

## RESEARCH CORNER

### WATER '22

Water '22 is a year-long celebration of Colorado's water, spearheaded by Water Education Colorado and dedicated to the idea that "It all starts here." The Water '22 campaign was created to educate Coloradans about how the state's water is one of its most important resources and to encourage conservation and protection in order to mitigate the impacts of climate change in Colorado, which has led to persistent drought conditions.

Water '22 is calling upon all Coloradans to come together to collectively meet the urgency of the moment. Take the Water '22 pledge to engage in "22 Ways to Care for Colorado Water in 2022" at [Water22.org](http://Water22.org).

Engage in events and activities throughout 2022 including a statewide book club and author talks, volunteer days, film screenings, a student water awareness week in schools, a watershed beer competition, on-the-ground tours, and much more!

**Learn more at [water22.org](http://water22.org).**

### MILESTONE

2022 is a milestone year for water in Colorado. It's the year when the 2015 Colorado Water Plan will be updated. It is also the ...

**100<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the Colorado River Compact

**50<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the Clean Water Act

**20<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of Water Education Colorado

**85<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of legislation that created the Colorado Water Conservation Board, which guides water management in the state

### MOTHER OF RIVERS

Colorado is a headwaters state, sometimes called the "Mother of Rivers."

<b>18</b>	<b>40 million</b>	<b>16</b>
U.S. states and Mexico are served by Colorado headwaters	people rely on the Colorado River for their water	inches is the annual average precipitation in Colorado

### CONSERVATION

Water '22 is challenging Coloradans to save ...

<b>22</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>48 billion</b>
gallons (or more) of water every day	gallons per year per person	gallons per year for all of Colorado

● The yearly savings would total almost 150,000 acre-feet, or the size of Horsetooth Reservoir in Fort Collins or Green Mountain Reservoir near Kremmling.

### GO NATIVE BY LIMITING TURF IN LANDSCAPES

Reduce or omit thirsty bluegrass and replace with xeriscape and native, drought-tolerant plants and flowers. Check to see if your utility has rebates or incentive programs to help with turf removal and replacement.

### MAKE APPLIANCES DO THE DIRTY WORK

Use the dishwasher and washing machine instead of handwashing, and run your appliances only when full. Depending on your machines, you can save anywhere from 15-30 gallons per load by filling up and cutting a load.

### LET ONLY RAIN IN STORM DRAINS

Storm sewers drain directly to rivers with no treatment, so avoid dumping oil, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, etc. into them.

### LOSE THE LEAKS

Faucet and toilet leaks lead to lots of lost water, about seven gallons per day for a faucet and 200 for a toilet. Try these fixes: For a toilet leak, fix your flapper; for a faucet leak, replace the washer. Don't know if you have a leak? Try putting food coloring in the back tank. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.

## Small multimodal and economic resiliency grants open for applications as of Feb. 18

As of Feb. 18, this grant opportunity now has additional funding available to support small multimodal transportation projects across the state of Colorado.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to submit projects of up to \$150,000 that will support downtown vitality and the built environment, encourage economic development, support community access to public streets and multimodal transportation, and that imagine innovative uses of public spaces.

There is no set deadline for these grant applications as funds will be awarded on a rolling basis.

Applications may be submitted at any time to [cdotmainstreets@state.co.us](mailto:cdotmainstreets@state.co.us). Projects submitted before the last Wednesday of every month will be reviewed together, with grant awards made the following week. The goals of this grant opportunity include:

- Encouraging active transportation and healthy lifestyles through improvements to the vitality of downtowns, mixed-use centers, and community gathering spaces
- Supporting economic development and increase opportunities for businesses to thrive
- Imagining innovative uses of public spaces
- Supporting community access to the right of way that safely accommodates all modes of travel
- Providing safe access to opportunity and mobility for residents of all ages, incomes, and abilities, including vulnerable users.

The Small Multimodal and Economic Resiliency grant application form can be found at <https://bit.ly/3vCg1Tm>.

To review grant rules, eligibility, and selection process, visit <https://bit.ly/3Mil01j>.

Revitalizing Main Streets Program FAQs can be found at <https://bit.ly/3pznEWG>.

## New associate member highlight: MODSTREET

MODSTREET (<https://bit.ly/3sCDmSY>) helps communities with placemaking, revitalization, and re-envisioning of their Main Streets and downtowns.

MODSTREET has designed a state-of-the-art solution for restaurants, breweries, retailers, and communities, to offer guest service seating on sidewalks and in parking spaces.

MODSTREET's parklets, enclosures, and barricades are made of raw steel, making them safe for your patrons. All products are easily assembled with our revolutionary modular system. No construction means no downtime for your business



# MODSTREET

or community. Expand your business or community outdoors with safety, style, and ease with MODSTREET. Re-envision your downtown!

SAVE THE DATE

# BEFORE THE FIRE: PROTECTING THE WATER TOWERS OF THE WEST WATERSHED SUMMIT

March 24 - 25, 2022

Grand Junction, Colorado

[www.club20.org](http://www.club20.org)

