

# Native Colorado

ESTABLISHING NATIVE GRASS

## Why Native Grass?

The landscape design of this community includes highly manicured areas along with more natural areas that use native plants. The native plants provide a beautiful hardy, drought-resistant, low maintenance landscape while benefiting the environment. Native plants, once established, save the Homeowner's Association time and money by eliminating or significantly reducing the need for fertilizers, pesticides, water and lawn maintenance equipment.

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## Native plants require fewer pesticides and do not require fertilizers

Millions of pounds of pesticide and fertilizers are applied to Bluegrass and turf lawns every year. As a result, excess phosphorous, nitrogen, poisons and heavy metals (the main components of pesticides and fertilizers) run off into gutters, drainages and water supplies causing problems in the immediate water supply as well as regional reservoirs.

## Native plants require less water and lawn maintenance

The typical Colorado lawn requires over 1-inch of water every week during the growing season to thrive. In Colorado this accounts for approximately 70% of the water consumption. However, the native grasses selected for this development need only a fraction of the water. In fact, once established there is no longer a need for irrigation.

## The native grasses take several years to establish

During this establishment period there will be annual weeds that will be controlled with maintenance. Once established, the weeds will be minimal and the native grasses will provide an aesthetically pleasing, natural landscape similar to the native grasslands that have been here for centuries.

Most of the perimeter areas were seeded with the native seed in the spring or the fall and used the natural moisture for establishment. In areas where the wind or excess moisture has eroded the soils and seeds, the areas will be reseeded.

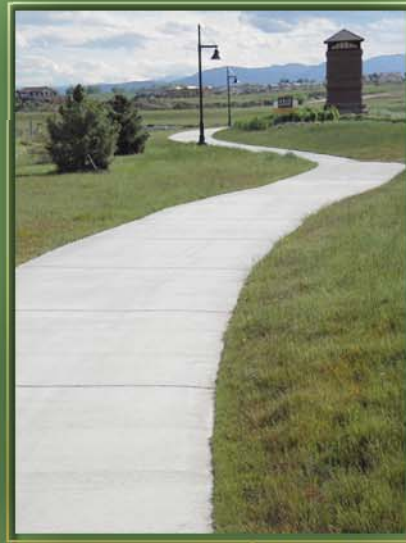
The native grasses continue their sustainability by dropping new seeds every year. Therefore, it is critical to mow at the proper time to control the weeds and still allow the

grasses to reseed. You will notice that sometimes the grasses are left all winter to drop their seeds and other times the areas will be mowed and the clippings left instead of cleaned up to allow reseeding and protective mulch for next year's seeds.

This design and maintenance approach throughout this development will result in a beautiful, natural landscape accented with manicured parks and landscape areas complemented by native grasses for your enjoyment.



1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR



2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR



3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR



4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

