

## Webinar

## Water Wise Strategies for Drought Resilient Development

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00:00:01> 00:00:04:	Hello and welcome everyone. I'm going to go ahead and
00:00:04> 00:00:04:	get started.
00:00:05> 00:00:08:	I'm Marianne eppig. I'm a director of resilience with you
00:00:08> 00:00:12:	Elize Urban resilience program, and I'm also the lead author
00:00:12> 00:00:17:	of Waterwise strategies for drought resilient development. Our latest report.
00:00:18> 00:00:22:	I'm going to start with a few housekeeping announcements. Participants
00:00:22> 00:00:26:	will remain muted through the duration of the webinar. We
00:00:26> 00:00:29:	encourage you to submit your questions through the zoom Q&A
00:00:29> 00:00:32:	function. We'll have Q&A at the end of the webinar.
00:00:32> 00:00:35:	And this webinar is being recorded and will be sent
00:00:35> 00:00:39:	to registrants and uploaded to utilize knowledge Finder platform.
00:00:41> 00:00:44:	I'm also going to give you a few takeaways from
00:00:44> 00:00:46:	the the newest report, waterwise.
00:00:47> 00:00:51:	It introduces the challenges and opportunities associated with drought and
00:00:51> 00:00:55:	limited freshwater availability and provides best practices for real estate
00:00:55> 00:00:59:	and land use professionals to address them. The report includes
00:00:59> 00:01:02:	the science behind the increasing prevalence of drought and its
00:01:02> 00:01:06:	impacts, the business case for water smart development, and landscaping
00:01:06> 00:01:11:	strategies for addressing them through water, smart development, and landscaping.
00:01:12> 00:01:16:	Public sector policies and and practices that can support responsible
00:01:16> 00:01:20:	water use and profiles of water. Smart developments and

	their
00:01:20> 00:01:23:	outcomes. We encourage you to download the report from
	our
00:01:23> 00:01:26:	Knowledge Finder website and we'll put the link to the
00:01:26> 00:01:27:	report in the chat.
00:01:29> 00:01:32:	So why does being water wise matter the frequency, intensity
00:01:32> 00:01:36:	and duration of droughts are increasing, leading to a myriad
00:01:36> 00:01:40:	of issues, including regional wildfires, and this pattern is expected
00:01:40> 00:01:43:	to continue with climate change. As you can see from
00:01:43> 00:01:45:	the maps on the side, over half of the world's
00:01:45> 00:01:48:	population faces water scarcity at least part of the year,
00:01:49> 00:01:52:	including the United States. With the combination of water scarcity,
00:01:52> 00:01:56:	population growth and water quality issues, many communities are beginning
00:01:57> 00:01:59:	to forecast an inability to accommodate.
00:01:59> 00:02:02:	Future water needs some of these communities are halting
00:02:02> 00:02:06:	real
	estate development and others are requiring that developers acquire their
00:02:06> 00:02:09:	own water supplies, which is getting increasingly expensive.
00:02:11> 00:02:14:	The good news is that investing in water efficiency and
00:02:14> 00:02:18:	conservation measures at the site scale mitigates the risk of
00:02:18> 00:02:22:	water shortages, policy changes, and rising water prices, and garners
00:02:22> 00:02:26:	water and energy cost savings providing long term value to
00:02:26> 00:02:30:	owners and investors upfront. Investment in water and energy efficiency
00:02:30> 00:02:34:	measures increases asset value, and it's important to note the
00:02:34> 00:02:36:	water use uses a lot of energy, so the two
00:02:36> 00:02:37:	are linked.
00:02:38> 00:02:42:	Consumers are increasingly showing a preference for water efficient fixtures,
00:02:43> 00:02:47:	appliances, buildings and landscapes, especially in drought prone regions. So
00:02:47> 00:02:50:	it's just a smart decision for business.
00:02:52> 00:02:55:	The overall lessons learned from the best practices in this
00:02:55> 00:02:58:	report are that saving water saves money and generates long
00:02:58> 00:03:01:	term value for real estate assets, communities and the environment.
00:03:01> 00:03:05:	By working together on water conservation efficiency and reuse, we
00:03:05> 00:03:09:	can protect our water future. Despite protected water

	shortages, population
00:03:09> 00:03:10:	increases and climate change.
00:03:11> 00:03:14:	So with that, I'll introduce our speakers today. The first
00:03:14> 00:03:18:	is Lee Ferguson, the senior vice president with Trammell Crow
00:03:18> 00:03:21:	Company, followed by Greg Dorliak, principal with Bank Associates and
00:03:21> 00:03:25:	finally Waiverly Claw director of resilient Communities and watersheds with
00:03:25> 00:03:28:	the Sonoran Institute. With that, I'll turn it over to
00:03:28> 00:03:29:	Lee.
00:03:31> 00:03:34:	All right, thanks for that Mary Ann. And yeah, great
00:03:34> 00:03:37:	to be with everyone today. It's an important topic. You
00:03:37> 00:03:40:	know Greg and Waverly. They're going to be tough to
00:03:40> 00:03:43:	follow. So kind of grateful to be going first to
00:03:43> 00:03:46:	be honest, but looking forward to their, you know, follow-up
00:03:46> 00:03:49:	in the conversation as well, Mary, we can go to
00:03:49> 00:03:52:	the next slide, you know, as as Marion mentioned, I'm
00:03:52> 00:03:55:	a developer with Trammell Crow Company. I'm based in Denver,
00:03:55> 00:03:58:	Co and and our business unit really focuses on the
00:03:58> 00:04:00:	state of Colorado and the state of Utah.
00:04:01> 00:04:04:	You know Trammell Crow Company as a whole? We really
00:04:04> 00:04:06:	cover the entire lower 48 as well as Europe.
00:04:08> 00:04:10:	And you know, I wanted to kind of introduce some
00:04:10> 00:04:13:	of the things we build just for perspective on, you
00:04:13> 00:04:16:	know, kind of where I'm coming from when I talk
00:04:16> 00:04:19:	about water wise development. I'm also going to talk about
00:04:19> 00:04:22:	some best practices from the development side. We've got a
00:04:22> 00:04:26:	case study of the Denver Water Operations Campus, which is
00:04:26> 00:04:29:	a project we recently completed as an owners representative. And
00:04:29> 00:04:33:	then you know, if there's time, definitely some lessons learned,
00:04:33> 00:04:36:	you know. So we're a multi product type developer and
00:04:36> 00:04:38:	you know, within that we really focus on.
00:04:38> 00:04:43:	Office Industrial Life sciences and multifamily. As our core markets,
00:04:43> 00:04:47:	we've got about \$30 billion either underway or in the
00:04:47> 00:04:50:	pipeline. In terms of, you know, sort of, Class A
00:04:50> 00:04:56:	development and, and we're really approaching sustainability. You know, across
00:04:56> 00:04:58:	all product types where we can.

00:04:59> 00:05:02:	So Marianne, if you advance, we'll we'll just talk about,
00:05:02> 00:05:05:	you know, some of the best practices here and. And
00:05:05> 00:05:07:	you know, when I when I think about water wise
00:05:07> 00:05:10:	development, there were really 4 categories that I thought we
00:05:10> 00:05:11:	should highlight.
00:05:12> 00:05:15:	And with the key idea around all of those being
00:05:15> 00:05:20:	integrating strategies as early in the design as possible, we
00:05:20> 00:05:23:	we really find that to be a value add to
00:05:23> 00:05:28:	all parties. You know where we get our sustainability strategy
00:05:28> 00:05:30:	outlined early, so you know.
00:05:31> 00:05:34:	Really, the the first character I want to talk about
00:05:34> 00:05:37:	would be water efficiency and and I think the positive
00:05:37> 00:05:40:	thing here about this category is is that's something that
00:05:40> 00:05:43:	we probably already all know what this means and we
00:05:43> 00:05:46:	see it in practice. You know, in our homes and
00:05:46> 00:05:49:	our buildings it's fairly commonplace and and that's you know
00:05:49> 00:05:53:	that's a good thing. So install fixtures that lower water
00:05:53> 00:05:56:	consumption, specify lead free, you know, really everything, and then
00:05:57> 00:06:00:	you know we're possible. We'll also specify hands-free fixtures as
00:06:00> 00:06:01:	well.
00:06:01> 00:06:04:	I think this first category is essentially the norm for
00:06:04> 00:06:07:	any Class A project built in our market. The next
00:06:07> 00:06:10:	is greywater. So the idea of reusing captured or recycled
00:06:10> 00:06:13:	water for non potable requirements. So the water recycling system
00:06:13> 00:06:16:	at number water, which we're going to look at a
00:06:16> 00:06:19:	little bit later and you know my presentation, that functions
00:06:19> 00:06:23:	by collecting the buildings, wastewater and cleaning it through a
00:06:23> 00:06:26:	series of natural and mechanical processes and then that treated
00:06:27> 00:06:30:	water is used for toilet flushing and irrigation. So just
00:06:30> 00:06:32:	one example of how you know we've.
00:06:32> 00:06:35:	one example of now you know we ve.
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00:06:56> 00:06:59:	so they understand you know how to you know. Take
00:06:59> 00:07:02:	care and carry these these systems forward.
00:07:02> 00:07:06:	And then lastly stormwater. So implementing measures that can reduce
00:07:06> 00:07:09:	runoff. So we have a project 1700 plat which had
00:07:09> 00:07:12:	an image of on the previous slide, just in. As
00:07:12> 00:07:15:	an example, this is an office building we developed. We
00:07:15> 00:07:19:	diverted rainwater and we treated it through a courtyard garden
00:07:19> 00:07:22:	before it was released into the Platte River here in
00:07:22> 00:07:26:	Denver. And that solution created an open space amenity and
00:07:26> 00:07:29:	it eliminated the need for additional capacity in the city
00:07:29> 00:07:32:	storm system. So you know, really kind of the wrap
00:07:32> 00:07:33:	this.
00:07:33> 00:07:36:	Slide there's creative ways to you know. Deal with all
00:07:36> 00:07:40:	four of these categories and we look for those in
00:07:40> 00:07:43:	in our projects. So maybe we go to the next
00:07:43> 00:07:43:	one.
00:07:44> 00:07:47:	So just wanted to use Denver Water. As you know
00:07:47> 00:07:49:	a case study and a walk through some of these
00:07:49> 00:07:52:	best practices. So this was a multi phase.
00:07:53> 00:07:57:	Campus redevelopment that we began master planning in 2012 and
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00:08:50> 00:08:54:	was really neat about this project is these were incorporated
00:08:54> 00:08:57:	for the first time in Colorado and you know, I
00:08:57> 00:09:00:	know, Denver Water really looks at this as a as
00:09:00> 00:09:03:	a pilot case and and case study for future developments
00:09:03> 00:09:05:	to implement this idea of 1.
00:09:05> 00:09:08:	Water solutions next slide.
00:09:10> 00:09:13:	So this idea of 1 water, right? So to to
00:09:13> 00:09:17:	us one water means using the most appropriate source of
00:09:17> 00:09:21:	water for each water use. So really non potable water
00:09:21> 00:09:24:	sources for non potable uses. And so the campus had
00:09:24> 00:09:28:	a series of objectives to really meet that overarching goal.
00:09:28> 00:09:33:	You know, number one, separate potable and non potable demand
00:09:33> 00:09:37:	and really treat potable water is a precious resource. Develop
00:09:37> 00:09:40:	non potable water sources. So this idea.
00:09:40> 00:09:44:	Rainwater and graywater and Blackwater and and how do these
00:09:44> 00:09:49:	interact with the project site? Really integrate stormwater best practices.
00:09:51> 00:09:55:	Practice this idea of water conservation through fixture selection and
00:09:55> 00:09:59:	and design choices, and then this kind of overarching idea
00:09:59> 00:10:02:	of potable water through utility. Next slide.
00:10:04> 00:10:07:	And so this this graphic is really a site plan
00:10:07> 00:10:11:	of the campus redevelopment along with some of the strategies
00:10:11> 00:10:12:	that we're used to.
00:10:13> 00:10:18:	You know, implement the the overall water objective so rainwater
00:10:18> 00:10:24:	harvesting low flow plumbing fixtures incorporated throughout a campus landscaping
00:10:24> 00:10:29:	plan, including natural plants, short grass, Prairie, porous paving, and
00:10:29> 00:10:33:	then it's labeled as eco machine. But the the water
00:10:33> 00:10:36:	recycling system you know plays a big role in this
00:10:36> 00:10:40:	and and again, you know I'm going to say this
00:10:40> 00:10:44:	several times. I think there's presentation, but just this idea
00:10:44> 00:10:44:	of.
00:10:44> 00:10:48:	Non potable water for non potable uses do not use
00:10:48> 00:10:52:	potable water where there's a non potable alternative and reduce
00:10:52> 00:10:56:	as much as possible the water demand and and discharges
00:10:56> 00:11:00:	to the environment through recovery and and reuse go the
00:11:00> 00:11:01:	next slide.

00:11:02> 00:11:06:	This is a diagram of the administration building and and
00:11:06> 00:11:10: 00:11:10> 00:11:12:	some of the approaches used in that building, so again,
	you know low flow fixtures.
00:11:14> 00:11:18:	You know, really commonplace and and Class A developments, but
00:11:18> 00:11:21:	a critical, you know planning tool to use. And that's
00:11:21> 00:11:25:	not just in the the restrooms but also cafeterias. And
00:11:25> 00:11:29:	you know, fitness areas and anywhere where you're you're using
00:11:29> 00:11:30:	water.
00:11:31> 00:11:35:	The the water recycling system or the eco machine. The
00:11:35> 00:11:39:	treatment system that you know that serves irrigation purposes or
00:11:39> 00:11:44:	can be back flowed for toilet flushing. Rainwater capture also
00:11:44> 00:11:49:	used for landscape, irrigation, irrigation and then there's a potable
00:11:49> 00:11:53:	water backup system. If these systems were to go offline,
00:11:53> 00:11:56:	but the idea is that that those aren't used for
00:11:56> 00:12:00:	any non potable uses, go to the next slide.
00:12:02> 00:12:05:	So just a quick focus on the WRS.
00:12:06> 00:12:10:	So it's at Umm I want to highlight this image.
00:12:10> 00:12:14:	This is the interior of the administration building and one
00:12:14> 00:12:18:	design choice that Denver water made and which I think
00:12:18> 00:12:23:	is really successful, is they're showcasing the final treatment station
00:12:23> 00:12:26:	in the interior of the lobby. This could all have
00:12:26> 00:12:30:	been, you know, back a house out of sight, but
00:12:30> 00:12:34:	they're they're showcasing the final polishing wetland and and using
00:12:34> 00:12:37:	that to really educate the public who.
00:12:37> 00:12:42:	Accesses this building is a series of of treatment tanks,
00:12:42> 00:12:48:	both mechanical and natural, that treat the influent wastewater and
00:12:48> 00:12:48:	and.
00:12:49> 00:12:51:	Gets it to a stage where it can be reused
00:12:51> 00:12:55:	for for toilet flushing and and for irrigation and then
00:12:55> 00:12:58:	next slide. Then I'll just wrap up with some lessons
00:12:58> 00:13:00:	learned from, you know, some of our development.
00:13:01> 00:13:05:	Developments at large. You know these projects are becoming more
00:13:05> 00:13:09:	and more complicated and we we really find that the
00:13:09> 00:13:13:	right design team along with early pre construction design assist
00:13:13> 00:13:17:	has been critical to successful outcomes. So I'm just

	showcasing
00:13:17> 00:13:21:	you know the project team on Denver Water. Of course
00:13:21> 00:13:24:	you know, Denver Water was a huge driver of the
00:13:24> 00:13:28:	strategies implemented here and but Stantec the project architect did
00:13:28> 00:13:31:	a great job managing a really complicated team.
00:13:32> 00:13:36:	Mortensen, the general contractor, and more than you know 195
00:13:36> 00:13:40:	Subs who in many cases were we're dealing with technologies
00:13:40> 00:13:44:	that they weren't familiar with, but who you know did
00:13:44> 00:13:48:	an outstanding job implementing these solutions. And we found as
00:13:48> 00:13:51:	an owner and as an owner's Rep that there's really
00:13:51> 00:13:55:	no one-size-fits-all solution. We try to be open to ideas,
00:13:55> 00:13:58:	but you know, of course, conduct due diligence to to
00:13:58> 00:14:02:	settle on the right path forward for that specific opportunity.
00:14:03> 00:14:06:	I think the third bullet point here is one of
00:14:06> 00:14:11:	the most critical, and that's to involve facilities and property
00:14:11> 00:14:16:	management. In these sustainable initiatives during design before they're implemented.
00:14:16> 00:14:20:	Because once you turn over a building, if it's not
00:14:20> 00:14:21:	maintained.
00:14:22> 00:14:24:	And in the way that sort of the design set
00:14:24> 00:14:27:	out to maintain it. Then you're not capturing all the
00:14:27> 00:14:30:	efficiencies that you set out to capture. And then that
00:14:30> 00:14:32:	all kind of leads into the.
00:14:33> 00:14:37:	Concluding point here that you know these, these high performance
00:14:37> 00:14:40:	properties, can you know are sound investments and we found
00:14:40> 00:14:44:	them to lower utility bills to improve, improve tenant retention.
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00:14:51> 00:14:55:	for opportunities to incorporate those in our project, so I'll
00:14:55> 00:14:58:	turn it. I'll turn it back over and look forward
00:14:58> 00:14:59:	to the discussion.
00:15:07> 00:15:07:	Thanks, Lee.
00:15:10> 00:15:13:	Let's see here. I'm trying to start the video and.
00:15:21> 00:15:22:	Hello everyone.
00:15:23> 00:15:27:	I'm Greg borlax. Thank you for having us this afternoon
00:15:27> 00:15:31:	and joining us. We are a I'm a principal with
00:15:31> 00:15:37:	Wink Associates. We are a landscape architecture firm in

Denver. 00:15:37 --> 00:15:41: Co. Celebrating our 40th year this year and I have 00:15:42 --> 00:15:44: been with the firm 20 years we. 00:15:45 --> 00:15:49: Practice all over the country doing work of similar to 00:15:49 --> 00:15:52: what you're going to see today, but most of the 00:15:52 --> 00:15:54: base of our work is in Denver, Co and the 00:15:54 --> 00:15:57: Front Range, and those will be the projects will 00:15:57 --> 00:15:58: be showcasing today. 00:15:59 --> 00:16:00: Next slide. 00:16:02 --> 00:16:06: I'll start with some crude sketches of the hydrologic cycle 00:16:06 --> 00:16:10: that I think a lot of you understand. On the 00:16:10 --> 00:16:14: left is the the under Sterb landscape. You'll see rainfall 00:16:14 --> 00:16:20: and snow melt with undisturbed vegetation really feeds our stream 00:16:20 --> 00:16:23: and river corridors and recharges our groundwater. 00:16:24 --> 00:16:28: On the upper right is unfortunately what we've seen over 00:16:28 --> 00:16:33: decades of urbanization and development. What we call collective, convey, 00:16:33 --> 00:16:34: and dispose. 00:16:35 --> 00:16:39: Usually our urban environments are are trying to get water 00:16:39 --> 00:16:43: away from you know buildings, paving and and urban areas 00:16:43 --> 00:16:47: as fast as we possibly can, and we dispose of 00:16:47 --> 00:16:51: that water and our our stream and river corridors and 00:16:51 --> 00:16:55: really called cause great stress to those corridors and the 00:16:55 --> 00:16:59: repairing areas and the the health of our ecosystem. On 00:16:59 --> 00:17:02: the bottom is where we find a lot of really 00:17:03 --> 00:17:05: where we found our practice. 00:17:05 --> 00:17:09: And that's what we call, collect, convey, and disperse. And 00:17:09 --> 00:17:14: this is really thinking about landscape as infrastructure and 00:17:14 --> 00:17:19: ability to utilize that precious resource, especially here in Colorado. 00:17:20 --> 00:17:24: Rain and snow melt to really enhance the the ecosystem 00:17:24 --> 00:17:28: of our corridors, but also urbanized watersheds. And how we 00:17:28 --> 00:17:34: can look at creating beautiful landscapes within the urban environment as well. 00:17:34 --> 00:17:34: 00:17:35 --> 00:17:36: So next slide. 00:17:37 --> 00:17:40: So I'm going to show you 3 projects here in 00:17:40 --> 00:17:44: the the Colorado in the Denver area. The first is 00:17:44 --> 00:17:48: the taxi development that we begin almost 20 years ago.

Planning this and this is in the River North District

of Denver. When we started planning this, this was the

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00:18:13> 00:18:17:	along with the rehab of the creative reuse for office
00:18:17> 00:18:20:	of the old Taxi Dispatch Center and what you're starting
00:18:20> 00:18:23:	to see adjacent to the river are what we were
00:18:23> 00:18:27:	calling green fingers at the time, and they were these
00:18:27> 00:18:31:	linear filter strips that would treat and manage storm water
00:18:31> 00:18:33:	as it fell in the site. Clean it and and
00:18:33> 00:18:36:	really create that as a a landscape.
00:18:36> 00:18:38:	An approach, it was one of the first of, you
00:18:38> 00:18:41:	know at that time we were calling these porous landscape
00:18:41> 00:18:44:	detention areas. I think you know them as bioswales now,
00:18:44> 00:18:47:	or that's what they're referred to as now.
00:18:48> 00:18:51:	On the right is what you're saying over the the
00:18:51> 00:18:54:	last 15 years or so the expansion of the taxi
00:18:54> 00:18:55:	campus.
00:18:56> 00:19:00:	Which is now 30 acres and nine buildings. But how
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00:20:39> 00:20:44:	the ground floor were actually going higher. We're we're higher
00:20:44> 00:20:47:	than what we're upper stores of the office that have
00:20:47> 00:20:51:	mountain and and downtown views and so on. The left
00:20:51> 00:20:55:	through more recent developments, you know, we started doing green
00:20:55> 00:20:57:	roofs and garage doors.
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00:21:00> 00:21:01:	stories of of.
00:21:02> 00:21:05:	The of of new buildings. So really, the idea of
00:21:05> 00:21:10:	really opening up right onto landscape or having landscape coming
00:21:10> 00:21:14:	into the office environment or residential environments. It is a
00:21:14> 00:21:18:	huge sort of driver of of the development and the
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00:22:20> 00:22:23:	And then a conversion of a public St into a
00:22:23> 00:22:26:	linear park. And while we were planning this about five
00:22:26> 00:22:30:	years ago, I highlight the the image on the upper
00:22:30> 00:22:34:	left because we were also doing sort of green infrastructure
00:22:34> 00:22:38:	strategies in the right away for Brighton Blvd and these
00:22:38> 00:22:41:	were filter strips and and planters.
00:22:42> 00:22:45:	Brighton Blvd is just off off the map here this
00:22:45> 00:22:49:	page, but unfortunately with you know, bike lanes, parking traffic
00:22:50> 00:22:53:	all the needs within a right of way. It couldn't
00:22:53> 00:22:56:	manage all the storm water and that's where the park
00:22:56> 00:23:00:	and the promenade really came in. It's all downstream of
00:23:00> 00:23:03:	this district and so the parking promenade became a huge
00:23:03> 00:23:06:	filter strip for lack of a better team. Back of
00:23:07> 00:23:10:	lack of a better word for the entire district so
00:23:10> 00:23:11:	that we could capture.
00:23:12> 00:23:16:	Overland flow runoff storm runoff that's coming through the district
00:23:16> 00:23:19:	within the the park and the promenade. So what you're
00:23:19> 00:23:22:	seeing on the bottom is that strategy. Almost every planting
00:23:22> 00:23:25:	area other than the small area of the the
00:23:25> 00:23:28:	turf is functioning to to manage stormwater and treat that
00:23:28> 00:23:31:	stormwater before it gets to the South Platte River.
00:23:32> 00:23:33:	Next slide.
00:23:36> 00:23:39:	So on the left we had old buildings on on
00:23:39> 00:23:43:	the site. This is a a garden courtyard that's going
00:23:43> 00:23:46:	to be next to a library and a new coffee
00:23:46> 00:23:50:	shop and and food and beverage. This is really the
00:23:50> 00:23:54:	the development of the courtyard and they're surrounded by the
00:23:54> 00:23:59:	native landscape. On the right is a slightly larger bioswale
00:23:59> 00:24:03:	that again treats in in and manages runoff from from
00:24:03> 00:24:04:	the entire district.
00:24:05> 00:24:06:	Next slide.
00:24:09> 00:24:11:	This is an area of the promenade. This is called
00:24:11> 00:24:14:	the the what you're looking at is the gangway and
00:24:14> 00:24:17:	and this is a a linear walkway and boardwalk that
00:24:17> 00:24:20:	gets you up to see the city gets you over
00:24:20> 00:24:23:	the river. But all the landscape beneath there is functioning
00:24:24> 00:24:26:	to to treat manage stormwater quality next slide.
00:24:28> 00:24:31:	This is still a little bit raw. It actually opens
00:24:31> 00:24:34:	tomorrow, officially so on the left you see sort of
00:24:34> 00:24:37:	the under the gangway, some of the planting, and just

00:24:37> 00:24:41:	the development that's happening through the the rhino district. And
00:24:41> 00:24:44:	how this strategy is is just a wonderful amenity for
00:24:44> 00:24:45:	the the neighborhood.
00:24:47> 00:24:48:	Next slide.
00:24:50> 00:24:53:	And then lastly, I'll talk about the River Mile redevelopment.
00:24:53> 00:24:54:	Umm?
00:24:55> 00:24:58:	This is in downtown Denver. It's it's a 60 acre
00:24:58> 00:25:02:	redevelopment of the old Elitch Garden site. This is very
00:25:02> 00:25:06:	high density right along the the river and you'll see
00:25:06> 00:25:11:	some of these district strategies. Landscape strategies come together next
00:25:11> 00:25:12:	slide.
00:25:13> 00:25:17:	What you're seeing here is an illustrative plan on the
00:25:17> 00:25:20:	left and at the time we were planning this. We
00:25:20> 00:25:23:	were also lucky enough to be the river corridor planner
00:25:23> 00:25:28:	for what's called the urban Waterways Restoration study, and that
00:25:28> 00:25:30:	was looking at the seven miles of the of the
00:25:31> 00:25:34:	Plat corridor and looking at restoration of that. So while
00:25:34> 00:25:37:	we were doing both of these at the same time,
00:25:37> 00:25:40:	it it really was was unique to to see how
00:25:40> 00:25:43:	an Urban Development could assist in the restoration of.
00:25:44> 00:25:47:	Of the South plant, so the right is the strategy
00:25:47> 00:25:52:	around that, and it's looking at podium level green roofs.
00:25:52> 00:25:57:	And then how infiltrating streets could in effect really feed
00:25:57> 00:26:01:	the restoration feed water to the South Platte clean water
00:26:01> 00:26:06:	in the treated water that would then restore the the
00:26:06> 00:26:09:	S Platte ecosystem. And and so next slide.
00:26:10> 00:26:14:	This comes together in this sort of crude cross section,
00:26:14> 00:26:18:	right? How rainfall might come down through infiltrated streets and
00:26:18> 00:26:21:	green roofs, and then how it could really enhance the
00:26:22> 00:26:26:	riparian corridor. Water being so precious here, that this would
00:26:26> 00:26:29:	be sort of sub irrigated for our repairing and wetland
00:26:29> 00:26:32:	species along the corridor. Next slide.
00:26:33> 00:26:36:	And then I think I'm ending just with some pretty
00:26:36> 00:26:39:	pictures of of what the typical multimodal St would look
00:26:39> 00:26:43:	like. What you're seeing are permeable pavers within the street,
00:26:43> 00:26:46:	with also bioswales, and so how the the image of
00:26:46> 00:26:50:	the street plays into the the restoration of the river.

00:26:50> 00:26:50:	Next slide.
00:26:53> 00:26:55:	We have a key Plaza, you know our our big
00:26:55> 00:26:59:	open space right along the river for festivals and what
00:26:59> 00:27:02:	you're seeing are these green filter strips that really go
00:27:02> 00:27:06:	perpendicular back from the river. So these would be
	treatment
00:27:06> 00:27:07:	strips that then we could.
00:27:09> 00:27:11:	You know, send run off to and and they would
00:27:11> 00:27:13:	be treated on their way to the river.
00:27:14> 00:27:17:	And then lastly, the last image is a lot of
00:27:17> 00:27:20:	the the river mile. It's a corridor will be more
00:27:20> 00:27:25:	naturalized like this. And and you're seeing the benefits of
00:27:25> 00:27:28:	an urban redevelopment and how it can work in in
00:27:28> 00:27:32:	concert with the large goals of the River restoration as
00:27:32> 00:27:32:	well.
00:27:39> 00:27:43:	Right, that was wonderful Greg. And those were certainly beautiful
00:27:44> 00:27:44:	illustrations.
00:27:46> 00:27:49:	Hi everyone, it's I'm not sure if you can see
00:27:49> 00:27:53:	me quite yet. Spotlight will probably show up in a
00:27:53> 00:27:56:	moment, but it's great to be with you today.
00:27:57> 00:28:00:	My name is Waverly Claw and maybe I'll just pause
00:28:00> 00:28:03:	for a moment. Mo if you could. Oh perfect, you're
00:28:03> 00:28:06:	I am my name is Waverly claw. I'm the director
00:28:07> 00:28:11:	of resilient communities and watersheds for the Sonoran
	Institute, and
00:28:11> 00:28:16:	Sonoran Institute is a binational nonprofit organization that works in
00:28:16> 00:28:20:	the western United States and in northern Mexico to connect
00:28:20> 00:28:24:	people and communities to the natural resources that nourish and
00:28:24> 00:28:27:	sustain them and Marianne. If you can go to the
00:28:27> 00:28:28:	next slide.
00:28:28> 00:28:28:	Please.
00:28:29> 00:28:31:	So Umm.
00:28:31> 00:28:36:	As Marianne mentioned in her introduction, the West is facing
00:28:36> 00:28:41:	unprecedented challenges around water scarcity, water degradation, and the impacts
00:28:42> 00:28:46:	of climate change and natural hazards on our communities. And
00:28:46> 00:28:50:	to address these trends and be part of the solution,
00:28:50> 00:28:54:	Sonoran Institute empowers staff and leaders in towns, cities
	and

00:28:54> 00:28:58:	counties in the West to identify those water challenges and
00:28:58> 00:29:02:	select and implement solutions to address them.
00:29:02> 00:29:05:	And one of the ways that we do that is
00:29:05> 00:29:08:	through a three day growing water smart workshop.
00:29:10> 00:29:14:	That addresses water and land use, and we also follow
00:29:14> 00:29:19:	that up with technical assistance and support in partnership with
00:29:19> 00:29:23:	the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy, and so
00:29:23> 00:29:27:	that's the lens with which I'm coming from today.
00:29:28> 00:29:29:	Next, slide Marianne.
00:29:30> 00:29:33:	So I would say a major tenet of this work
00:29:33> 00:29:38:	is really shifting the focus from supply side to demand
00:29:38> 00:29:43:	side of water. We hear that community water providers are
00:29:43> 00:29:48:	often focused on acquiring, treating and delivering the water necessary
00:29:48> 00:29:54:	for their community residents and businesses to operate and grow
00:29:54> 00:29:59:	and water infrastructure. We know and, you know, Greg mentioned
00:29:59> 00:30:00:	some of this as well.
00:30:01> 00:30:06:	Has traditionally focused on piping stormwater away from the built
00:30:06> 00:30:11:	environment quickly and efficiently, but in order for communities to
00:30:11> 00:30:16:	become more resilient to future trends around water, they have
00:30:16> 00:30:20:	to focus their attention on the demand side. Or you
00:30:20> 00:30:26:	know, reducing water demand through conservation using water more efficiently,
00:30:26> 00:30:30:	reusing it and implementing nature based solutions.
00:30:31> 00:30:32:	Next slide, please.
00:30:33> 00:30:38:	So 1 barrier in implementing water wise approaches in the
00:30:38> 00:30:42:	public sector are the silos that exist between the entities
00:30:43> 00:30:47:	that are responsible for land use and water respectively. So
00:30:47> 00:30:51:	you know, we hear this a lot. You know from
00:30:51> 00:30:55:	one side you know we're land use planners in the
00:30:55> 00:31:00:	Community Development Department. You know we don't have authority over
00:31:00> 00:31:04:	water, we just manage the built environment.
00:31:04> 00:31:05:	And development and growth.
00:31:06> 00:31:09:	Or on the other side, you know we're a water
00:31:09> 00:31:13:	provider. Our responsibility is to make sure we have the
00:31:13> 00:31:17:	water and infrastructure to serve our area, and you know,
00:31:17> 00:31:21:	we don't have a role in land use decisions that

00:31:21> 00:31:26:	the local government makes. However, once stakeholders from both arenas
00:31:26> 00:31:30:	as well as elected and appointed officials and those involved
00:31:30> 00:31:35:	in economic development, parks and conservation districts, once everyone comes
00:31:36> 00:31:36:	together.
00:31:36> 00:31:42:	And they have concerted conversations about how collaboration can result
00:31:42> 00:31:47:	in water conservation and watershed protection. They begin down the
00:31:47> 00:31:52:	road of building a more resilient community. Next, slide Marion.
00:31:54> 00:31:59:	So water resilient communities don't only reduce their water demand.
00:31:59> 00:32:03:	You know. While that's a major focus of communities in
00:32:03> 00:32:08:	the water scarce West, especially leaders and staff, can also
00:32:08> 00:32:13:	support their communities values and grow their economic base by
00:32:13> 00:32:18:	making policy decisions that protect water for things like agriculture
00:32:18> 00:32:23:	and environmental tourism. Being water smart can also afford.
00:32:23> 00:32:29:	Support affordability helping keep the cost of water manageable for
00:32:29> 00:32:35:	existing and future residents and businesses by fostering green infrastructure
00:32:35> 00:32:37:	projects that work with nature.
00:32:39> 00:32:43:	Implement policies that lessen how much land is being altered
00:32:43> 00:32:48:	from its natural state. Communities can better prepare for the
00:32:48> 00:32:53:	impacts of natural hazards such as flooding, wildfire, and drought.
00:32:54> 00:32:58:	And then they can. Also, you know, support and enhance
00:32:58> 00:33:03:	the ecosystems to ensure that the natural environment can continue
00:33:03> 00:33:07:	to support human life, which is pretty critical next, slide
00:33:07> 00:33:07:	Marianne.
00:33:09> 00:33:12:	So you know to begin or keep moving down the
00:33:12> 00:33:17:	path of water resilient communities. Sonoran Institute recommends kind of
00:33:17> 00:33:21:	a seven step process that we employ during our growing
00:33:21> 00:33:26:	water smart workshops and I'll go through these pretty briefly.
00:33:26> 00:33:29:	You know the first is to really develop and and
00:33:30> 00:33:35:	assemble an interdisciplinary team. Like I mentioned before, you need

00:33:35> 00:33:39:	everyone at the table to have a conversation that better.
00:33:39> 00:33:40:	Intergrades
00:33:41> 00:33:46:	and use planning and development with water resource management.
00:33:47> 00:33:50:	You know then you need to have all of those
00:33:50> 00:33:55:	assembled individuals share their knowledge of current conditions around water
00:33:55> 00:33:59:	and land use in the community. What's the projected growth
00:33:59> 00:34:04:	of the community? What types of development applications are being
00:34:04> 00:34:08:	seen and anticipated? Where's the water coming from? You know
00:34:08> 00:34:13:	our additional supply projects projected and needed, and Sonoran Institute
00:34:13> 00:34:17:	has a community self-assessment that helps aid in this process.
00:34:17> 00:34:19:	And uncover some of those issues.
00:34:20> 00:34:23:	And then you know the team really sets out to
00:34:23> 00:34:28:	create goals that address those water challenges and then identifies
00:34:28> 00:34:33:	opportunities for intervention points to help achieve those goals. And
00:34:33> 00:34:37:	I would say the Urban Land Institute's new report identifies
00:34:37> 00:34:42:	many of those opportunities for achieving water wise development.
00:34:43> 00:34:48:	We then work with communities to develop a water smart
00:34:48> 00:34:51:	message which may sound like it's the role of a
00:34:51> 00:34:56:	communications expert, but it is really valuable for those sitting
00:34:56> 00:35:01:	around the table developing the solutions to have a concise
00:35:01> 00:35:06:	way to share that with other leadership decision makers and
00:35:06> 00:35:10:	the public and and then finally the steps of establishing
00:35:10> 00:35:13:	an action plan and implementing those.
00:35:13> 00:35:17:	Actions that's critical to the success of the community, and
00:35:17> 00:35:18:	SO.
00:35:19> 00:35:24:	During our growing water smart workshops, for example, teams spend
00:35:24> 00:35:28:	several hours crafting a 12 month action plan that will
00:35:28> 00:35:32:	guide them once they leave the workshop and then to
00:35:32> 00:35:36:	help them implement those strategies we offer small grants to
00:35:36> 00:35:39:	really get them going along that.
00:35:39> 00:35:39:	Path.
00:35:41> 00:35:45:	And to date, it's great to say that we've held,

00:35:45> 00:35:50:	you know, over 10 workshops in Colorado and Arizona.
00:35:51> 00:35:55:	With over 400 participants and you know over 20 post
00:35:55> 00:36:01:	workshop projects, so communities really are moving forward whether they
00:36:01> 00:36:06:	participated in growing water smart or not, to better integrate
00:36:07> 00:36:12:	efficiency, conservation and reuse into their plans and programs. Next,
00:36:12> 00:36:13:	slide Marian.
00:36:14> 00:36:18:	So just want to talk a little bit about some
00:36:18> 00:36:25:	of the opportunities for intervention points that local government land
00:36:25> 00:36:30:	use planners have to integrate water into their plans and
00:36:30> 00:36:33:	policies that the first toolbox is.
00:36:35> 00:36:40:	About planning and visioning, you know for a sustainable future
00:36:40> 00:36:45:	communities have to create those guiding plans that integrate land
00:36:45> 00:36:49:	use planning with water resiliency goals. And you know those
00:36:49> 00:36:55:	long range land use plans, often called comprehensive plans master
00:36:55> 00:36:59:	plans. They have to establish the community values and goals
00:36:59> 00:37:04:	around water that then sets the direction for implementation through
00:37:05> 00:37:05:	land use.
00:37:05> 00:37:07:	Codes and programs.
00:37:08> 00:37:13:	The next toolbox is ensuring that the development has demonstrated
00:37:13> 00:37:17:	that it has enough water to sustain it. Obviously the
00:37:17> 00:37:19:	core tenet here is that.
00:37:20> 00:37:23:	Communities cannot afford to build in a way that the
00:37:24> 00:37:28:	next generation cannot sustain. We're seeing that pretty acutely in
00:37:28> 00:37:29:	the Colorado River basin.
00:37:31> 00:37:35:	And so you know it's it's important to determine adequate
00:37:36> 00:37:41:	water supply. Think creatively about how communities can offer incentives
00:37:42> 00:37:47:	like discounted tap fees in return for water conservation measures
00:37:47> 00:37:51:	that were integrated into the design of the development.
00:37:53> 00:37:57:	Or to potentially offset water demand from new development by
00:37:58> 00:38:02:	using funds to retrofit existing development. The point is that
00:38:02> 00:38:06:	there are a lot of creative opportunities that can be
00:38:06> 00:38:10:	implemented once people come together and start talking

	about what
00:38:10> 00:38:13:	makes the most sense for their community.
00:38:15> 00:38:20:	The third toolbox includes approaches for addressing sort of the
00:38:20> 00:38:24:	urban form as well as outdoor water use and indoor
00:38:24> 00:38:28:	water use in new development or redevelopment.
00:38:30> 00:38:34:	Studies have shown that water demand goes down if you
00:38:35> 00:38:40:	have smaller lots. Single family, residential and water use goes
00:38:40> 00:38:47:	down with certain types of multi family residential development, largely
00:38:47> 00:38:52:	due to the reduction in irrigated landscape area. So you
00:38:52> 00:38:56:	know we can use our land use policies to identify
00:38:56> 00:39:00:	opportunities for water wise landscaping.
00:39:00> 00:39:00:	Umm?
00:39:02> 00:39:07:	Increased density and zoning etcetera. So you know what can
00:39:07> 00:39:11:	a community do in their land. Use codes and policies
00:39:11> 00:39:15:	to incentivize and ensure that water wise growth occurs.
00:39:17> 00:39:21:	The next opportunity is really using plans and policies to
00:39:21> 00:39:23:	protect watershed health.
00:39:25> 00:39:31:	The way that a community grows impacts water quality, stream
00:39:31> 00:39:37:	habitat, and ecological health, so ensuring that there are policies
00:39:37> 00:39:44:	in place that minimize pollution and erosion during development. Protect
00:39:44> 00:39:51:	sensitive areas from development and also promote low impact development
00:39:51> 00:39:55:	and green infrastructure to to better approach.
00:39:55> 00:40:00:	Stormwater issues and increased infiltration can be really valuable.
00:40:01> 00:40:04:	And then you know the public sector also has a
00:40:04> 00:40:08:	role to play in supporting water conservation and efficiency in
00:40:08> 00:40:14:	existing development by establishing programs that influence the attitudes and
00:40:14> 00:40:19:	priorities of residents. Things like conservation oriented water rate structures.
00:40:21> 00:40:27:	Offering programs and rebates that help people replace water thirsty
00:40:27> 00:40:32:	fixtures and landscapes and also educating the community on their
00:40:32> 00:40:35:	role and opportunities to.
00:40:36> 00:40:39:	Participate in the water conservation efforts of the community.

00:40:40> 00:40:44:	And so I just want to close by briefly sharing
00:40:44> 00:40:50:	2 examples of communities that have recently taken the initiative
00:40:50> 00:40:54:	to reduce water. The first is the city of Evans,
00:40:54> 00:40:58:	Co, which has a population of about 22,000 and is
00:40:58> 00:41:04:	located in a heavily agricultural community in Northern Colorado. They're
00:41:05> 00:41:10:	growing, but they're also constrained by their water supply and
00:41:10> 00:41:10:	so.
00:41:11> 00:41:16:	They took action and they established a water efficiency plan
00:41:16> 00:41:21:	with goals around community water conservation and and then they
00:41:21> 00:41:26:	took that extra step and translated those water efficiency plan
00:41:26> 00:41:31:	goals into principles that were developed and included in the
00:41:31> 00:41:36:	recent update of their comprehensive plan. So you know, notably,
00:41:36> 00:41:40:	the goals of aligning city codes, zoning.
00:41:41> 00:41:46:	Policies and development. With the water efficiency plan and and
00:41:46> 00:41:51:	looking to use easements and acquisitions and other tools to
00:41:51> 00:41:58:	protect watersheds. Really bridges that divide between water resource management
00:41:58> 00:42:02:	and land use planning and then final slide. Marianne is
00:42:02> 00:42:06:	Casa Grande, AZ. You know they are a community of
00:42:06> 00:42:10:	about 55,000 who partnered with their water provider.
00:42:11> 00:42:15:	The Arizona Water Company, following a growing water smart workshop
00:42:15> 00:42:19:	to launch a new demand management program to reduce their
00:42:19> 00:42:22:	water usage by 15%, and so they really worked to
00:42:23> 00:42:28:	develop a public messaging campaign modeled after their community branding
00:42:28> 00:42:32:	to reach the public about their goals and objectives and
00:42:32> 00:42:36:	engage citizens in getting better involved. So I'm going to
00:42:36> 00:42:39:	leave it there, Marianne, if you want to turn to
00:42:39> 00:42:42:	the last slide, so we have some time.
00:42:42> 00:42:45:	Q&A, But thanks so much for joining this discussion today
00:42:45> 00:42:47:	and I'm happy to talk a little bit more about
00:42:47> 00:42:49:	any of these examples.
00:42:51> 00:42:54:	Thank you so much to all of our speakers. We're
00:42:54> 00:42:56:	going to start the Q&A now and we encourage all
00:42:56> 00:42:59:	the audience members to use the Q&A function to submit
00:42:59> 00:43:00:	your questions.

00:43:02> 00:43:04:	Pull some of these up.
00:43:08> 00:43:11:	So we have a question from Nino. Wetland systems can
00:43:11> 00:43:15:	often struggle in very arid climates. Precisely those areas
00.40.45 > 00.40.00	where
00:43:15> 00:43:20:	water efficiency is most critical. How can desert dwellers utilize
00:43:20> 00:43:23:	a similar technology without risk of system failure?
00:43:29> 00:43:32:	Sorry, I was on mute there I can. I can
00:43:32> 00:43:35:	try to answer that and then you know Greg or
00:43:35> 00:43:37:	Waverly. Please please add on but.
00:43:38> 00:43:41:	First off, I think that's exactly right and and we
00:43:41> 00:43:44:	you know, we we're. We try to be careful to
00:43:44> 00:43:47:	have you know site specific solutions to these.
00:43:48> 00:43:50:	Issues and so. Maybe that's not the right.
00:43:51> 00:43:52:	Implementation for.
00:43:53> 00:43:57:	You know a really arid climate we we actually had
00:43:57> 00:44:02:	to introduce some supplemental humidity to the OR you
	know,
00:44:02> 00:44:04:	dehumidification to the.
00:44:05> 00:44:08:	Admin buildings lobby just to help with that and here
00:44:08> 00:44:11:	in Colorado because we're, you know we're not Arizona but
00:44:11> 00:44:14:	we we we have a, you know a dry climate
00:44:14> 00:44:15:	as well. Umm, you know I think.
00:44:16> 00:44:21:	That's a that that water recycling system is.
00:44:22> 00:44:26:	A very specific implementation, right? We could not have been
00:44:26> 00:44:29:	accomplished without Denver waters advocacy. We had to get state
00:44:29> 00:44:33:	water law changed. We had to update several regulations. We
00:44:33> 00:44:36:	had to change the plumbing code locally and it only
00:44:36> 00:44:39:	applies to civic projects at this time in the city
00:44:39> 00:44:40:	and County of Denver, so.
00:44:41> 00:44:45:	You know we being a private developer could not implement
00:44:45> 00:44:49:	that in a spec projects. Currently I think we focus
00:44:49> 00:44:53:	more on those other buckets, water, efficiencies. You know the
00:44:54> 00:44:58:	ecology solutions, how we approach landscape architecture and how we
00:44:58> 00:45:02:	interact with stormwater. And you know, we try to have
00:45:02> 00:45:05:	you know more than one kind of tool in the
00:45:06> 00:45:09:	toolkit. You know when we approach water.
00:45:11> 00:45:14:	A similar question to that is from Harrison. Rainwater capture
00:45:14> 00:45:17:	seems to be a common theme. How do we see

00:45:17> 00:45:21:	water resilient strategies adapt to water scarce environments like Arizona?
00:45:21> 00:45:25:	Is it still worth investing in rainwater capture? For example,
00:45:25> 00:45:26:	if rain is so sporadic?
00:45:31> 00:45:34:	You know, I'd probably answer that the same way I
00:45:34> 00:45:34:	I am.
00:45:35> 00:45:38:	Not sure it would be, you know, cost effective there.
00:45:38> 00:45:41:	I think you know in areas where there is not
00:45:41> 00:45:45:	rainwater and there's not ways to, you know, come up
00:45:45> 00:45:49:	with a non potable water source to address landscape for
00:45:49> 00:45:50:	instance then.
00:45:50> 00:45:54:	You know, I think plant selection becomes much more, you
00:45:54> 00:45:57:	know, important and and you've got to just weigh those
00:45:57> 00:46:00:	cost benefit analysis. And you know, Greg, I'm sure you
00:46:01> 00:46:01:	could.
00:46:01> 00:46:04:	You know, fill that, fill that in as well.
00:46:04> 00:46:07:	Yeah, I think I'll piggyback on that in the previous.
00:46:08> 00:46:09:	Umm?
00:46:09> 00:46:12:	The the previous question as well.
00:46:12> 00:46:15:	I think that's the strategy for some of the work
00:46:15> 00:46:15:	that we're.
00:46:17> 00:46:20:	Doing is utilize the the rainwater that does fall.
00:46:21> 00:46:24:	And and and you know, to our advantage if if
00:46:24> 00:46:29:	you've got to, you know, think about stormwater management. You
00:46:29> 00:46:33:	know, have that landscape working, not only for beautification.
00:46:34> 00:46:39:	But also, that's providing that that function as well in
00:46:39> 00:46:44:	in reference to the wetland question. Before you know, even
00:46:44> 00:46:45:	here in Colorado.
00:46:47> 00:46:50:	Those aren't wet. Those are actually very dry air and
00:46:50> 00:46:54:	landscapes that were creating the the soil conditions for
00:46:54> 00:46:57:	infiltrating landscapes is largely sand based.
00:46:58> 00:47:01:	And so it's not wetland species that we're putting into
00:47:01> 00:47:05:	rain garden. It's actually the the dry and the Prairie
00:47:05> 00:47:06:	St species that are.
00:47:07> 00:47:11:	Are in that environment and that are adaptable to both
00:47:11> 00:47:12:	very dry and wet.
00:47:12> 00:47:12:	Conditions.
00:47:17> 00:47:22:	So this is a question for everyone, which is you
00:47:22> 00:47:24:	know what are the three?
00:47:25> 00:47:30:	And most impactful water efficiency strategies that development should be
	development should be

00:47:30> 00:47:34:	implementing. So I'm wondering, I'm curious what everyone's responses in
00:47:34> 00:47:37:	terms of the three that they would prioritize.
00:47:43> 00:47:45:	Well, I can jump in and get us started, I
00:47:45> 00:47:46:	would say.
00:47:49> 00:47:53:	All of the strategies can be, you know, location and
00:47:54> 00:47:59:	community specific, but at least for the West, reducing outdoor
00:47:59> 00:48:04:	water use is a major opportunity, and so I would
00:48:04> 00:48:05:	place kind of.
00:48:08> 00:48:12:	Water efficient landscaping to be really high on the list
00:48:12> 00:48:17:	and there are, you know, several components to that. You
00:48:17> 00:48:21:	know it's not only plant selection, but it's also irrigation.
00:48:21> 00:48:26:	You know soil composition, etcetera, but I think you know,
00:48:26> 00:48:29:	given we are a society that is kind of conditioned
00:48:30> 00:48:33:	to have turf grass in as many places as possible.
00:48:33> 00:48:38:	That's something that we're working on, unconditioned ourselves.
00:48:38> 00:48:43:	Two because we see that there are higher priorities for
00:48:43> 00:48:48:	that water than an ornamental grass that perhaps no one
00:48:48> 00:48:53:	ever steps on or utilizes. So out outdoor water use
00:48:53> 00:48:54:	is a major strategy.
00:48:54> 00:48:55:	For water.
00:48:55> 00:48:56:	Reduction.
00:48:57> 00:48:59:	You know, pass it to Lee and Greg for other.
00:49:01> 00:49:03:	High level strategies that you.
00:49:03> 00:49:06:	I'll just build on that way you know. Just build
00:49:06> 00:49:09:	on one of the things you said that's that wasn't
00:49:09> 00:49:12:	part of this presentation. We work a lot with campuses
00:49:12> 00:49:15:	here in the region to weighing themselves off of bluegrass
00:49:15> 00:49:17:	and other turf species.
00:49:18> 00:49:22:	And and that's that's for a reason, right? It's it's.
00:49:22> 00:49:25:	It's very easy to grow and maintain turf, and so
00:49:26> 00:49:30:	I think the industry is getting the maintenance industry is
00:49:30> 00:49:35:	getting better at understanding native landscapes. But in response to
00:49:35> 00:49:38:	that question, it's a little hard to answer because I
00:49:38> 00:49:42:	think we approach when when we think about developments
00:49:43> 00:49:47:	scale does matter, you know, a half acre development versus
00:49:47> 00:49:48:	60 acre development.
00:49:48> 00:49:50:	Are you going to a 20 acre?
00:49:51> 00:49:52:	You know, we we.

00:49:53> 00:49:55:	The the body of our work and what I tried
00:49:56> 00:49:59:	to present there at the end is is looking at
00:49:59> 00:50:03:	a district Strals stats district scale strategy because I think
00:50:03> 00:50:06:	there is there is power in numbers and be able
00:50:06> 00:50:10:	to to do some of the landscape infrastructure that that
00:50:10> 00:50:11:	we just showed.
00:50:14> 00:50:15:	Yeah, I would say that.
00:50:17> 00:50:21:	Just educating the end user and involving them in the
00:50:21> 00:50:25:	process throughout is we. We've just had a lot of
00:50:25> 00:50:28:	success with that. I think you know I worked on
00:50:28> 00:50:32:	a project early in my career in Houston. It was
00:50:32> 00:50:36:	FMC Technologies campus redevelopment and it had a full scale
00:50:36> 00:50:41:	landscape implementation of native grasses and and you know, it
00:50:41> 00:50:44:	just has a different look to it and its final
00:50:44> 00:50:47:	form than what you know. A lot of us grew
00:50:47> 00:50:48:	up seeing.
00:50:48> 00:50:52:	And have seen an office. Campuses are full career and
00:50:52> 00:50:54:	if you don't have buy in from the end user
00:50:54> 00:50:57:	on what that looks like and and kind of what
00:50:57> 00:51:01:	what the opportunities are with with that implementation. It just
00:51:01> 00:51:04:	it's not going to be a long term success. You'll
00:51:05> 00:51:08:	have a maintenance crew that there no fault of their
00:51:08> 00:51:12:	own just through, you know, private prior practice will come
00:51:12> 00:51:15:	and they'll mow, you know it down to like a
00:51:15> 00:51:18:	you know one inch and that's just not how you,
00:51:18> 00:51:18:	you know.
00:51:18> 00:51:21:	Treat that implementation. I would also say in in the
00:51:21> 00:51:22:	assets that we.
00:51:24> 00:51:27:	You know owner that our partners own long term smart
00:51:27> 00:51:28:	controllers and metering.
00:51:30> 00:51:34:	Has is really important so that you're able to identify
00:51:34> 00:51:37:	issues if you have a multifamily development and it has
00:51:37> 00:51:40:	a toilet that runs, you know 24 hours a day
00:51:40> 00:51:43:	and and the tenant doesn't notify you, that can be
00:51:43> 00:51:47:	tremendously wasteful over a period of time. And if you
00:51:47> 00:51:50:	compound that across, you know 15 units in a 200
00:51:50> 00:51:54:	unit development. Those those have real impacts, and so we
00:51:54> 00:51:59:	have smart metering. You know throughout our our commercial developments
00:51:59> 00:51:59:	and and.

00:51:59> 00:52:02:	And find it to be very, you know, helpful to
00:52:02> 00:52:04:	to to stay on top of those things.
00:52:06> 00:52:09:	Excellent, we have a number of questions about water reuse
00:52:09> 00:52:12:	and I think you know high level. Some people are
00:52:12> 00:52:15:	wondering about OK. How does it work? Are we really
00:52:15> 00:52:18:	cleaning it of like drugs and fecal matter and then
00:52:18> 00:52:20:	I Lee? I'm really curious if you could talk a
00:52:21> 00:52:24:	little bit more about the financials of water reuse and
00:52:24> 00:52:24:	the return.
00:52:26> 00:52:30:	Yeah, so the financials are something that you know what
00:52:30> 00:52:33:	I get that question a lot. And and I think
00:52:33> 00:52:37:	we're trying to get more sophisticated and how we benchmark
00:52:37> 00:52:40:	those returns as we get more and more data points
00:52:40> 00:52:42:	right? So our you know our kind of.
00:52:43> 00:52:46:	All an investment on as a speculative developer. I mean,
00:52:46> 00:52:49:	we're we're looking at a five year cycle from when
00:52:49> 00:52:53:	we source an opportunity to when it's ultimately stabilized and
00:52:53> 00:52:56:	either sold or transferred to a longer term holder. And
00:52:56> 00:52:59:	so you know we're getting those data points over time
00:52:59> 00:53:02:	as we implement more and more of these strategies. I
00:53:02> 00:53:06:	will say that by having early pre construction support.
00:53:07> 00:53:11:	In a development, we're getting real time feedback between fixture
00:53:11> 00:53:14:	choices, so going with a low flow fixture versus a
00:53:14> 00:53:18:	more conventional fixture, we're able to show to our partners
00:53:18> 00:53:22:	and to ourselves. There's not a premium for this solution,
00:53:22> 00:53:24:	and we know there's a long term payoff and that
00:53:24> 00:53:28:	we're using less water overtime, so that's more of just
00:53:28> 00:53:30:	a I mean that that's just a.
00:53:31> 00:53:34:	A, A benchmark that we're able to see in the
00:53:34> 00:53:38:	planning right now in terms of our longer term operations.
00:53:38> 00:53:43:	You know, Denver water, for instance, they're assembling a whole
00:53:43> 00:53:47:	range of data points as they've been operational for several
00:53:47> 00:53:51:	years now. Of you know, having zero outside water use
00:53:51> 00:53:55:	for non potable irrigation, right? And and so there's a.
00:53:55> 00:53:59:	There's an actual dollar amount that they're able to show,
00:53:59> 00:54:01:	you know, in educational.
00:54:01> 00:54:04:	Seminars of like hey, we we we own this campus
00:54:04> 00:54:06:	for 130 years. Here's what we spent up to that
00:54:06> 00:54:10:	date, and here's what we're spending now and they're able

00:54:10> 00:54:12:	to do that. And we're talking about water today, but
00:54:13> 00:54:16:	you know, water is connected to energy use, right? It's
00:54:16> 00:54:18:	it's. It's a circle. And so you know, you can't
00:54:18> 00:54:21:	really talk about one without the other in terms of
00:54:21> 00:54:25:	operating a campus, they're showing, you know, real energy
	savings
00:54:25> 00:54:28:	as well. But you know some of these decisions they
00:54:28> 00:54:28:	made.
00:54:32> 00:54:35:	And I would back up what Greg said earlier. This
00:54:35> 00:54:39:	is the last point. Scale really matters. Like you know,
00:54:39> 00:54:43:	we're able to show you know fixtures and landscape, and
00:54:43> 00:54:46:	really any project we do. But when we get these
00:54:46> 00:54:51:	campus opportunities you can, you can really show that you
00:54:51> 00:54:54:	know making a meaningful impact, and I guess just last
00:54:55> 00:54:58:	point I would make is you know the sources of
00:54:58> 00:55:00:	energy and water use are really key.
00:55:00> 00:55:04:	As a developer, we're doing single sort of use.
00:55:05> 00:55:08:	Implementations, but if you're you know if where we're getting
00:55:08> 00:55:11:	our energy from is not, you know, clean.
00:55:11> 00:55:13:	It's sort of a drop in the bucket, so I
00:55:13> 00:55:16:	would encourage all of us to think about. You know
00:55:16> 00:55:19:	these sort of. You know, beginning sources of how we're
00:55:19> 00:55:21:	getting our our energy and and and our water and
00:55:21> 00:55:24:	making sure we're we're, you know, doing what we can
00:55:24> 00:55:24:	there.
00:55:26> 00:55:29:	OK, final question. I know there's quite a few questions
00:55:29> 00:55:31:	that we haven't been able to get to today, so
00:55:31> 00:55:34:	speakers are are welcome to to respond to these and
00:55:34> 00:55:37:	answer type answers. If you have time to do that.
00:55:37> 00:55:40:	But I'm curious in terms of last question. How can
00:55:40> 00:55:43:	we improve collaboration between the public and private sectors to
00:55:43> 00:55:48:	advance water, smart development and landscaping? I'll start with Waverly.
00:55:49> 00:55:53:	Yeah, that's a great question. Marianne and you know, I
00:55:53> 00:55:55:	think in some cases.
00:55:57> 00:56:02:	Water wise development can be viewed as something that's
	maybe
00:56:02> 00:56:05:	being forced on developers or that it's a very regulatory
00:56:06> 00:56:08:	thing, but in fact I think there are a lot
00:56:08> 00:56:13:	of creative opportunities to, you know, begin with incentives to

00:56:13> 00:56:16:	you know for community to talk with their. You know
00:56:16> 00:56:20:	primary developers around you know what is the low hanging
00:56:20> 00:56:24:	fruit? What are the opportunities or what would reduce barriers
00:56:24> 00:56:27:	to participation. Mean one quick.
00:56:27> 00:56:31:	For example, is that the city of Fountain Co. They
00:56:31> 00:56:36:	offered an incentive to developers that would reduce the tap
00:56:36> 00:56:40:	fee that they would pay and their system development charge
00:56:40> 00:56:44:	if the developer reduced the amount of turf grass in
00:56:45> 00:56:49:	their landscaping to 30 or 50% of the total landscape
00:56:49> 00:56:54:	area, and that program became so successful that actually 100%
00:56:54> 00:56:57:	of developers took advantage of that.
00:56:57> 00:57:02:	Discounted tap fee. And so there are creative approaches I
00:57:02> 00:57:08:	think. Also ensuring that the development review process is clear
00:57:08> 00:57:13:	and that regulations are not conflicting one another within a
00:57:13> 00:57:18:	local land use code and so cities like Longmont, Co
00:57:18> 00:57:25:	actually have like a water efficiency sustainability specialist on board
00:57:25> 00:57:27:	that goes through the entire.
00:57:27> 00:57:32:	Development review process with developers. In order to demystify the
00:57:32> 00:57:36:	process, make it simpler and and better achieve the
00:57:36> 00:57:38:	Community's objectives.
00:57:43> 00:57:45:	Lee and Greg, do you have responses to that?
00:57:45> 00:57:48:	Yeah I did that. I think I'll you know, in
00:57:48> 00:57:52:	in every city and community is is different but.
00:57:53> 00:57:56:	Here you know the the project that we showed in
00:57:56> 00:57:59:	in in the River, North District and also the one
00:57:59> 00:58:04:	downtown. This is really being driven by the private sector
00:58:04> 00:58:06:	and the Community more than the city.
00:58:08> 00:58:12:	And I think developers and communities are wanting a different
00:58:12> 00:58:17:	type of infrastructure, and they're asking for that and so.
00:58:18> 00:58:18:	Umm?
00:58:21> 00:58:24:	That that's probably a lot different in a lot of
00:58:24> 00:58:26:	other communities but but here I think it's.
00:58:31> 00:58:33:	Thank you Greg. We lost your sound at the end
00:58:33> 00:58:35:	of your sentence, but I think we we got what
00:58:35> 00:58:35:	you were saying.
00:58:37> 00:58:38:	Ellie how about you?
00:58:39> 00:58:42:	Well not, I mean hard to follow away really. And

00:58:42> 00:58:46:	Greg, there's they're really thorough on on all that. I
00:58:46> 00:58:49:	would just say that you know education is key and
00:58:49> 00:58:53:	open dialogue and just you know, being upfront about the
00:58:53> 00:58:56:	challenges that you know are are being experienced on a
00:58:56> 00:59:01:	predevelopment effort and and you know having good relationships with
00:59:01> 00:59:05:	you, know whatever authorities have in your addiction you're interacting
00:59:05> 00:59:08:	with, you know, and and like we have to
00:59:08> 00:59:09:	do on on a lot of.
00:59:10> 00:59:13:	Areas outside of water. You've got to get a community
00:59:13> 00:59:16:	buy in. You've got to, you know, spend the time
00:59:16> 00:59:19:	to educate folks and and also learn right like
00:59:19> 00:59:19:	I mean.
00:59:20> 00:59:23:	This is not. We're not subject matter expert or I'm
00:59:23> 00:59:26:	not subject matter expert, and this is part of our
00:59:26> 00:59:28:	our, our job as as developers to try to
00:59:28> 00:59:31:	learn from the community about what's going to help you
00:59:31> 00:59:33:	know. Make a project successful so.
00:59:35> 00:59:36:	That's all they would add there.
00:59:37> 00:59:40:	Huge thank you to all of you for joining us
00:59:40> 00:59:42:	today and also to our speakers. I'm just going to
00:59:42> 00:59:45:	conclude by letting you know about some of our upcoming
00:59:46> 00:59:49:	programming. If you're interested in staying engaged in our water,
00:59:49> 00:59:52:	wise work. We're building a coalition that we're going to
00:59:53> 00:59:56:	be running over over the coming years. We'll put links
00:59:56> 00:59:58:	in the chat for all of these, by the way,
00:59:58> 01:00:01:	but if you don't see those links, you can just
01:00:01> 01:00:04:	contact resilience that you will like.org For more information. We
01:00:04> 01:00:07:	also have a UI learning online course on the introduction
01:00:08> 01:00:08:	to climate.
01:00:08> 01:00:12:	Risk and resilience on there's four sessions. The first one
01:00:12> 01:00:15:	is July 26th and you can go to learning.uli.org to
01:00:15> 01:00:18:	find that course & up. And then finally we have
01:00:18> 01:00:21:	a coastal forum at ULI fall meeting. It's our global
01:00:21> 01:00:24:	meeting in the fall on October 25th. In the morning
01:00:24> 01:00:27:	you can sign up for the coastal form. It's all
01:00:27> 01:00:33:	about coastal resilience strategies through our fall meeting website whichisfall.uli.org
01:00:33> 01:00:35:	and with that thank you so much for joining us
01:00:35> 01:00:38:	today. We hope to stay engaged with you all.
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01:00:39 --> 01:00:41: And we really look forward to hearing from you if 01:00:41 --> 01:00:44: you're interested in staying involved in in our water wise 01:00:44 --> 01:00:47: work, excellent. Thank you again to our speakers. Such wonderful presentations. We really appreciate your time. 01:00:47 --> 01:00:49: 01:00:52 --> 01:00:53: Thank you Marian. 01:00:58 --> 01:01:01: Hi everyone, if we didn't get to your question, Umm, 01:01:01 --> 01:01:03: we hopefully you can reach out to us and we 01:01:03 --> 01:01:06: can respond to you. Or you can download the report 01:01:06 --> 01:01:08: and I think a lot of the answers are in 01:01:08 --> 01:01:09: there as well. 01:01:13 --> 01:01:14: Hi everyone, thank you so much.

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