Park Strip Lawn Conversion Program

Program Summary

The Park Strip Lawn Conversion program is designed to conserve water while enhancing the landscaped area between the curb and sidewalk, commonly known as the park strip. This program is offered to Ogden City homeowners of single-family properties. The incentive will apply to the entire landscaped length of the park strip up to 8 feet in depth. Successful applicants could receive up to *$2.50* per square foot of converted water-efficient landscaping within the park strip.

Application Process

To ensure positive implementation of the program, Ogden City is requiring an application, education, review, and inspection process. This process will include multiple steps, where an applicant will become educated on water efficient landscaping practices by meeting with city staff and attending a mandatory class, hosted by Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. The applicant will then be prepared to design and submit plans for review and obtain necessary permits. The following process outlines what is required to receive the incentive.

Preliminary Planning Phase

Applicant must first create an account at ***UtahWaterSavers.com*** and fill out the required information for the program. The applicant will then meet with the Ogden City Planning Department. The homeowner will be provided agreements with Ogden City and Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. The Participation Agreement will need to signed and notarized. The applicant must also supply a W-9 form.

The applicant will then schedule a site visit with the Ogden City Water Conservation Coordinator (**801-629-8329)** to assess the current site conditions, such as existing plant materials and irrigation. During the site visit, the Conservationist will take measurements, photos of the park strip, and discuss the program details, such as resources, design ideas, mandatory class information, and application requirements.

The applicant will be required to attend the mandatory Weber Basin "Flip your Strip" course. The course curriculum will cover basics regarding water efficient design principles, plant and irrigation materials, installation of plant and irrigation materials, and general maintenance. This course will prepare the applicant for the next steps in the process to design and install a water-efficient park strip.

Plan Review and Permitting

To ensure quality design and code compliance, the applicant is required to submit a detailed irrigation and landscape plan to the Planning Department for review. The landscape plan needs to show the various landscaping materials, including types of ground cover and plant species. The irrigation plan will need to show a proper drip irrigation setup, including a strainer and pressure regulating valve downstream of each zone valve. The system shall provide efficient distribution and match the water demand of the specified vegetation while limiting waste on non-irrigable areas. Irrigation systems supplied by culinary water shall adhere to current backflow requirements as outlined within Ogden City Municipal Code. A City Planner and the Water Conservationist will review the plans for compliance. Upon approval, the applicant will receive an approved set of plans and obtain a land use permit.

If removing hard surfaces in the park strip or any major excavation is proposed an additional right-of-way permit is necessary. The applicant will need to work with the engineering department to obtain this permit and comply with standards for excavation in the right-of-way.

Inspections and Incentive

The applicant will be responsible for scheduling an inspection before the irrigation system is buried. They will need to contact the Water Conservationist to schedule this inspection. After a passed inspection is issued, the groundcover, plants, and trees may be installed. A final inspection shall be scheduled with the Water Conservationist after all work is completed. The incentive payment will be issued after the final inspection passes, and all the required documentation is submitted and verified. The project must be completed within 10 months of application.