



ARAPAHOE COUNTY



Landscape Code Amendment

Planning Case #LDC21-001

BoCC Public Hearing November 12, 2024



Why amend the landscape code?

- Population continues to grow in the area and less water to accommodate this growth.
- Conserve water and use it more efficiently.
- Sections are confusing and need clarification.
- Missing information/topics and need to bring it up to date.



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Amendments/Additions

- Tree preservation, removal, and replacement, and protection
- Turf limitations
- Landscape design – hydrozones, plant diversity, planting guidelines
- Plant ratios – applied to urban and rural areas of the County
- Irrigation design
- Buffers and screening between land uses
- Professional and inspection requirements
- Plant List
- Parking Lot landscaping



Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners

- ❑ PC Study Session - May 21, 2024
- ❑ BOCC Study Session – September 3, 2024
- ❑ PC Public Hearing – October 15, 2024, vote for recommendation for approval, 3-3 vote, vote failed, denial recommendation to the Board.
 - Too many restrictions and requirements with the amendment.
 - Additional requirements would add to development and housing costs.
 - Questioned whether the water saved outweighed the additional administrative and design burden.



Staff Recommendation

- Staff is requesting approval of Landscape Land Development Code and Development Application Manual Amendments.



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Thank You

Questions, Comments, and General Discussion