



## Fort Collins Area Chamber CIVIC Conversation

Monday, November 14, 2022

### City of Fort Collins Xeriscape Requirements

At the January 10, 2023, Work Session, the Fort Collins City Council will consider revisions to its Xeriscape and soil amendment policies. The purpose of this discussion is to consider opportunities to reduce outdoor water use, improve stormwater quality, and lower overall resource demand.

#### Background Information:

Managed through the Utilities department, the City of Fort Collins requires the addition of a soil amendment in areas that are cleared and planned to hold plants and grass. A soil amendment is any material added to the soil to improve its physical properties. It can be compost, peat, aged manure or other material as approved. Learn more [here](#). As well, incentives and design assistance is available to property owners seeking to reduce outdoor water consumption through [Xeriscape](#) design.

Draft policies proposals to update existing policies have not been released as of this date. However, the anticipated direction of these policies include:

- limits on new turf and non-functional turf,
- irrigation regulations that may include something like watering window restrictions,
- more resources, incentives that support successful landscape changes including supportive and flexible soil amendment code.
  
- **Questions to start the conversations:**
  - Describe the ideal landscape for your home or business?
  - What do you like about landscape policies?
  - What don't you like about landscape policies, and why?
  - If you could change current policies, what would it look like, and why?

***We ask that you come to this event with thoughtful intention. We want you stretch your conversation muscles while being open to hearing other thoughts and opinions. You don't have to agree, but we hope you can learn from other perspectives.***