

ROOTED IN WRAY NEWSLETTER

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Colorado IRA Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program

The Colorado State Forest Service, with funding from the USDA Forest Service's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), established the Colorado IRA Urban & Community Forestry (UCF) grant program. This program aims to expand tree canopy in areas that have been disproportionately impacted. The City of Wray applied for and was awarded \$99,999 from this grant. These funds will be used to care for our existing trees and establish new ones within the city. We are thrilled about this opportunity to enhance our community's green infrastructure.



Logo Contest Winner

The Rooted in Wray Tree Committee is excited to announce the results of our logo design contest! We were thrilled to receive so many wonderful entries from across the community, including strong participation from elementary and middle school students, thanks to Mr. Johnston's encouragement. All the fantastic logo submissions will be on display at the WRAC throughout August and September, so please stop by and admire the creativity! We are delighted to congratulate Pandora Bussell, who will be a senior this year, as the winner of our logo design contest! Keep an eye out for our new logo, coming soon!



Tree Inventory

On July 8th, did you happen to see any of these people measuring trees? Members of the Rooted in Wray committee—Angie Wade, Matt Gerhert, Heather Jones, Robin Schneider, and Kelly Sampson (not pictured)—teamed up with CSU staff and interns to begin inventorying the City's trees. This tree inventory is managed using Colorado Tree View, a web-based tool that centralizes tree data. The data collected includes each tree's location, species, diameter, height, and condition. Inventories of new plantings are required for the grant, however recording all city and street trees is beneficial to effectively manage and care for our tree population and health.