



State of Utah

SPENCER J. COX
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
Lieutenant Governor

Department of Natural Resources

JOEL FERRY
Executive Director

Division of Water Resources

CANDICE A. HASENYAGER
Division Director

February 27, 2023

Elk Ridge City
City Council
80 E. Park Dr.
Elk Ridge, UT 84651

Dear City Council Members and Staff,

The Utah Division of Water Resources (DWRe) is partnering with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) to incentivize turfgrass replacement in your service area. These rebates will be available to eligible areas on UtahWaterSavers.com this Spring. The Division of Water Resources is offering to match CUWCD's funding, giving properties the potential to receive an additional \$1.50/ft² of turfgrass removed.

In order to be eligible to receive matching DWRe funds, properties must reside in a city that has implemented minimum landscape water efficiency standards required by DWRe and CUWCD. These standards include:

- No lawn on parking strips or areas less than eight feet in width in new residential development.
- No more than 35% of front and side yard landscaped area in new residential developments is lawn. Lawn limitations do not apply to small residential lots with less than 250 square feet of landscaped area.
- In new commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family development common area landscapes, lawn areas shall not exceed 20% of the total landscaped area, outside of active recreation areas.

Our goal is to encourage cities to comply with the minimum landscape water efficiency standards outlined by the state and participating water districts. Communities are welcome to adopt additional standards, based on local need. To ensure your residents are eligible to receive incentives, please send a final copy of your landscape water efficiency standards to savannah@cuwcd.com for review.

This is an excellent opportunity to provide residents in your service area a greater financial incentive for landscape water conservation. The CUWCD and DWRe are available to assist and support communities in drafting and adopting landscape water efficiency standards. Please don't hesitate to reach out to either organization for assistance or questions related to program eligibility.