



DENVER RESILIENT LANDSCAPES

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY - PHASE 2

City of Denver Community Planning and Development

September - December 2025



This document summarizes public feedback received in the second phase of the Denver Resilient Landscapes project, as well as key themes, and highlights of how public input was used to shape the project. The document includes links to more detailed summaries of feedback received through tools such as online surveys.

Outreach was conducted using the following approaches:

- Advisory Committee meetings
- Connecting with neighborhood groups and industry organizations
- Online survey
- Informational signs
- Information was made available on the project website, via project newsletters, targeted outreach, and social media

Public engagement for the first phase of the project was centered around identifying outcomes and measures of success of community priorities, understanding peer city approaches, and identifying project recommendations.

KEY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Advisory Committee Meetings

- Meeting #2: September 3, 2025
 - Meeting presentation
 - Meeting summary
- Meeting #3: Cancelled
- Meeting #4: November 3, 2025
 - Meeting presentation
 - Meeting summary
- Meeting #5: December 1, 2025
 - Meeting presentation
 - Meeting summary

Presentations to Neighborhood and Industry Groups

- Presentation to DePave Denver Strategy Working Group - September 10, 2025
- Presentation to One Water Leaders - September 17, 2025
- Presentation to Homebuilder's Association Technical Advisory Board - October 7, 2025
- Presentation at Western Slope Planning Conference - October 23, 2025
- Presentation to Water in the West Symposium - November 13, 2025
- 10th Annual Colorado Pollinator Summit - November 14, 2025





ONLINE SURVEY

The team put out a community survey focused on landscape design that was available from September 17 - October 27. The team received 359 survey responses. Key themes from the second survey are listed below. A full summary of results is available on the project webpage.

- Respondents preferred to preserve as many healthy trees on site as possible.
- New trees should be prioritized in front yards and multifamily/condo buildings. Backyards were the least important place to have new trees. Streets and sidewalks were prioritized over other areas.
- A plant list was ranked as most useful for tool for changing landscapes.
- There was majority support for having a native species and/or low-water plants requirements for development.
- There was majority support for encouraging but not requiring edible plants in development.
- Respondents preferred to limit but not ban materials like rock/cobble, plastic sheeting, synthetic turf, and non-natural wood mulch.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Public Events and Outreach

The team held outreach events at the following locations:

- Mamie D. Eisenhower Park - September 6, 2025
- Rocky Mountain Lake Park - September 13, 2025
- First Creek Park - September 13, 2025
- Swansea Park and Recreation Center - September 17, 2025
- Fall Tribal Convening - September 25, 2025
- Environmental Learning for Kids - September 25, 2025

A summary of key community feedback is listed below.

- Overall, there is general public support for the project.
- Community members expressed support for tree preservation and landscape transformations, particularly in parks.
- Staff had conversations with community members about native landscaping and how it supports pollinators, uses less water, and is low maintenance.
- Community members expressed interest in edible plants, like fruit trees.
- Staff had conversations with community members about alternatives to watering and mowing traditional lawns.

WEB COMMENTS

From project kickoff to December 1, 2025, the Denver Resilient Landscapes project has received 10 comments from the public related to the project, submitted through an online form available on the project webpage. Most commenters had general questions about the project.

