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Town of Torrey
Mayor Wright
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Dear Mayor Wright,

In the Spring of 2023, the Utah Division of Water Resources launched a Landscape Incentive Program that provides financial incentives to those converting lawn to water-efficient landscaping. We're excited to share that over 57% of Utah residents reside within an eligible location and qualify for up to \$1.50^{2.00} per square foot of lawn removed and replaced with water-efficient landscaping. We're reaching out in hopes of adding Torrey, Utah, to the list of eligible locations.

In order for Torrey residents to be eligible for the state-wide landscape incentive program, your Town will need to adopt the following landscape standards for all new developments:

Ordinance

- No lawn in parking strips or areas less than eight feet in width.
- No more than 50% of front and side yard landscaped areas in new residential developments shall be lawn.
 - Lawn limitations do not apply to small residential lots with less than 250 square feet of landscaped area.
- In new commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family development common area landscapes, lawn areas shall not exceed 20% of the total landscaped area outside of active recreation areas.

How our communities grow will impact our water use patterns for decades to come. Choosing sustainable building practices now is more cost-effective than retrofitting landscapes later. By adopting water-efficient landscape standards for new construction, your residents can qualify for incentives aimed at enhancing landscape water conservation.

