

What is a greenway?

For residents of Longmont, a greenway serves as a sanctuary –

an oasis from the noise and pace of everyday life. Weaving through parks and alongside rivers, creeks, ditches, and lakes, greenways provide for wildlife movement through urban areas, connect residential areas to the bikeway network, and provide for storm drainage and its maintenance. These greenways, in combination with the street bikeway system, connect the City's parks, schools, neighborhoods and other community facilities as part of the city-wide multi-modal transportation plan.



Maintenance procedures throughout the City:

Weed Control

- Weed control along greenways will be conducted on an as needed basis. Methods may include mowing, burning, hand pulling, cutting and/or herbicides.

Irrigation

- **Residential Greenways, between houses and the trail** – weather dependent, no more than 2x per week.
- **All Other Areas** – supplemental irrigation during the establishment of vegetation and to support plant health. The goal is to eliminate on-going irrigation.

Trail Maintenance

- Sweep as needed dependent upon weather and usage
- Graffiti removal response within a 48 hour period
- Snow removal as needed on an event basis

Trash Collection

- Trash to be removed as needed

Pet Waste

- City will provide pet waste stations at appropriate intervals throughout the various greenways. It is hoped that waste bags will be provided by users on a voluntary basis and used bags disposed of properly.

Tree & Shrub Maintenance

- Trees and shrubs will be maintained as needed to preserve plant health.

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Greenway, District Park & Open Space

Maintenance Practices

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A Modern Approach For Optimal Sustainability

Development standards for greenways have evolved over the past 15 years from bluegrass lawn-intensive recreational corridors to areas that now include native and wildlife supportive plant materials.

These changes have included:

- Use of water-conserving and native grasses where adjacent to homes
- Use of shrub and tree species that benefit wildlife for inherent shelter and forage qualities
- Wildlife buffers – offset from the riparian edge by a minimum of 150' (a standard outlined in the Wildlife Management Plan adopted by City Council in 2007)

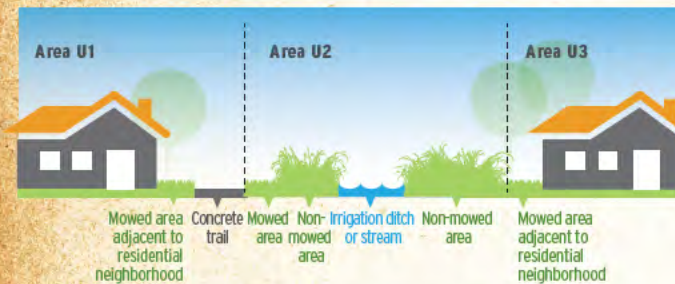
It is the City's goal to maintain and enhance native habitats, conserve water and to enrich citizens' enjoyment of district parks and greenways.



What are the benefits?

In addition to providing for the needs of wildlife, the City also reduces water use, lessens operating costs for mowing and improves the environment by reducing weeds and filtering stormwater.

Residential Greenways Maintenance Standards



Residential Greenway

These are greenways with adjacent residential developments.

Area U1 - between the trail and the edge of residential development:

These areas are regularly irrigated, higher use areas that are mowed every one to two weeks.

Area U2 - adjacent to both sides of the waterway:

One swath will be mowed every one to two weeks adjacent to the trail. The remaining grasses will be allowed to grow to mature heights, and are not intended to be mowed. Irrigated only for plant establishment and to support plant health.

Area U3 - adjacent to residential development on the side of the waterway without a trail:

These areas, where accessible, will be mowed between 6 to 12 feet immediately adjacent to the edge of the residential development, as needed dependent upon rate of grass growth. Typically, only irrigated for plant establishment and to support plant health.

Non-Residential Greenways Maintenance Standards



Non-Residential Greenway

These are greenways with no adjacent residential developments such as the St. Vrain Greenway.

How we maintain these areas:

Grasses will be allowed to grow to mature heights and are not intended to be mowed: When deemed necessary for trail maintenance, weed control or safety needs, grasses will be mowed to an appropriate height and a maximum width of six feet from either edge of the trail.

No-Mow Sites:

These are areas where grasses are not mowed except for prescribed weed control. Such sites are located:

- In open areas and waterways away from trails that are meant to serve as habitat for wildlife
- Along soft surface trails wider than two feet or any dirt trails
- Areas identified for the purpose of resource protection