



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Creation Care Committee Regional Grant Report August 1, 2023

The Creation Care Committee was established in late spring of 2022 to consider opportunities for greater stewardship and sustainability of the three-acres of St. Stephen's outdoor space. Scripture invites us, through the truth of God's saving grace in reconciling us to God, one another, and restoring right relationship with all of God's creation, especially the environment.

Our goals are:

1. Increase the environment stewardship and sustainability of our outdoor space
2. Serve the neighborhood community
3. Reduce the cost to maintain the grounds
4. Support the mission of St. Stephen's Church

Our priorities are:

Phase 1: *The Front Porch* – Reimagine property on the east side of the church adjacent to our main doors to create an affirming and safe space for all by the end of 2023

Phase 2: *Pollinator Education Garden* – North property around the Labyrinth by the end of 2024

Episcopal Regional Grant:

The Episcopal Regional Grant of \$8,000 received will go a long way to assist with Phase 1. We received quotes for concrete work. We will use a contractor that is right across from our church to partner with our neighbors. With some financial support from the City of Longmont, we purchased a number of the Garden in a Box Water Wise Plants that will be delivered later this month. Work is expected to start in early September on Phase 1, and we plan on having it complete by this November.

Conversation and Grant Partners:

Front Range Region, Episcopal Colorado

St. Stephen's Members – artists, plant lovers, and sustainability experts

Southmoor Park Neighborhood Association

Hope Bartlett- City of Longmont Water Conservation Specialist

St. Vrain Valley School District Career Elevation and Technology Center (CETC)

Resource Central Irrigation Evaluation and Garden in a Box

Denver Water

Denver Botanic Gardens Design Consultation

Conceptual Design:

Below are the artistic renditions of what we plan to complete this calendar year.



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St. Stephens Front



St. Stephens Entrance

