



**Colorado Water Conservation Board
Water Plan Grant Progress & Final Report**

Reporting Period:	4/17/25 - 10/17/2025
Name of Grantee:	Eagle County Conservation District
PO Number:	202300003318
Project Title:	Efficient Irrigation System Program
Funding Source:	Colorado Water Plan- Conservation and Land Use Planning
Date:	10/17/2025

Budget Information

Total CWCB Grant Amount: \$62,999.00

CWCB Grant Funds Spent to Date: \$62,998.65

Remaining CWCB Funds to be Spent: \$0

Match Acquired During this Reporting Period: \$12,668.85

Cash Match: \$11,059.25

In-Kind: \$1,609.60

Total Match for Reporting Period: \$31,958.13

Tasks

Task 1- Landscape Assessments

Final Deliverables:

The Eagle County Conservation District (ECCD) has completed a total of 153 Residential and Commercial landscape evaluations, and 9 Homeowner Association (HOA) landscape evaluations. 139 of the Residential and Commercial evaluations included an irrigation evaluation, and all 9 of the HOA evaluations included an irrigation evaluation. 93 of these evaluations took place in 2025. Of the total 139 Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations performed, the CWCB EIS Program Grant funded 60 of them.

Since submission of the last report, ECCD expanded the evaluation service into the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District (ERWSD) service zone, which increased demand for the program significantly. Of the 93 evaluations completed in 2025, 49 participants resided in the ERWSD zone.

Landscape and irrigation evaluation reports were completed for all participants, including the HOAs. The reports were improved slightly over the summer, to increase clarity and efficiency.

Issues:

ECCD continued to experience capacity limitations during the 2025 season, despite increasing the number of staff dedicated to the program. ECCD completed a minimum of 4 evaluations per week from May 15th - October 2nd, but still had to maintain a waitlist throughout the season. As of October 2025, ECCD has a waitlist of 42 participants for 2026.

Project Schedule:

ECCD is finishing the final landscape and irrigation evaluation reports for the 2025 season. Once those are completed, ECCD will begin the planning process for 2026, including: workshop design; report updates; contractor communications; material updates; and more. These items will continue to be funded through the new CWCB Water Plan Grant: Beyond Lawn Phase II.

Task 2- Landscape Assessment Training

Final Deliverables:

ECCD's new staff members were trained on Beyond Lawn protocol in early May 2025. The training took place over a week, and included evaluation training, report training, and general program training.

Issues:

None at this time.

Project Schedule:

The next training is scheduled for Spring 2026.

Task 3- Efficient Irrigation System Rebate

Final Deliverables:

The Efficient Irrigation System Rebate Application has been distributed to all 148 participants who received an irrigation evaluation. As of this report, ECCD has received and approved 18 rebate applications: 7 in 2024, and 11 in 2025. A total of 12 rebate applications were funded through CWCB Water Plan Grant, and the remaining 6 were funded through matches from the Colorado River District, the Town of Eagle and the Town of Gypsum.

Issues:

None at this time

Project Schedule: ECCD will continue to provide rebates to participants through the Colorado River District grant until those funds are depleted. Additionally, ECCD will begin to seek sustainable funding solutions to continue to provide rebates to all remaining and future Beyond Lawn participants.

Task 4- Project Administration

Final Deliverables:

ECCD completed several administrative updates during the summer months:

- Hired and trained two new staff members (one staff member that dedicated 100% of their time to the Beyond Lawn program, and one staff member that dedicated 50-75% of their time to the Beyond Lawn program).
- Coordinated with ERWSD to obtain historical water usage data (with participant authorization).
- Conducted outreach presentations to the Town of Gypsum, Town of Eagle, Town of Avon, and the Edwards Metropolitan District.
- Conducted 2 DIY Landscaping workshops.
- Presented at the Colorado Waterwise Symposium on the Beyond Lawn program.
- Completed two public presentations detailing the Beyond Lawn Program.
- Promoted the Beyond Lawn program through local radio and media outlets.
- Completed and reported all matching requirements.

Evaluation Reports for participants who were awarded Efficient Irrigation System Rebates:

[Beyond Lawn Evaluations](#)

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Photos from participants who were awarded Efficient Irrigation System Rebates:

[Participant Photos](#)

Beyond Lawn impact report:

[Beyond Lawn Impact Report](#)

Issues:

None at this time.

Project Schedule & Next Steps:

In Fall 2025, ECCD will continue requesting historical water usage data from the Town of Eagle and ERWSD for new participants, and will begin analyzing water use data for the Beyond Lawn Program. These findings will continue to be shared with CWCB. ECCD will

begin the planning process for 2026, and the Beyond Lawn Phase II program including: workshop design; report updates; contractor communications; material updates; rebate funding; and more. Lastly, ECCD will maintain active outreach efforts through public presentations and media engagement.

Impact Report

CWCB Efficient Irrigation System Program

2023 - 2025



Landscape & Irrigation Evaluations

60

**Management plans include recommended changes and irrigation scheduling*



Total Expected Water Savings

0.81 AFY

**Estimated from 16 participants using irrigation efficiency metrics*

On average, Beyond Lawn participants saved (per property)

26,544 gallons/season

0.081 acre feet/year

***through irrigation upgrades**

Average % Efficiency of a Homeowner Irrigation System

● Pre Irrigation System Upgrades

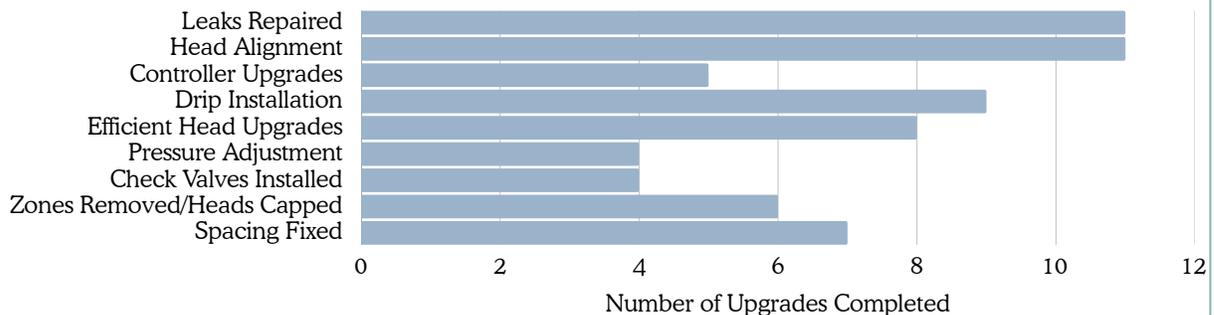
● Post Irrigation System Upgrades

67%

76%

Completed Efficient Irrigation System Upgrades

Type of Efficient Irrigation Upgrade



Rebate Applications

16

Rebates Awarded

\$31,212.86



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Impact Report

2023 - 2025



Landscape & Irrigation Evaluations

162



Total Water Savings

3.21 AFY

**Estimated from 38 participants using landscape water requirements and irrigation efficiency metrics*

HOA Evaluations

9

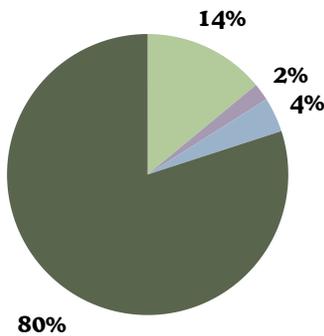
Workshops

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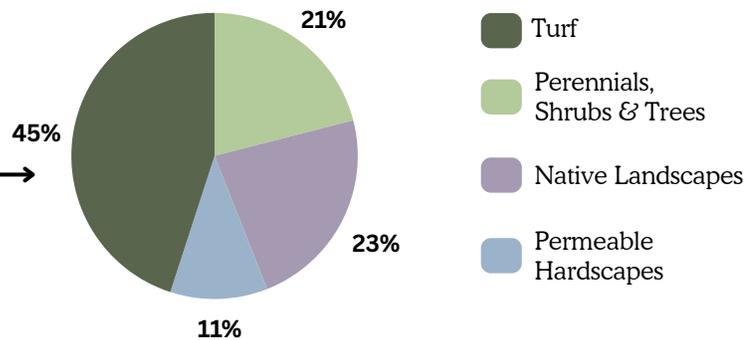
Demonstration Gardens

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Pre Project Landscape Demographics

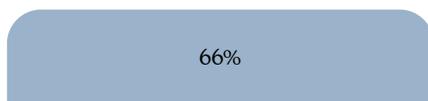


Post Project Landscape Demographics



Average % Efficiency of a Homeowner Irrigation System

● Pre Irrigation System Upgrades ● Post Irrigation System Upgrades



Rebate Applications

47

Rebates Awarded

\$138,600.69



Impact Report

Turf Replacement

2023 - 2025



Management Plans

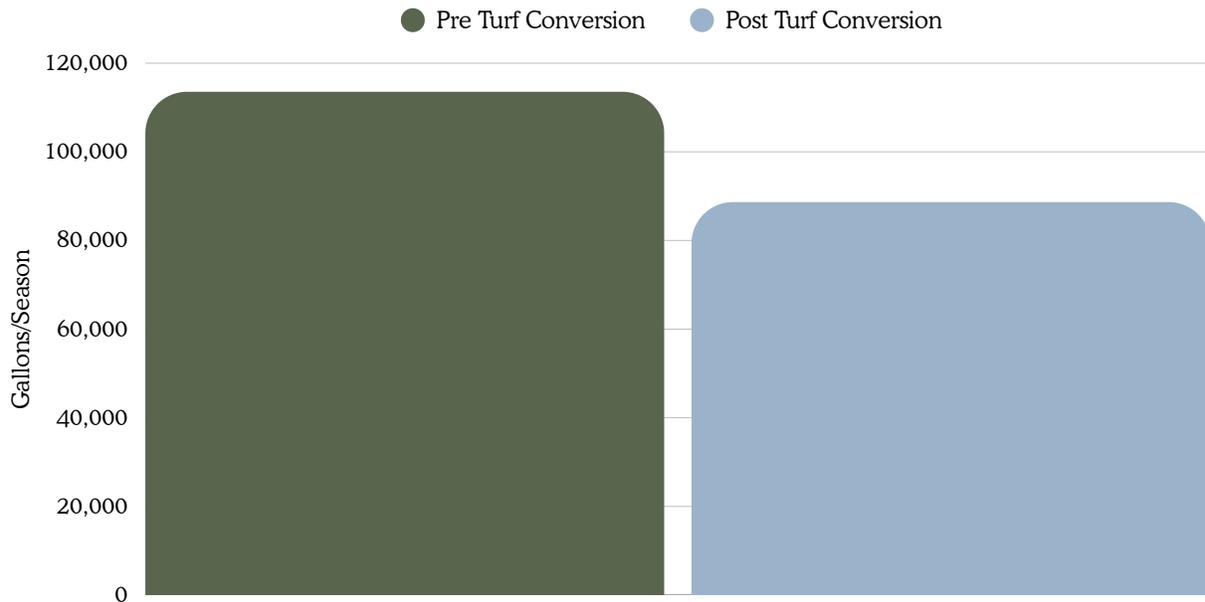
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Turf Removed

85,866 SQFT

Expected Landscape Water Requirements
Pre turf conversion project vs. post turf conversion project



On average, Beyond Lawn participants saved (per property)

24,882 gallons/season

0.08 acre feet/year

Rebate Applications

31

Rebates Awarded

\$114,074.99



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Irrigation Upgrades

2023 - 2025 (to date)



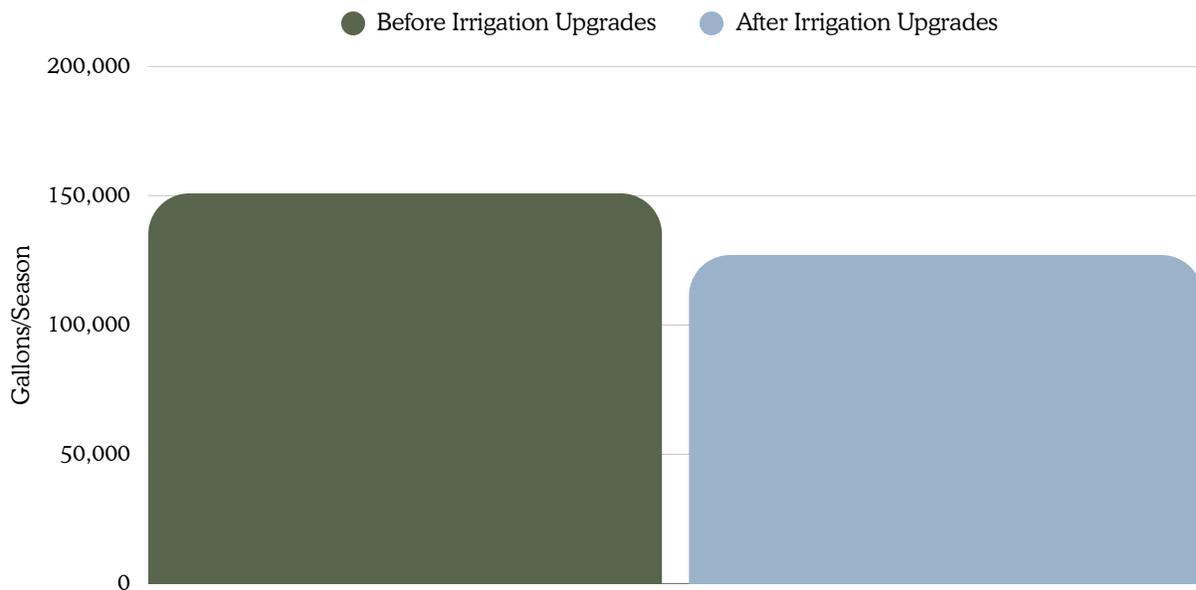
Management Plans Provided

148

**Management plans include recommended changes and irrigation scheduling*

Expected Water Savings

Calculated from "Cycle and Soak" and "Drip Conversion" upgrades



On average, Beyond Lawn participants saved (per property)

23,847 gallons/season

0.07 acre feet/year

Rebate Applications

18

Rebates Awarded

\$30,763.70



Impact Report

By the Numbers

2023 - 2025 (to date)



Sprinkler to Drip Conversions

15

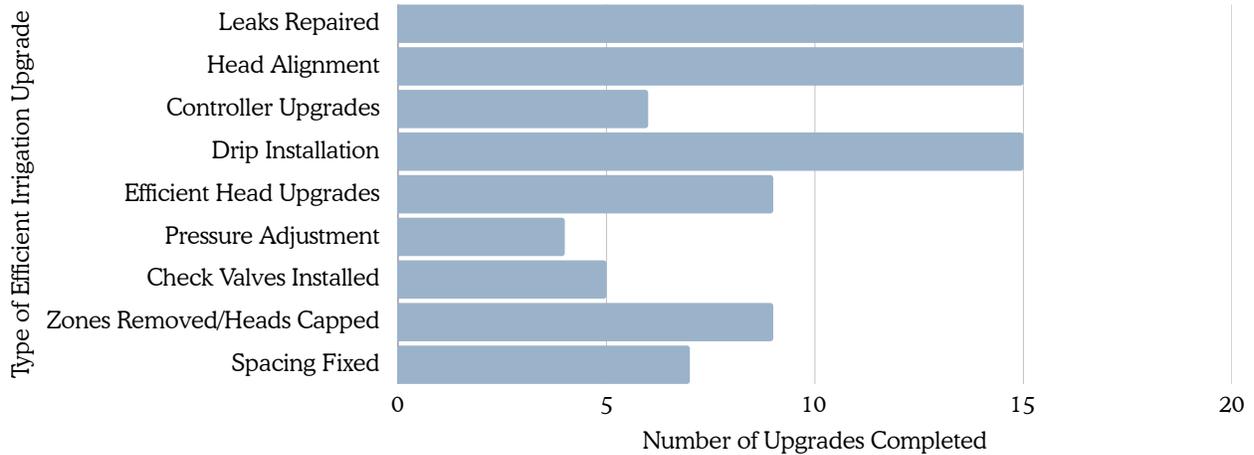
WBIC Controllers Installed

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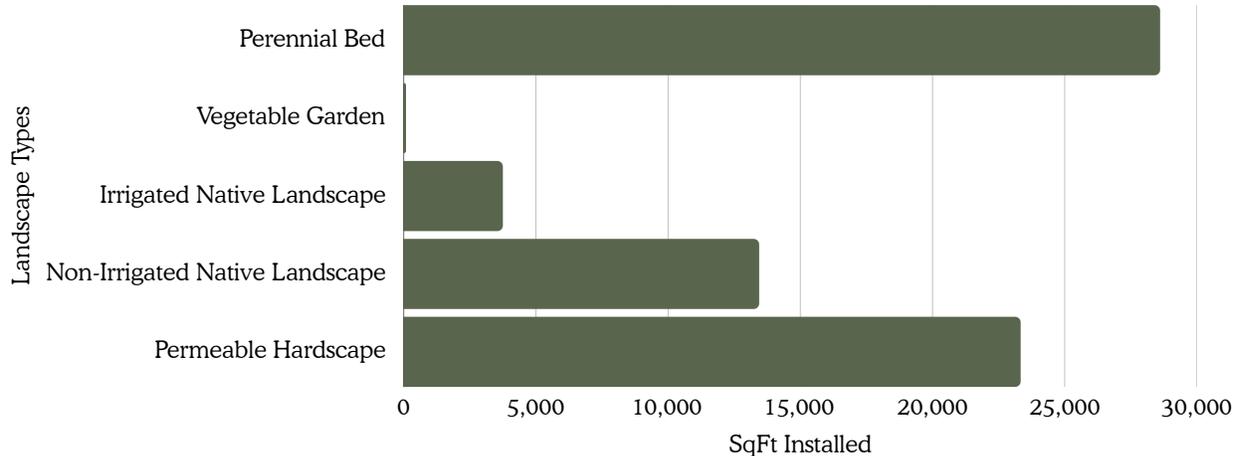
Leaks Repaired

15

Completed Efficient Irrigation System Upgrades



Landscape Types Installed After Turf Conversion



DIY Workshop Participants

175

Rain Barrels Sold

90

Public Presentations

17



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