**Walk-Shop**

**MORE LANDSCAPING, LESS WASTING**

By the Congress Park Neighborhood Green Team

**OVERVIEW**

The Congress Park Neighborhood Green Team organized a “walk-shop,” or walking workshop, to offer participants the opportunity to learn about water-saving techniques from neighbors who have successfully implemented them.

The event included a presentation on xeriscaping by Denver Water, a tour of Sewall’s Sensory Garden, a guided walking tour of nine gardens throughout the neighborhood, and the opportunity for participants to ask questions and receive feedback. The event aimed to highlight water-wise landscapes in the local neighborhood.

**STEPS TO IMPLEMENT**

**BE CLEAR ABOUT THE VISION/INTENTION**

Communicate the goals of the workshop to participants and encourage them to bring their questions and concerns. Emphasize that the event is an opportunity for learning and sharing knowledge.

**DETERMINE WHICH LANDSCAPES TO FEATURE**

Select gardens that demonstrate effective water conservation methods. Ensure that gardens are accessible to participants and that the walking route is well-marked.

**DECIDE ON TIMING**

Plan the event to allow for walking and viewing the gardens, with time for Q&A and feedback. Consider accessibility for participants with mobility issues.

**OUTLINE THE EVENT**

Gather all necessary resources and prepare for the event. Consider accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

**PUT TOGETHER A MAP**

Create a map of the neighborhood with highlighted gardens and starting points. Include walking directions to each garden.

**TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

- **MAKE USE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
- **MAKE IT ENJOYABLE**
- **PROVIDE SNACKS AND BREAKS**
- **GIVE EVERYONE A HANDOUT**
- **HONOR AND APPRECIATE YOUR NEIGHBORS**

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES**

- **YOU CAN’T COVER EVERYTHING**
- **TIME OF YEAR CAN BE CHALLENGING**
- **RECOGNIZE BOUNDARIES**
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