



# Artistic expression found through new public art



The Message in a Bottle mural at the Loveland Recycling Center was dedicated on July 9, 2022. More than 200 community members joined artists Jhonattan and Samantha Arango to paint the piece.

## Explore Loveland's public art with new self-guided mobile tour

Hailed as the second-Best Small Art Town in America by author John Villani, and home to the nation's largest juried outdoor sculpture show Sculpture in the Park, Loveland has long embraced art as a major part of its community.

Today, more than 560 public works of art are on display around Loveland. Art and sculpture are found in parks such as Benson Sculpture Garden and outside the Loveland Visitors Center; downtown; in the Loveland Museum, Loveland Public Library and City Hall; in front of businesses; in neighborhoods and even along major roadways.

New artwork is added annually, both works purchased by the City's Art in Public Places (AIPP) program and about 67% of the City's collection donated or on loan. AIPP is funded by the 1% contribution from all City of Loveland capital projects of \$50,000 or more. Several projects were added in 2022.

## Message in a Bottle mural by Art of Anon

This new mural is the first public artwork installation at the Loveland Recycling Center and celebrates the positive impact of the community's recycling efforts as well as the connected nature of humans and the natural world.

## Six New Benson Sculpture Garden Pieces

On July 9, 2022 the Loveland High Plains Arts Council dedicated six new donations to the City's AIPP collection in Benson Sculpture Garden: Abracadabra by Craig Campbell, On a Roll by Jack Hill, Hangin' Around by Mark Hopkins, Power of Thought by Victor Issa, Monarch Girl by Joe Norman and Open Window

by Ted Schaal.

## Madre Natura mural by Don Rimx

A colorful mosaic-like mural reflecting the history of Loveland with mother nature adorns the wall of the Beet Education Center on the corner of 5th Street and Cleveland Avenue.

## On the Horizon

New pieces are planned for 2023 including four large mosaic tile panels for the new First Street Bridge project, and a large sculptural element as part of the Madison Avenue corridor in north Loveland.

## Get Loveland's Self-Guided Public Art Tour

Download the free Otocast app then search for Loveland, CO. The tour features audio interviews with the artists, along with photos and directions to each location.

For more information visit [Lovelandpublicart.org](http://Lovelandpublicart.org).



## Loveland Fire Rescue Authority Wildfire Survey Now Open



The LFRA is developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and is seeking your input. Please share your insights and thoughts about your wildfire risk and community preparedness! The survey closes Feb. 5, 2023.

Scan QR Code for Survey



# New Year, New Internet! Use Pulse's Handy Guide to Help Determine What Type of Connectivity Will Serve You Best in 2023

Today's homes and businesses are brimming with connected devices - TVs, watches, phones, washing machines, health-monitoring jewelry, security devices, you name it! With Pulse's rock-solid fiber-optic network, Lovelanders can confidently stay connected no matter their streaming and internet needs. To think through the speed that makes sense for you, consider the total number of devices and how much bandwidth each one consumes.

## Counting Devices

Use the following list to ensure you don't miss any device.

-  Start with personal devices - laptop, tablet, cell phone, watch, gaming devices, etc.
-  Do the same for every other adult using the connection.
-  Think through all of the smart TVs, including televisions that use a streaming device (e.g., Amazon Fire Stick, AppleTV, etc.)
-  Count children's laptops, tablets, and cell phones.
-  Finally, count home devices like smart speakers (think Alexa-Echo or Google Home devices), doorbells (ex. Ring), irrigation controllers, security video cameras, appliances (robot vacuum to sous vides), thermostats, and security systems.

## Consider The Bandwidth

Bandwidth is the maximum capacity a connection can deliver. Higher bandwidth means more data can be sent to and from more devices. Remember, certain devices use more bandwidth than others. For example, 4K smart TVs use a lot to stream programs - so, if you have multiple smart TVs streaming simultaneously on a small bandwidth connection, you may experience buffering.

Whether using an internet connected mobile phone for a simple web search, or engaging in a more intensive activity like watching YouTube, if your kids are actively using their cell phones, expect they are consuming bandwidth. Laptops and tablets consume bandwidth for gaming or file sharing. Even your Echo smart assistance will take up bandwidth if you're streaming music while getting dinner prepared.

## Adding It All Up and Upgrading Your Connection

Upgrading your internet will improve the performance of all the devices in your home. Increasing connectivity ensures everyone can use their devices at the same time without experiencing slowdowns!

Selecting Pulse's My Gig - a gigabit of symmetrical connectivity per second - means that nobody needs to take turns on video conferences for work, or who streams which show or movie at a given time, or plays online games against their friends.

Give our friendly, locally-based Customer Service team a call **970-541-4990** so we can answer all your questions and help you choose the best internet speed plan to meet your device and bandwidth needs, or visit us online at [LovelandPulse.com](http://LovelandPulse.com)

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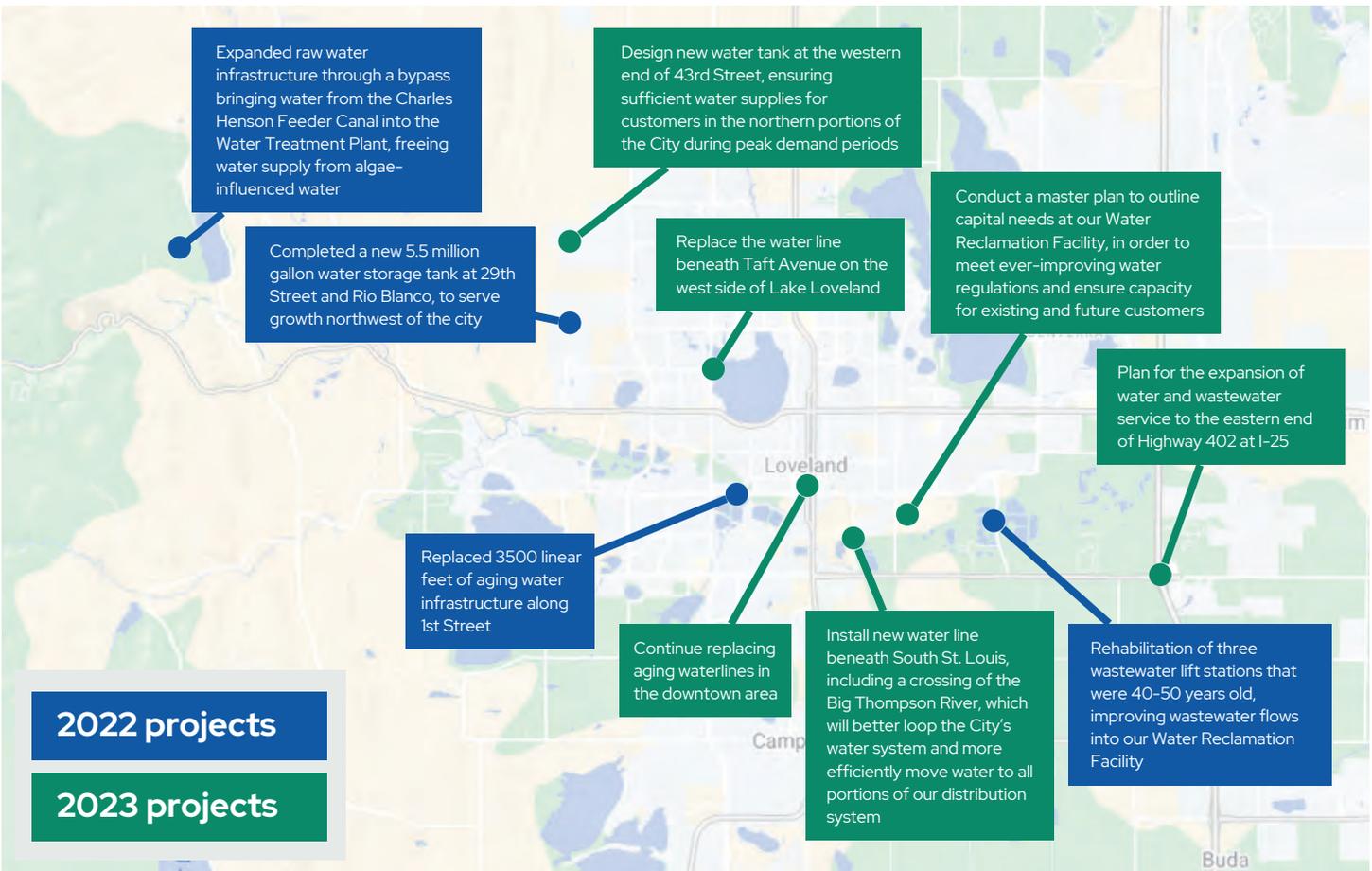
## 2022-2023 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Our water division at Loveland Water and Power (LWP) strives to provide excellent service to our customers through practical, reliable water and wastewater infrastructure. **Our accomplished water division conquered a variety of critical projects in our water system this year that will safeguard water quality and provide new resources for our growing community.**

One of our most critical missions is channeling high quality source water into our Water Treatment Plant. Loveland is fortunate to benefit from two sources of raw water: the Big Thompson River and Green Ridge Glade Reservoir, which is fed from water piped in from the Western Slope via the Colorado-Big Thompson project. This year, we enhanced our water infrastructure by completing a bypass that will bring water straight from the Charles Hanson Feeder Canal into our Water Treatment Plant just south of the reservoir - allowing us to bring in water free of algae that occurs in the

late summer in the reservoir. We're also focused on ensuring reliable wastewater service for our customers. In 2022 we rehabilitated three wastewater lift stations that pump wastewater from low portions of our collection system to get wastewater to our Water Reclamation Facility, which treats wastewater for re-use. These lift stations were all 40-50 years old, and received new pumps, upgraded controls, backup generators, pipe replacements, and coating of critical wetwells and manholes that experience degradation caused by corrosive hydrogen sulfide that's produced by wastewater off gassing.

The plan for the new year includes projects that allow our utility to meet ever-evolving water regulations. We will also continue work to increase capacity for future growth of our city. Check out the map below to review our most impactful projects of 2022, and what's ahead in 2023.



## TRANSFORMER SHORTAGE IMPACTING NEW DEVELOPMENT

Like all electric utilities around the nation, we've been impacted by limited manufacturing capacity and supply chain shortages for pad-mounted electrical transformers. As you may know, transformers step down high primary voltages to specific secondary voltages suitable for developments. Without transformers, we can't provide power to customers.

Due to the nationwide shortage, estimated ship dates for new transformers extend beyond one year. Certain manufacturers are no longer estimating ship dates.

A transformer is needed for virtually all new development. As a result, we must depend on our available transformer inventory to meet demands for commercial projects currently under development. Our inventory of certain electrical transformers is very low - and for some sizes, exhausted. As a result, we cannot guarantee transformers for certain projects will be available before 2024. It's highly likely that certain commercial projects already under construction will be delayed due to this issue.

**In response we're exhausting our resources and investigating every option to keep projects moving for all our customers - including procuring transformers through alternative channels and refurbishing used transformers.** LWP has implemented a transformer allocation policy in 2022 stating that a project will be



allocated a transformer from our inventory only upon satisfactory completion of a permanent meter set inspection. If a project has satisfied that condition, but no transformers are in stock, the project will be added to the queue to receive a transformer from the next available shipment. We understand that this issue may adversely impact completion timelines for new developments. LWP will continue to communicate transparent information about the status of the shortage as it continues. If you receive questions about this issue, please contact Frank Lindauer, Acting Power Director at 970-962-3707 and Frank.Lindauer@CityofLoveland.org.

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**We look forward to hearing from you!**