



Looking Ahead: Loveland's 2025 Infrastructure Projects

As you drive through Loveland this year, you'll notice improvements happening across the city, funded by local taxes, grants, and fees. These projects enhance roads, parks, and public spaces to benefit the community.

Fully Funded Projects

From March to September, the **Street Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program (SMRP)** repairs over 380 miles of streets through five street treatments. Funded by TABOR excess revenue, street maintenance fees, and developer contributions, SMRP extends the life of City roads.

The **US 34 & Taft Avenue Intersection Improvement Project** continues in 2025 with road infrastructure improvements to ease congestion and enhance safety. Partnering with CDOT, the project will finish the northern portion of Taft Avenue. Water, power, and stormwater utility upgrades were completed in 2024. Funding included grants, TABOR excess, general fund, Capital Expansion Fees (CEFs) and the Water Enterprise Fund that were collected over the past 10 years (2013-2023).

Construction for the **Heart Improvement Plan (HIP)** will give 4th Street enhanced roads, sidewalks, and utilities while making downtown Loveland more walkable and business friendly. The \$24.5 million project will be paid for through a mix of Utility Enterprise Funds and contributions from the Downtown Development Authority. This project is not financially supported through the general fund.

New Parks and Open Spaces

Willow Bend Park & Natural Area (opening this spring) will feature the City's first universally accessible playground. The 12-acre park also includes a turf sports field, large picnic pavilion, walking trails and restrooms. The connected natural area will provide 150-acres of recreation space including walking trails and an accessible fishing dock. The project is funded by CEFs, Larimer County Open Space Sales Tax, the Conservation Trust, and over \$2 million in federal and state grants.

The Wild Natural Area (opening this spring) on Highway 34 at Glade Road, spans 22 acres with direct access to the

Big Thompson River. The property features parking, restroom facilities, a half-mile walking trail and fishing opportunities, funded by Larimer County Open Space Sales Tax and a CDOT grant. This project is not supported by general fund dollars.

Help Shape Future Projects

The City seeks public input on two major projects still in the funding process:

- **Highway 287 Flood Mitigation Project**
This project aims to replace the Highway 287 bridge and restore the Big Thompson River corridor to reduce flood risks. If a FEMA grant is approved, design work will continue in 2025, with public feedback shaping the final plan.
- **US 34 & Highway 287 Intersection Reconstruction**
Scheduled for winter 2025 (pending funding), this project will improve one of Loveland's busiest corridors. Public input is needed before plans move forward.

The Pulliam Community Building, a historic downtown landmark built in 1936, is nearly restored. It will serve as a community event space. The City is finalizing an operational plan that fits within its budget constraints. This project is funded through the City's general fund.

For updates on water, power, and wastewater projects, visit lovewp.org/projects.

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FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

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Photos (left to right): The Alexander Mountain Fire burns land west of Green Ridge Glade Reservoir, Loveland, CO; A Damage Survey Report identifies burn areas from moderate (yellow) to severe (red) and areas of particular concern (circled).

Grant to mitigate impacts from Alexander Mountain Fire

In January 2025 **Loveland Water and Power (LWP)** secured a preliminary Emergency Watershed Protection Grant of approximately \$797,500 from the **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** to mitigate fire impacts within a portion of the Big Thompson Watershed affected by the Alexander Mountain Fire. Twenty-five percent of this amount is a match from the utility and partner organizations like Larimer County.

The fire burned approximately 9,668 acres in Larimer County in July and August of 2024. Land impacted by this wildfire is vulnerable to erosion and extreme runoff events, especially in monsoon season, which could compromise one or more of Loveland’s three primary water sources — the Big Thompson River, Green Ridge Glade Reservoir and Hanson Feeder Canal. Such events could impact drinking water at the **Loveland Water Treatment Plant**, which serves over 80,000 people.

“Total organic carbon is a concern,” said Andy Fayram, LWP source water coordinator and grant manager. “Chlorine disinfects our drinking water, but it can react with elevated levels of natural organic material, such as carbon from ash, to produce potentially harmful byproducts that may be carcinogenic — something we want to avoid.”

Using drones and onsite assessments, LWP and NRCS developed a damage survey report to map the fire area and identify locations where mitigation is most needed. A consultant with expertise in fire response strategies will advise a course of preemptive actions to address erosion and debris flow and restore ecological processes; these may include projects that involve cutting trees, replanting vegetation and building log jams — efforts that will allow the ash and sediment to settle.

Private landowners affected by the fire will participate in the decision-making process. Depending on recommendations from the consultant, various contractors will complete the mitigation projects.

Fayram said, “The Alexander Fire impacts should be straightforward to address, but the next fire we get could be much bigger. This grant gives us a practice run that will help us prepare and scale up if needed. It’s a learning process, and I think we can do good work in the interim.”



Do you have a power story to tell?

As part of our 100 Years of Power anniversary, Loveland Water and Power is collecting oral stories about our community-provided electric service that are inspirational, funny, factual and all points between. Did you grow up in Loveland? Perhaps you have a story to share from when you were a kid. A selection of stories will be included in an exhibit this summer at the Loveland Museum of Art.

If you're interested in participating, record a message that's two minutes or less by calling **970-962-3008**. **Your stories are part of our history, and we want to hear from you!**

Loveland Water and Power celebrates Women's History Month

Edith Clarke, architect of power

- First female electrical engineering professor in the U.S.
- First female electrical engineer at General Electric
- Holder of three patents, the first for the Clarke Calculator, a tool used in future electrical transmission breakthroughs
- Second patent focused on determining the maximum safe power load for power lines
- First U.S. woman electrical engineer to design the turbine system for Hoover Dam



Edith Clarke (b. 1883), right, played a critical role in the rapid expansion of the North American electric grid during the 1920s and '30s.



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