

Stratton Meadows

Regenerative Neighborhood Project

Cultivating a vibrant and regenerative community ecosystem that connects people to nature and to each other



Project Overview

The Stratton Meadows Regenerative Neighborhood Project is a living model of the regenerative power of ecological landscaping, energy-efficient retrofits, and community collaboration in urban neighborhoods.

With a focus on local action, the project uses scaleable, permanent, and collaborative systems that can be replicated in other urban areas to systemically mitigate climate risk and build more resilient and connected communities. Funded by climate outcome credits, the project allows businesses to invest locally while offsetting their carbon emissions and reducing the carbon footprint of the city.



Our Story

In June 2021, Kelly Bull moved into a drafty 1950's home with a sparse landscape in a neighborhood with minimal community interaction. The addition of insulation and solar panels greatly increased the energy efficiency of the home and after transforming her yard from a depleted weed lot into a water-wise, productive, and biodiverse landscape, neighbors began to talk. A neighborhood garden club formed and sparked a growing sense of community and pride. Neighbors experienced the impact one yard can have on a community and the environment, and now they can envision the impact an entire neighborhood will have.



Project Developer

Kelly Bull

- Permaculture & Land Restoration Designer
- Local Community Organizer & Activist
- Education & Outreach Specialist
- Passionate Visionary
- Stratton Meadows Resident



Goals

- Maximize community and environmental vitality and resilience
- Reduce emissions
- Sequester carbon
- Generate revenue to reinvest locally



Why Stratton Meadows?

Designated by the city as a neighborhood at risk of gentrification and displacement, residents need an avenue for equitable development and a self-determined future.

Located minutes from downtown Colorado Springs, surrounding a municipal community center, and on a street with a public bus route and frequent pedestrian and bicycle traffic, the location makes an excellent demonstration site.

Most residents lack any landscaping, and the physical transformation and measurable climate outcome data will be remarkable.

Downtown Colorado Springs (2 mi)



Financial Innovation

We're exploring a hybrid model that utilizes grants, impact investors, and the generation of saleable, outcomes-based climate credits that fund projects locally while offsetting buyers' carbon emissions.



18 month plan

- Expand team of local stakeholders
- Finalize master plan
- Implement pilot neighborhood block
- Document process for future replication

DID YOU KNOW?

Trees in urban forests sequester carbon quicker than those in large forests and provide essential tree canopy that reduces urban heat.