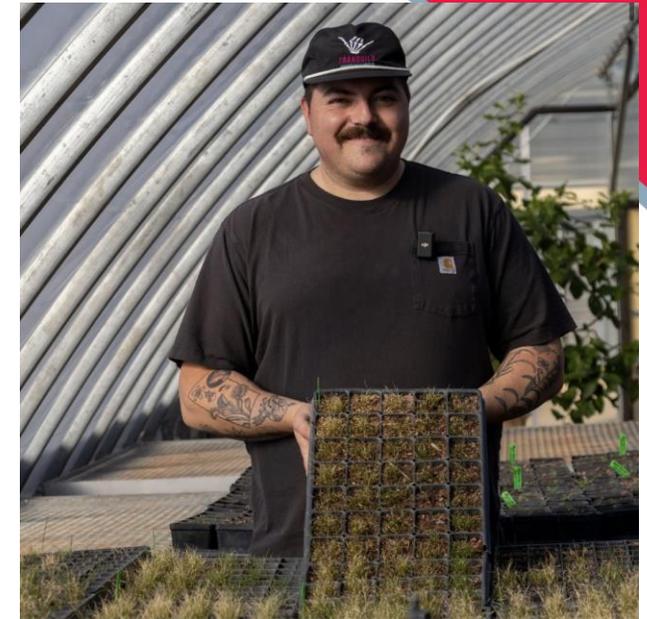


HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS IN PRCs



Alex Crochet, City Horticulturist



CITY HORT AND H.A.S. ONGOING COLLABORATIONS

- Growing seedlings for H.A.S. operations.
- Collaborative volunteer days.
- Annual lecture, very popular!
- Lots of crossover between H.A.S, CONPS, and City Horticulture.



- Community Seeding and Transplanting Events engaged over 100 volunteers in 2025.
- Governor's Convention For Tourism Volunteer day, many Statewide Municipalities joined!
- Colorado Native Plant Society and H.A.S Volunteer days are hugely popular. We often have to cap attendance.
- Jeffco research using our planting techniques prove how valuable our methods are for revegetation.
- Coming partnership with Lisa Pace and the Colorado Springs Utilities!
- 15,000 annuals grown this year, 15,000 native plants grown, 3,000 shrubs seeded and grown with volunteers.
- 35 annual flower beds converted to native/perennial beds on the SIMD medians in 2025. More conversions to come in 2026, totaling around 50!
- RMPBS Article!

Community engagement is paramount to City Horticulture





- Our fundraiser was a massive success. Apx \$24,000 was raised. The money went into the Greenhouse Gift Trust. The funds raised have gone toward the construction of our Outdoor Learning Lab, as well as much needed maintenance and upgrades to the Greenhouse and Education Complex.
- Multiple news agencies reported on the fundraiser, bringing in tons of community members.
- We were close to selling out by day two of three!
- Apx 3,000 plants were distributed.
- All plants at the fundraiser were surplus plants.

EXCITING ADDITIONS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- An exciting outdoor learning lab is well on its way! Shade sails get installed soon, and community programming is being developed alongside CoNPS and other local organizations.
- We intend on offering many learning opportunities to residents and PRCS staff alike.
- School tours are being scheduled for the 2026 growing season.





EXCITING ADDITIONS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



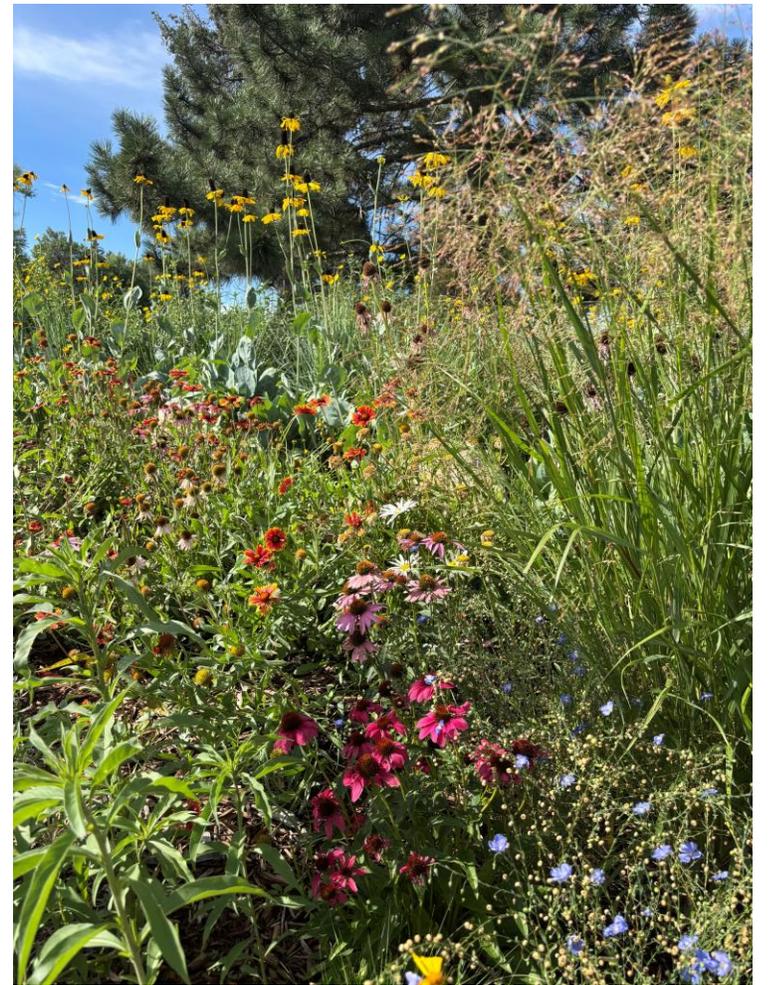




Memorial Park in late May



Newly Planted Duck Pond, MVP



Memorial Park in August



Goose Gossage Complex in June



Wahsatch & Fontanero N,
SIB bed



City Greenhouses



Memorial Park in July

Flower beds throughout the City



Lifting plant material prior to a construction project at Frank Castello Park



Hundreds of specimens collected, native flora surveyed for post project reveg



Lifted specimens repotted, ready for reveg



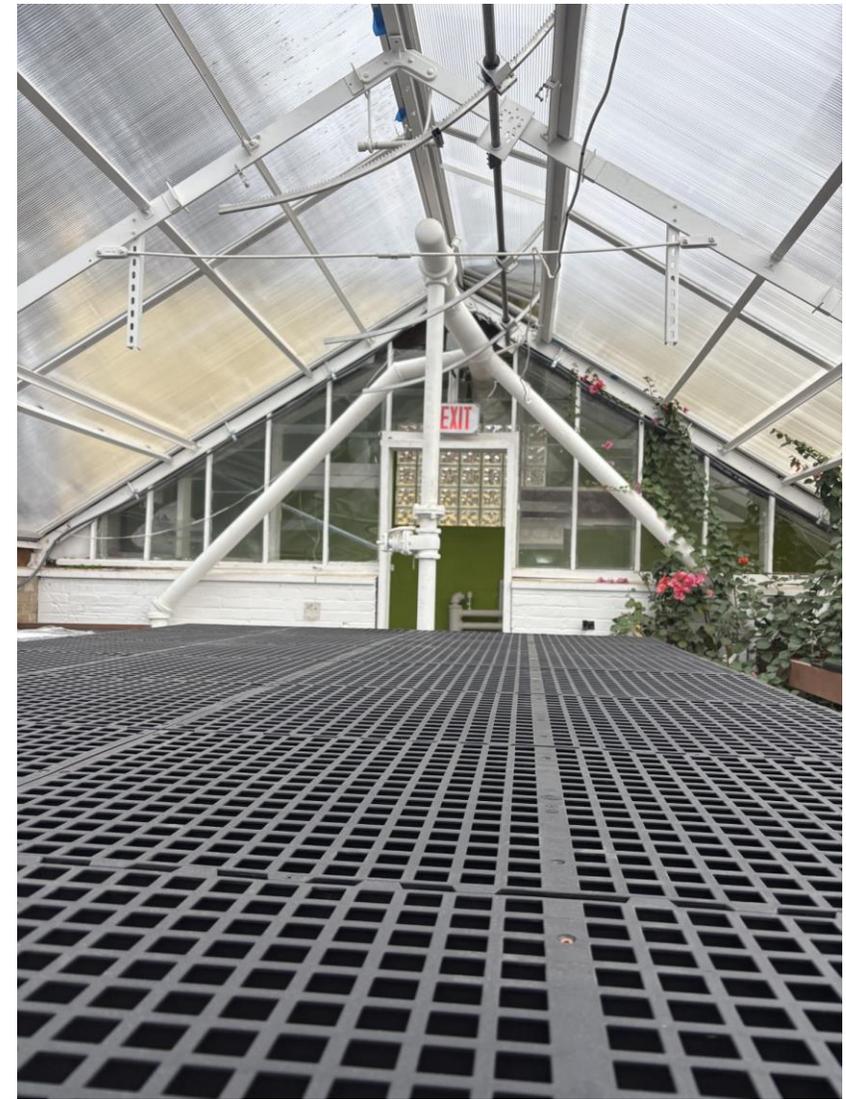


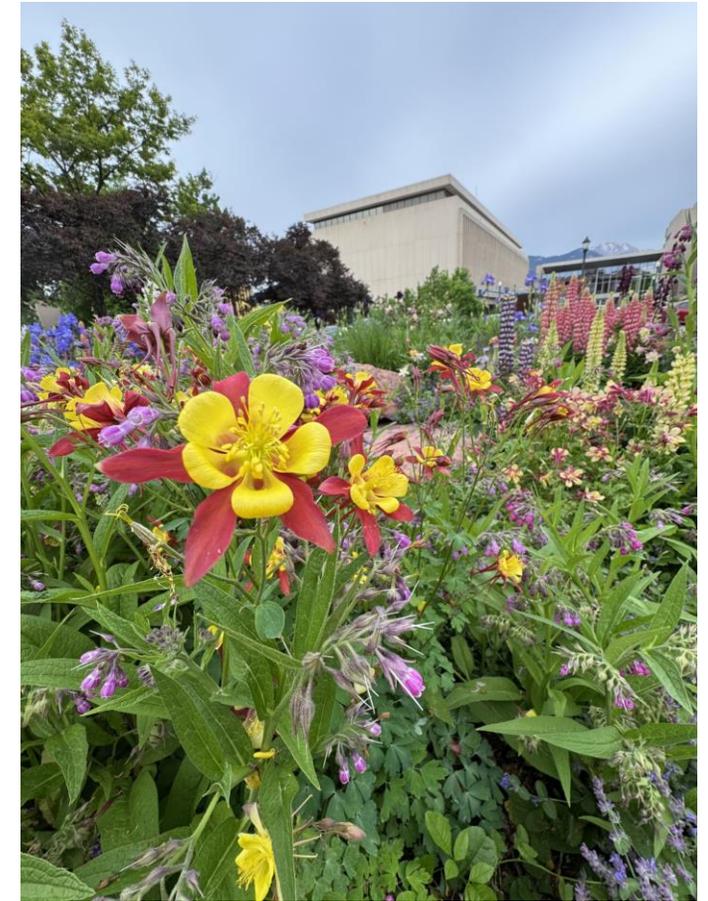
- Seed collections both in open spaces and in cultivated gardens allow us to grow native plants that aren't typically available in the trade. These plants are very drought tolerant and allow us to use genetically diverse plants in landscapes and revegetation alike.
- Seeds collected with GOG rangers will be used to reveg sensitive areas in the Garden. This also served as training for the rangers in seed collection techniques.
- We hope to help teach more PRCS staff best practices in Horticulture, so parks may see more and more flowerbeds.





- New seed library constructed. This is both an education tool, as well as an updated and organized way of storing the seeds we collect from open spaces, Horticulture Dept maintained beds, and donated seeds.
- Construction of burned historic greenhouses almost completed.





2026 Focuses:

- Data collection, implementation of new Redbud inventory Software
- Community engagement
- Paint the City in flowers
- Sustainability
- Being the thought leaders of Horticulture in Colorado and beyond
- Collaboration PRCSwide and beyond!

Thank you!