

ColoradoScape: A natural landscape that uses low to very low water plant material that blends in with the native Castle Rock landscapes. Plant material must be maintained in its natural form, utilizing a combination of hardscape and landscape materials which provide a variety of colors, textures, sizes, shapes, and seasonal interest.

Updates to “No Turf” policy

- **Functionality**
 - Accessible as a walk-way, and to bring equipment through such as a lawn mower, fertilizer spreader, or aerator.
 - Walking surfaces must be constructed using pavers, flagstone, crusher fines, etc. to provide a safe surface.
 - Gates must open and close freely
- **Visual Interest** (monotone vs seasonal color, differing sizes, shapes, color, and texture for hardscape)
- **Water savings** (hydro-zone 1 and 2 plant material)

Comments by from last EDC meeting

- Enhance landscapes without driving costs
 - Use cobble and rock material of varying size, color and texture. While large boulders provide great variety and accent, they can add cost.
 - Use plant material that provides a variety of color pallet
 - Allow for growth of landscape vegetation
 - Challenges of slopes
 - Something with physical integrity vs crusher fines

[Here are some ideas for possible addition to Section 6 of the Criteria Manual.](#)

Non-Living Groundcover

- 1) Each front yard shall utilize a variety of materials (different sizes, colors, and textures) appropriate for the slope and drainage of individual site. Table 6.1 below provides examples.
- 2) Landscape must provide a variety of colors, textures, sizes, shapes and seasonal interest as outlined in the ColoradoScape definition.

Table 6.1 Non-Living Ground Cover Requirements

| Rock Mulch | Organic Mulch | Large Rock Mulch Boulders |
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| Rock Mulch 1/8”-1 1/2” River Rock Squeegee Granite | Tree Bark Wood Chips Shredded wood mulch (must extend to the dripline of the tree – see planting detail) | Rock Mulch 2” or Larger Cobble River Rock Boulders |

Paths and Walkways

- 1) A designated walkway or path from the front yard to the backyard is required. The walkway should provide a functional access between spaces while blending with the ColoradoScape design.
 - A) Paths and walkways shall be comprised of materials that blend with the landscape and provide a stable walking surface.
 - B) Acceptable materials include; pavers, flagstone, poured concrete, stamped concrete, crusher fines, or other materials as approved by the Town of Castle Rock.
 - C) Refer to the Town of Castle Rock Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Manual Section 8 for minimum drainage requirements within the backfill zone of the house.

Living plant material

- 1) Living plant material needs to be selected to achieve the following goals
 - a. Water savings (select hydro-zone 1 or 2 plant material)
 - b. Seasonal interest
 - i. Plant material must include diversity of color, size, and varying time of year for blooms (spring, summer, and fall color)
 - c. Groundcover. Current guidelines require a minimum of 75% plant material coverage at maturity
 - i. Need further discussion. Consider irrigable area, fire mitigation zones, and remaining area that has the potential to be landscaped and irrigated.
 - ii. Adjust minimum plant requirements to reflect a larger range of lot sizes.
 - d. The landscape plan should take into account the 3 zones of defensible space as outlined by the Castle Rock Fire Department

We will need to update the ColoradoScape Design Guide. While the design guide is meant to provide examples, the examples should also be consistent with both the Landscape and Irrigation Criteria Manual and fire mitigation recommendations.