

The Poudre Runs Through It:

Northern Colorado's Water Future



Brilliant Ideas

At the April 11 and 16 forums, each table was provided gold sheets of paper and instructed to utilize those to jot down any additional “brilliant” ideas that came to mind at any point during the conference. The following ideas were submitted:

- How have other communities that have either eliminated non-native landscaping or passed extremely strict conservation and water restriction measures moved to those decisions? What is the history of water conservation in the communities?, E.G. Tucson?
- Picking on new development for conservation of savings is not sufficient. Changes should be across the board. Lawmakers would be more careful about legislating changes if that had to make the changes to their own residences.
 - Conservation would be much more effective if it affected all residents
- Incentives/ tax write-offs/ rebates for farmers to invest in H2O conservation equipment/ retrofitting.
- Make the river more visible to the community
- Make a 10 min YouTube viral video on FC water issues and how to get involved/help
- Video tours of low water use landscapes
- Recreate a council of good for the northern Colorado, learn from DRCOG
- Water circulates! Water is never created or destroyed. It is always somewhere we just need to realize ways to circulate it in our location before it leaves the area
 - Clean water hydration mid-summer and direct it into park lawns and trees, not down the drains and streets
- For additional public education- get public library's “One City, One Book” program to pick a book on/ related to local water issues (preferably fiction, to get more readers, but an engaging non-fiction would be good too)
- I think a panel of experts needs to analyze these options: cost, quantity of conservation & gain, and impacts. Each item is still too heavily based on opinions and inaccurate or missing Data and information
- One additional placemat approach ought to be “watershed management”
- Can we manage “the common” for the future generations? The Poudre River is a Jewel, seriously protect it. No glade, instead increase halogen and seaman's