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Community Foundation of Northern Colorado

## Mrs. Walsh's Garden Now Open After Restoration Following Flood

Located on the far west end of Elkhorn Ave. lies Mrs. Walsh's Garden, a non-profit, public garden owned by the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. The devastating flooding Estes Park experienced in 2013 caused extensive damage to the garden, forcing it to close. After a massive effort to remove debris, control erosion, and reestablish the garden as well as to protect the slope and rock wall, Mrs. Walsh's Garden is now open to the public once more.

Established primarily to build a demonstration xeriscape garden, Mrs. Walsh's Garden showcases native plants that are viable in the Rocky Mountain area and the Estes Valley's altitude and climate. Mrs. Walsh's Garden was originally owned by Judy Lamy, who wanted to honor her grandmother who had once lived in the Estes Valley near where the garden now sits.

Judy generously gifted Mrs. Walsh's Garden to the Community Foundation in 2010, as well as a endowment fund now housed at the Foundation to support its maintenance. In preparation for its re-opening, new trees have been planted, new benches purchased, and new signage was erected. This effort to restore and reconstruct the garden will continue for years to come to ensure the enjoyment and safety of visitors.

Mrs. Walsh's Garden is open to visitors from dawn to dusk daily.

### **About the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado**

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