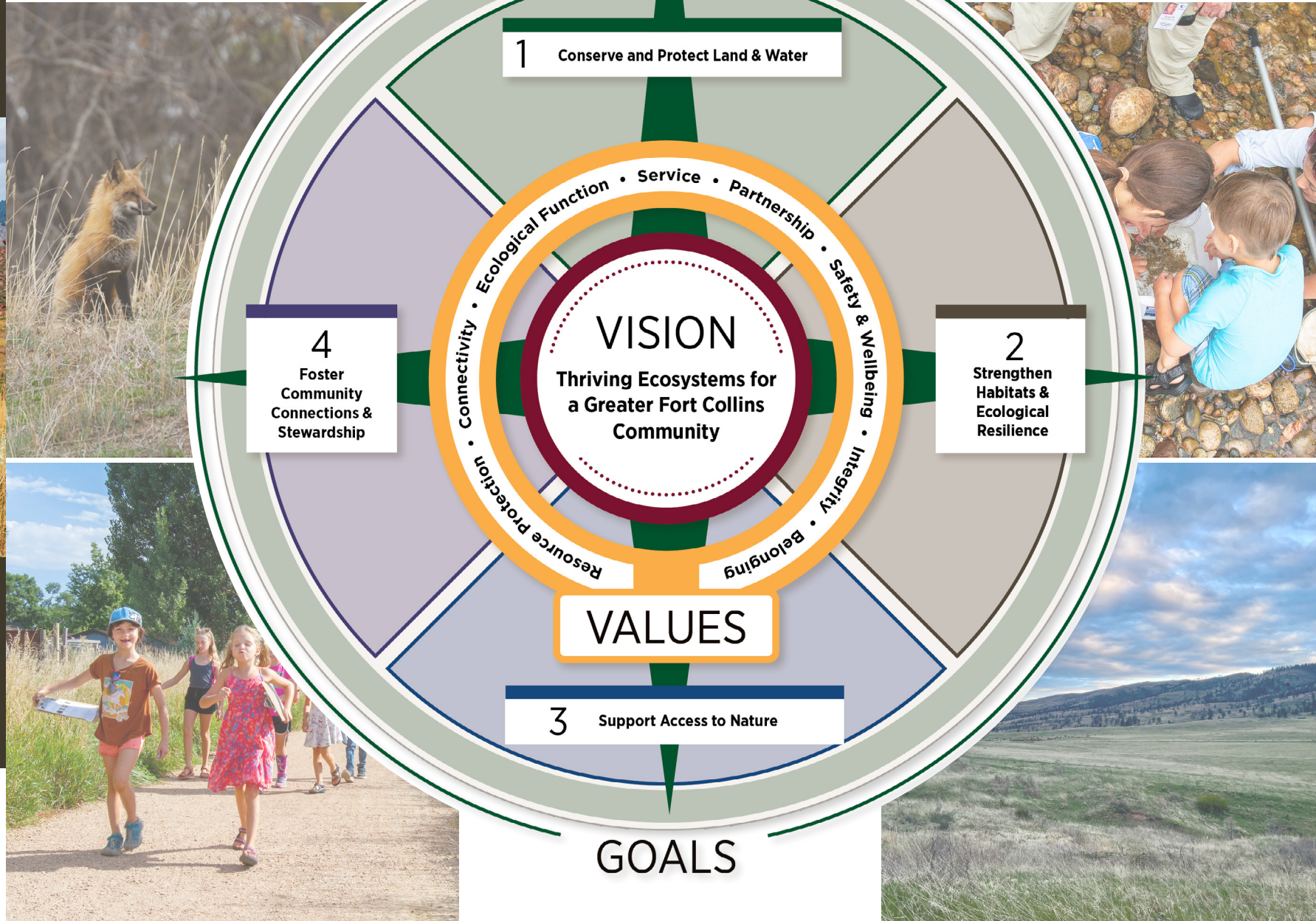
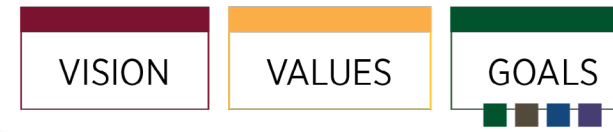
2025 NATURAL AREAS ANNUAL REPORT



The community celebrated the opening of the Elk Meadow trail at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area. This 1.75 mile, multi-use trail offers sweeping views and access to 675 newly conserved acres. It was made possible by voter-supported sales tax ballot measures that fund land conservation, trails, and educational activities.

NATURAL AREAS STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The compass for conservation and stewardship guides the department in alignment with ballot language and the mission.

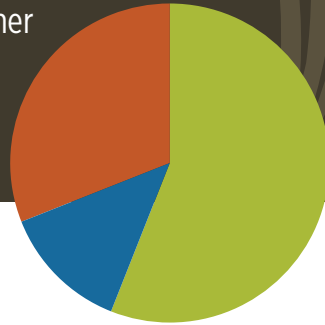


THE NATURAL AREAS DEPARTMENT MISSION

To conserve and enhance lands with natural resource, agricultural and scenic values, while providing meaningful education and appropriate recreation opportunities.

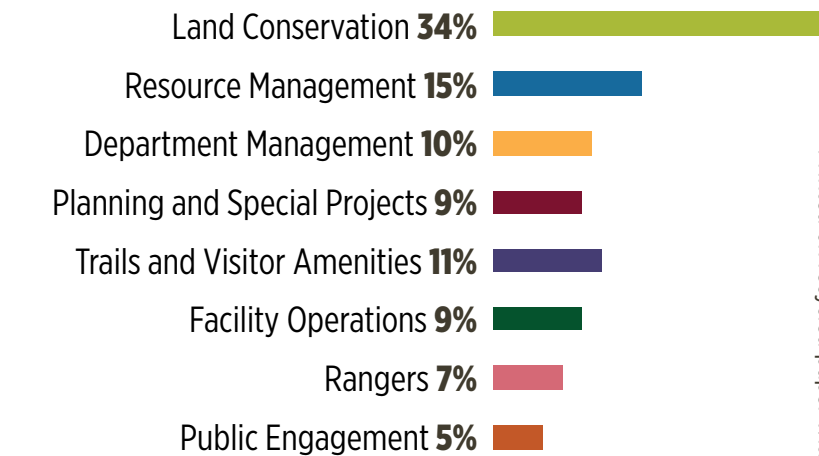
2025 REVENUES | \$20,266,415

- Open Space Yes! Fort Collins Sales Tax **56%**
- Help Preserve Open Space Larimer County 1/4 Cent Sales Tax **31%**
- Miscellaneous Revenue **13%**



2025 EXPENDITURES

\$15,234,434



VISITOR AMENITIES

16 picnic shelters, 32 parking lots, 26 toilets, 117 miles of trail, and 1 meeting facility



2025 NATURAL AREAS ACCOMPLISHMENTS



LAND CONSERVATION CONSERVED WITH YOUR SUPPORT

2 acquisitions of 4,861 acres
75,380 total acres conserved to date

EDUCATION

412 activities with 14,952 participants provided by Natural Areas staff and volunteers



NATURE IN THE CITY

33 Native xeric incentive projects
211 Garden in a Box discounts
12 Community Planning grants
64,018 square feet of urban habitat enhanced
18 volunteers monitored light trespass at 18 natural areas



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

398 people gave input through NAD's public engagement tools for planning



NATURAL AREAS RANGERS

5,466 cordial contacts
161 first responder or community safety assists



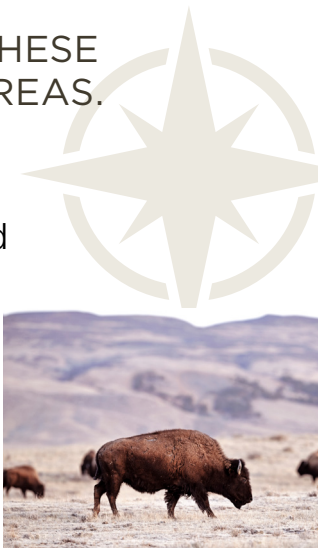
NATURAL AREAS VOLUNTEERS

801 Volunteers
12,926 Hours
Equivalent to \$407K or 6 full-time employees



DID YOU KNOW? IN 2025 THESE HAPPENED IN NATURAL AREAS.

45 Natural Areas are open to the public
220+ attendees at 2 celebrations marked the 10th anniversary of the bison herd at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area
10-year plan, Strategic Framework, adopted to guide the management of Natural Areas
20 bilingual activities
40+ community partnerships serving BIPOC communities
315 passes to Gateway were checked out at local libraries



ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

305 acres of seeding, including 150 pounds of locally harvested natives, all for better habitat and biodiversity
1,000+ acres of invasive plants treated
Pollinator study indicated 31 species of butterflies at Crossline Canyons Natural Area
21 rare leopard frogs spotted at the Soapstone Prairie Headwaters Restoration Project, showing that restoration efforts may be improving habitat



BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

“ Over the past year, you may have seen flyers, banners, and stickers across the community highlighting that conservation work, trails, and education programming are possible **Because of Your Support**. Last November, the voters of Fort Collins renewed their support for the work of the Natural Areas Department with 72% voting to extend the dedicated ¼ cent sales tax that funds habitat conservation and access to natural areas. Staff are incredibly grateful to work in a community that recognizes the importance of nature for community health and well-being. ”

-Katie Donahue, Natural Areas Director

