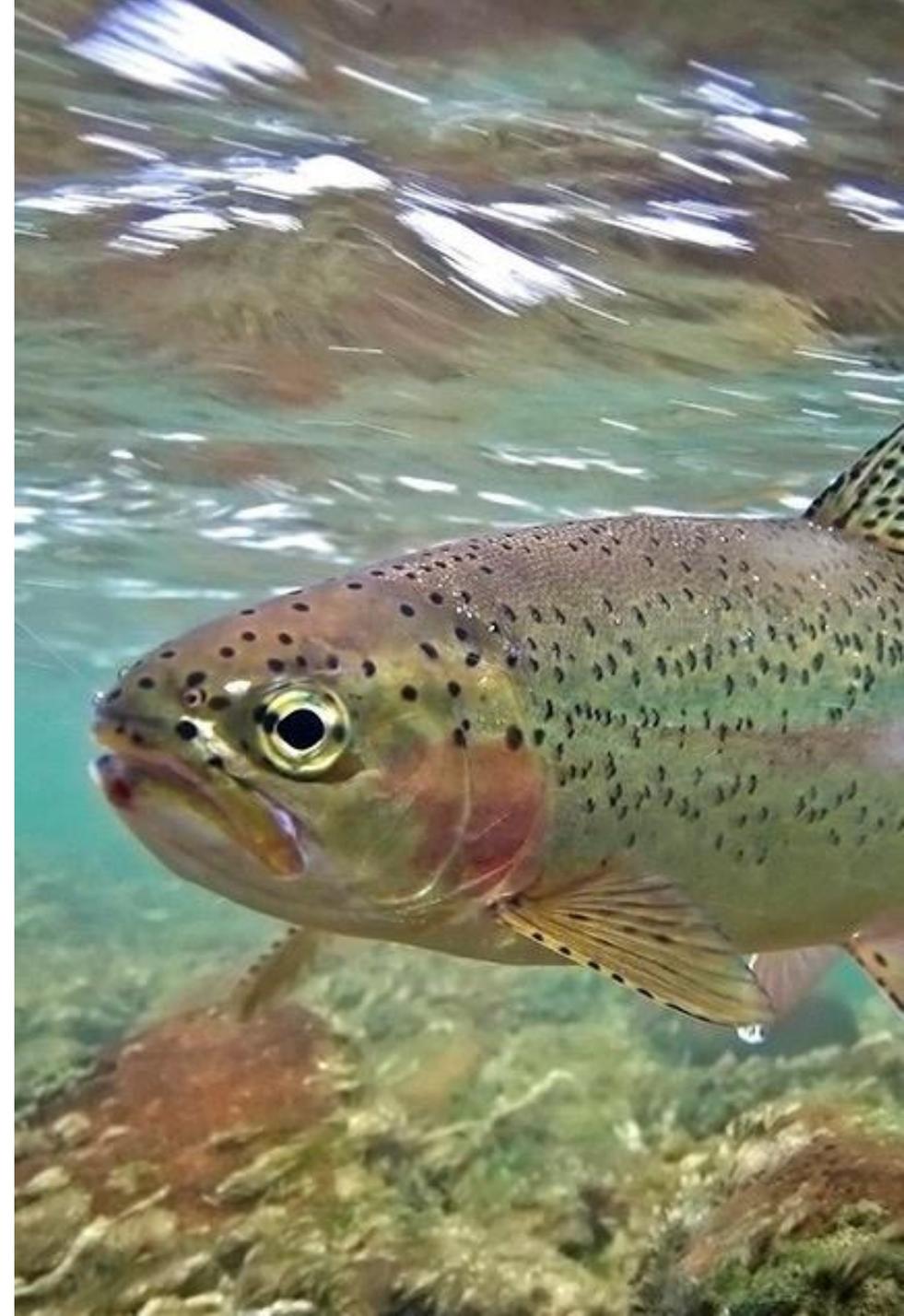


Denver Water

Council Member Sawyer Community Cabinet

Aug. 5, 2025





**Who is Denver
Water?**

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Who is Denver Water?

- Established in 1918.
- Serves 1.5 million people (25% of the state's population) with <2% of the water used in the state.
- Water supply comes from snowmelt in the Rocky Mountains feeding the South Platte and Colorado rivers.
- 3,000 miles of pipe; 20,000+ hydrants; 80,000+ valves; 20 dams; 12 reservoirs; four treatment plants; 20 pump stations.
- 4,000 square miles of watershed.



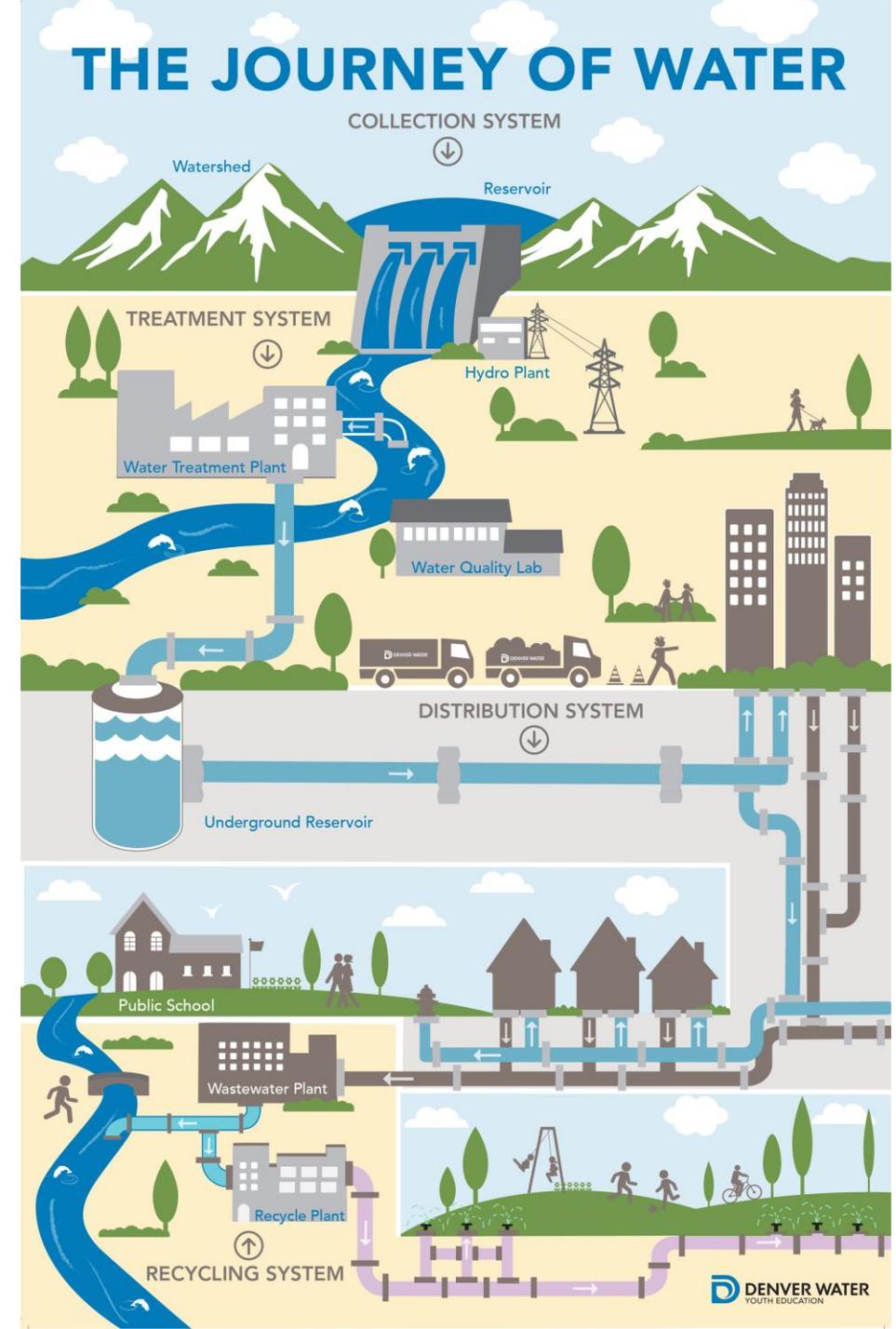
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WATER COLLECTION AREAS

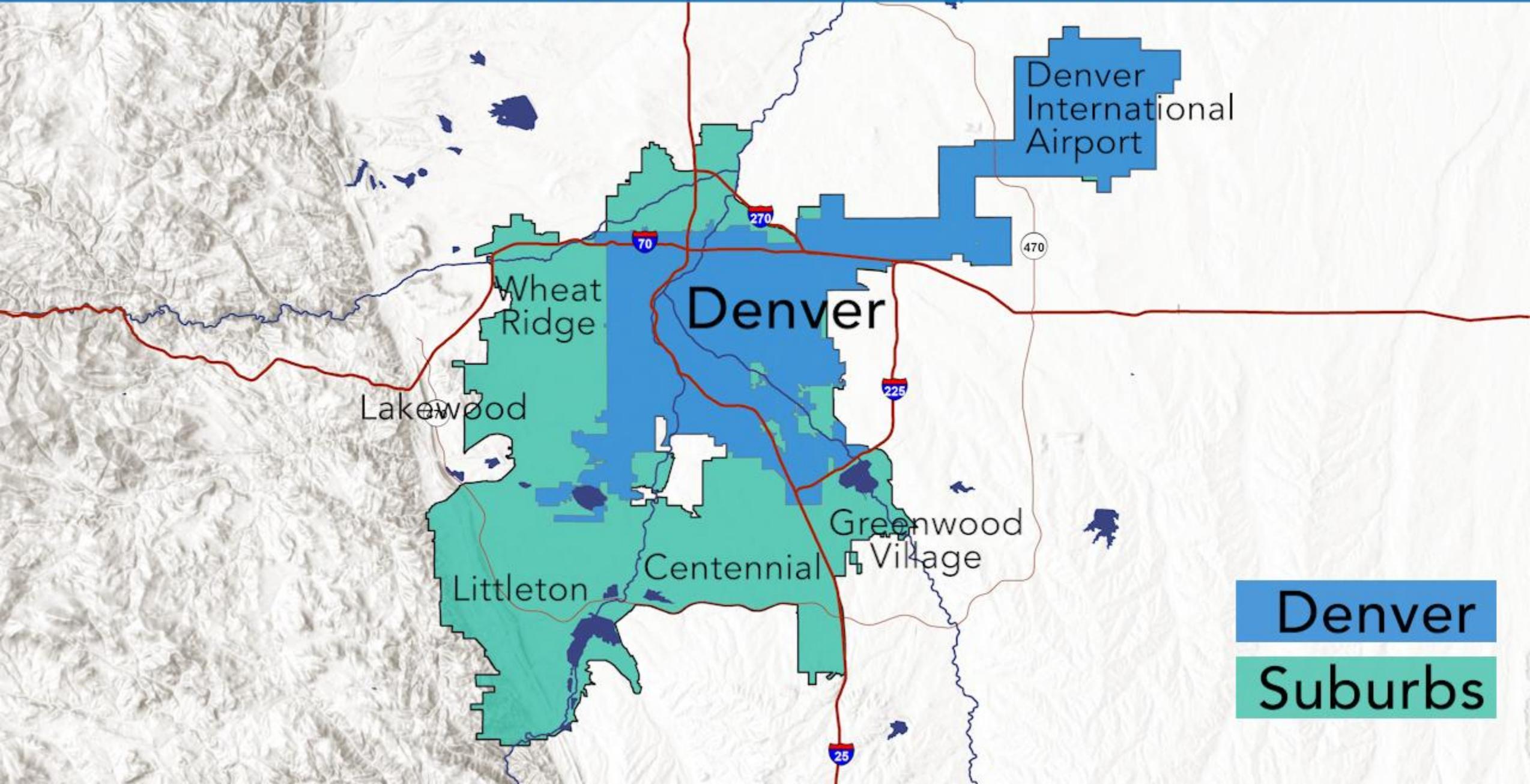


Who is Denver Water?

- Denver Water's South System captures water from the Blue and South Platte River Basins. This water is stored in reservoirs running through Park, Douglas and Jefferson Counties.
- From these reservoirs, water is sent to the metro area through a system of streams, canals and pipes.
- After treatment, drinking water is fed by both gravity and pumps to a system of underground, clean-water reservoirs before continuing to homes or businesses.



CUSTOMER SERVICE AREA



Significant Denver Water initiatives:

Landscape transformation

Watering rules

Capital/pipe replacement program





Landscape Transformation:

- Colorado River Water Utility MOU, Aug. 24, 2022
- Reduce non-functional turf grass by 30% (75,000,000 sq. ft.).

Landscape Transformation

- Residential initiatives, like Garden in a Box, Slow the Flow, workshops and our turf replacement program.
- Commercial initiatives include rebates for smart irrigation controls and for System Development Charges.
- Community partnerships focus on disproportionately impacted neighborhoods, with a goal of working with communities to increase resiliency, beautify landscapes and increase biodiversity.



Summer Watering Rules

A simple way to keep your landscape healthy and protect our water supply now and in the future.



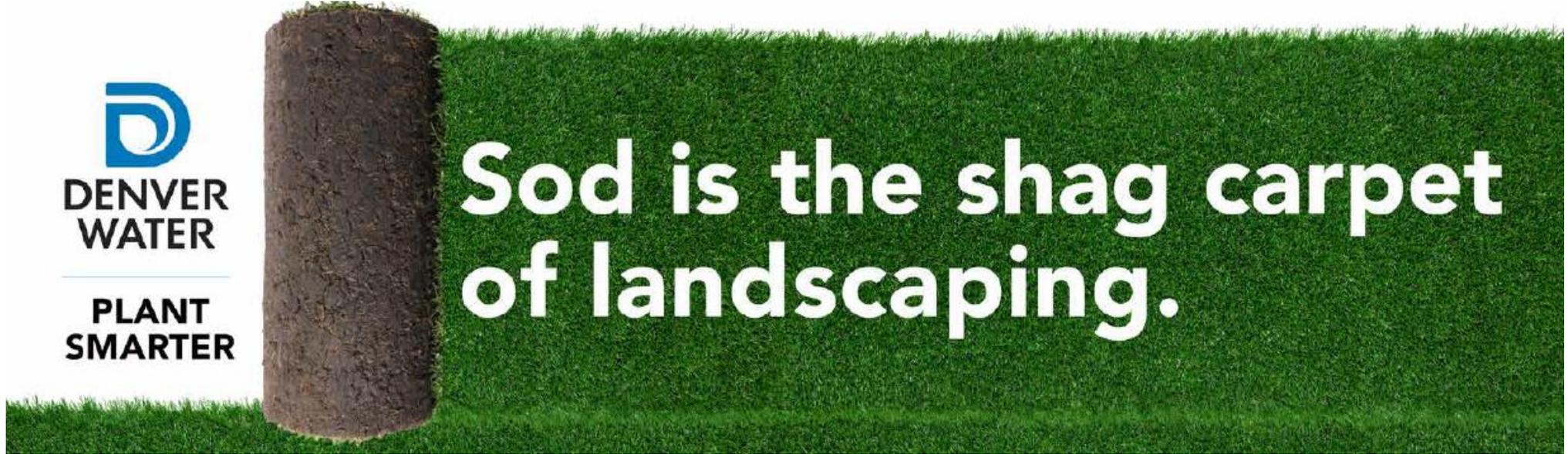
2025 water efficiency campaign



PLANT
SMARTER



Sod is the shag carpet of landscaping.



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Watering in the middle of the day?
That's like buying shoes for your dog.

Don't waste it.



¿Regar al mediodía? Como calzar al perro.

NO LA MALGASTES.



splashstreet boys

water tuesday (splashstreet's back)



Capital projects and pipe replacement program:
Meeting day-to-day challenges and addressing long-range issues, from the mountains to homes and businesses across the Denver metro area.



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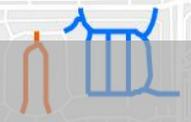
Gross Reservoir Expansion: Securing our water future

- The project will raise the dam by 131 feet, nearly tripling storage capacity from 42,000 to 119,000 acre-feet (AF).
- Adds 72,000 AF for customer use and 5,000 AF for environmental stream flows.
- Helps balance Denver Water's North and South systems, improving flexibility and resilience.
- Supports water security amid climate change, drought and wildfire risks.

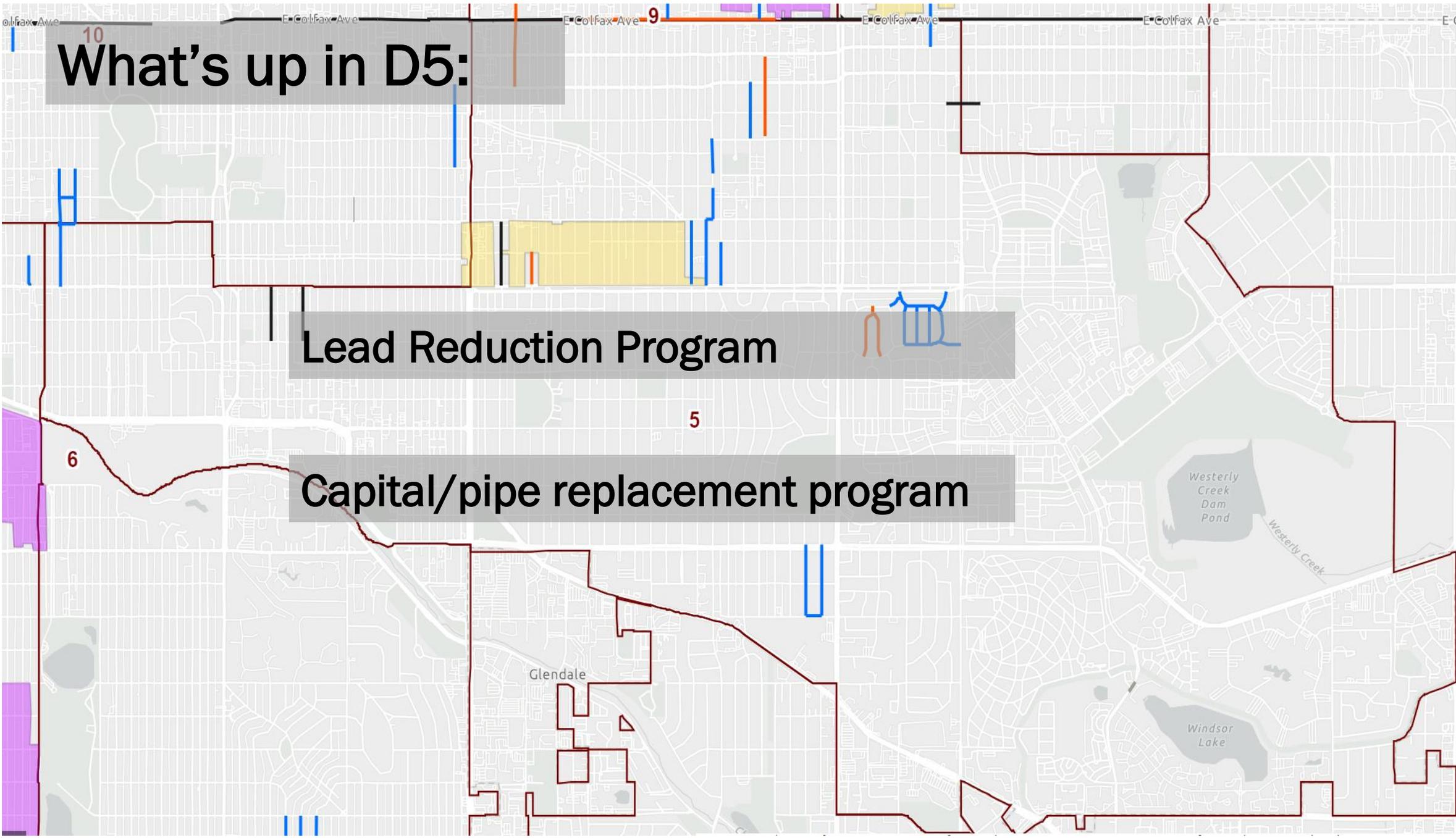


What's up in D5:

Lead Reduction Program



Capital/pipe replacement program



Pipe replacement program: Investing in reliable water infrastructure

- Replacement reasons include:
 - Preventing main breaks.
 - Replacing aging or corroded pipes.
 - Improving water quality and hydrant flow.
- Ongoing work:
 - Montclair.
 - Hill Top.
 - Bellaire Street.

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Lead Reduction Program: Protecting public health

- Estimated 60,000–64,000 homes may have lead service lines.
 - To date, 34,000 have been replaced.
- Denver Water replacing these lines with copper pipes at no direct cost to customers.
- Prioritization is based on:
 - Risk to infants and children.
 - Density of lead service lines.
 - Coordination with other construction.
- Ongoing work in the Hale neighborhood.

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