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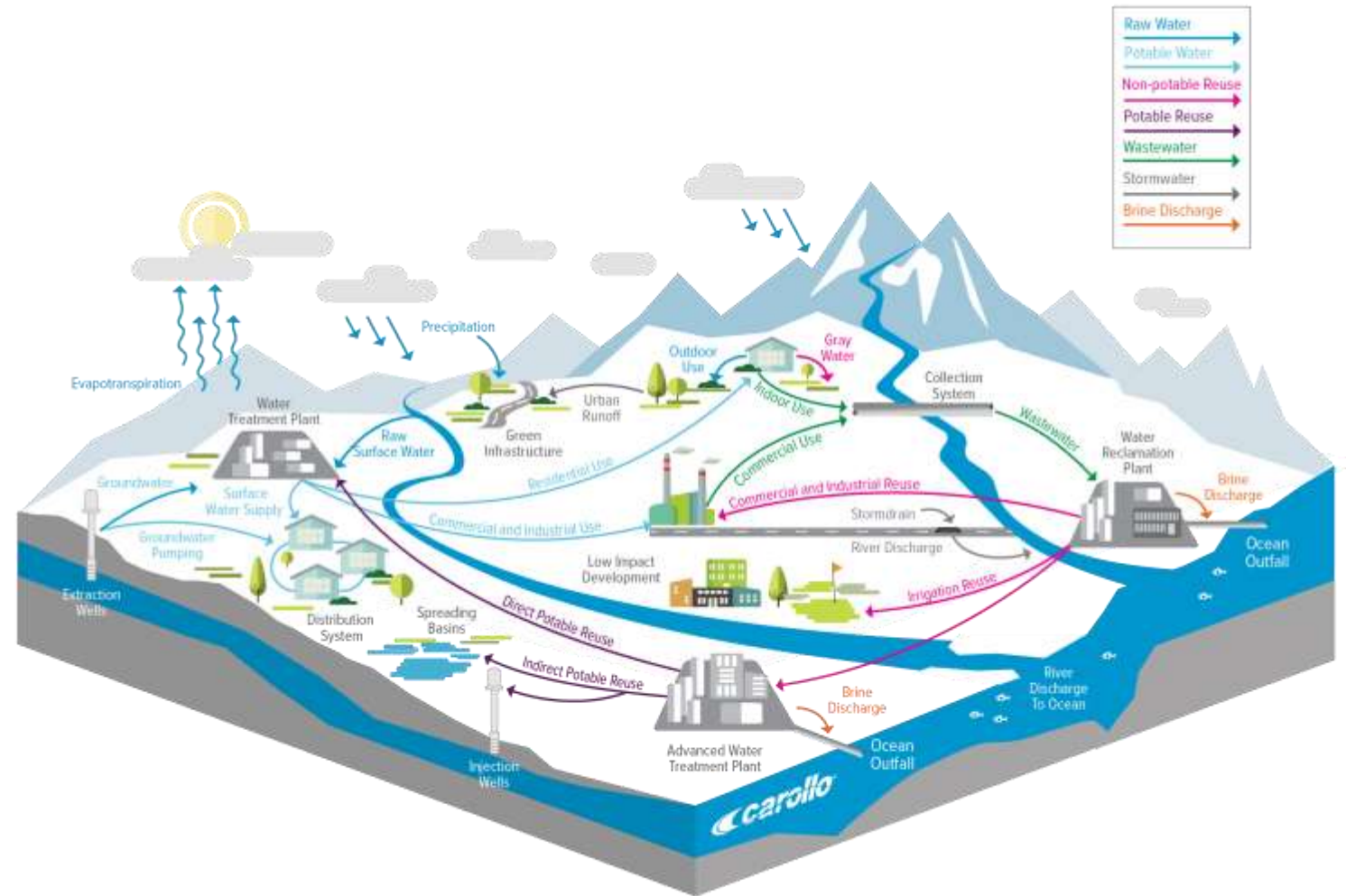# Fort Collins One Water Strategic Plan Update

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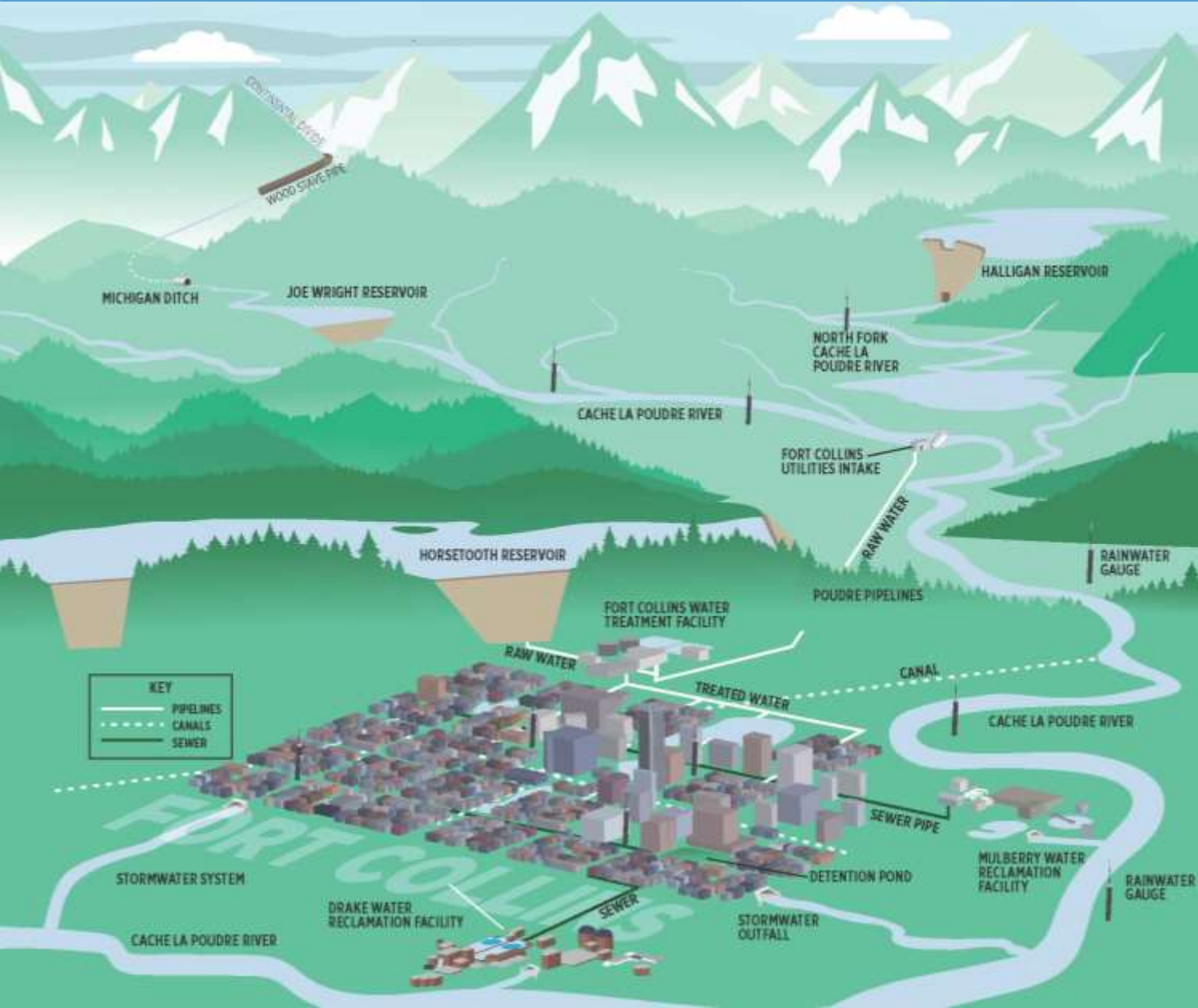
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One Water approach manages all water—whether from the tap, a stream, a storm, an aquifer, or a sewer—in a collaborative, integrated, inclusive, and holistic manner.

- US Water Alliance

- Value water at every stage and in **every form**

- Solutions that achieve **multiple benefits**

- Approach decisions with a **systems mindset**

- Use **watershed-scale thinking** and action

- Rely on **partnerships and inclusion**

- Account for **climate action** urgency and opportunities

Why One Water?

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Water Quantity – Too Much, Too Little

Water Quality & Regulations

Ecosystem Degradation

Aging & Inadequate Infrastructure

A Changing Climate

Pricing & Affordability

Strategic Alignment

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (ENV)

Strategic Objective

ENV 2 - Sustain the health of the Cache la Poudre River and regional watersheds while delivering a resilient, economically responsible and high-quality water supply for all Fort Collins residents.

Council Priority

Protect community water systems in an integrated way to ensure resilient water resources and healthy watersheds.

Self-Assessment

- Staff interviews about current performance across Framework's five pillars

- Review of City plans related to water resources, facilities, systems, programs, and practices

Visioning

- Workshop and focus-groups to develop a One Water vision, goals and supporting actions

One Water Steering Committee

- Established cross-departmental team

One Water Action Framework Report

- Summarizes current performance levels, gaps and opportunities for advancement
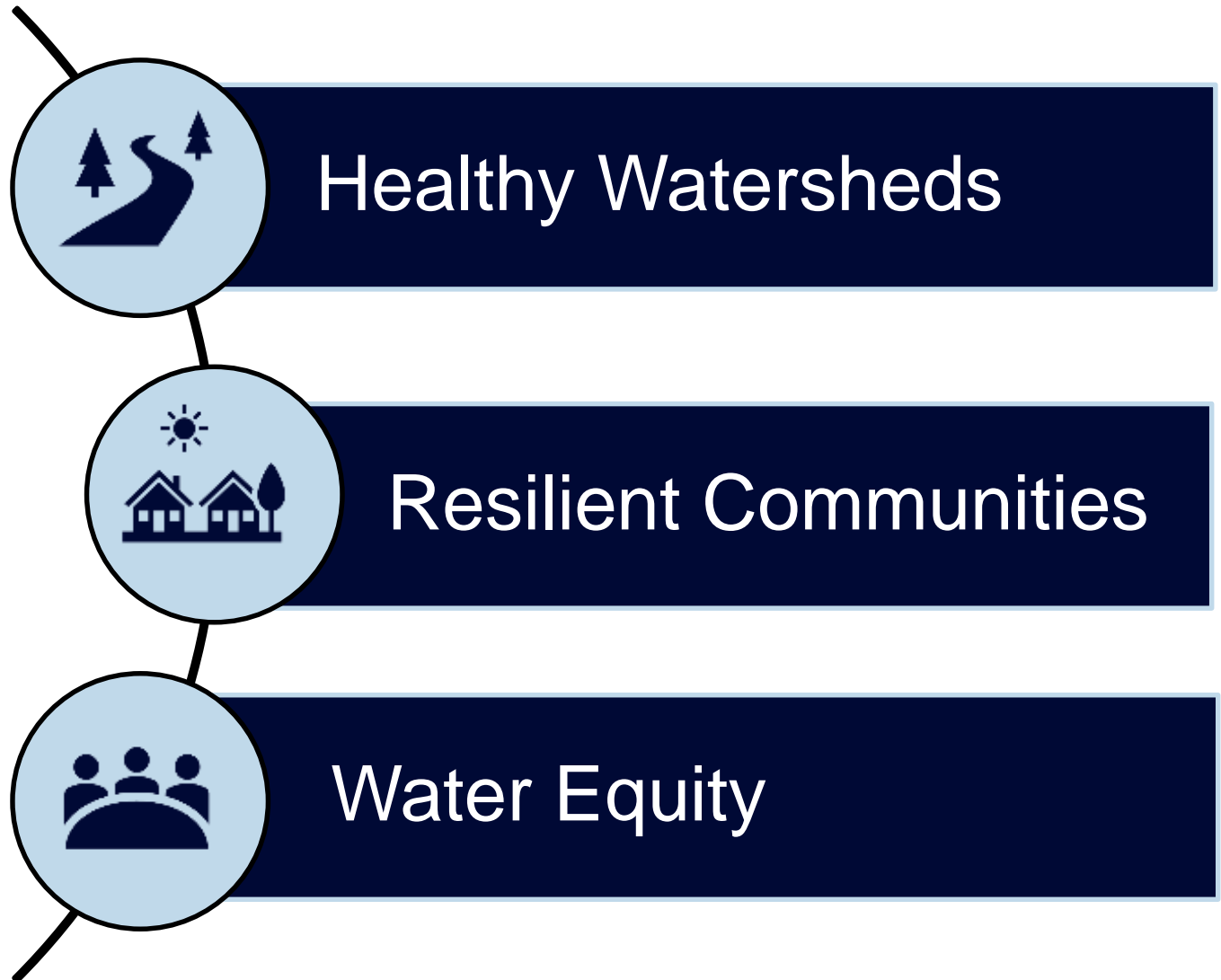
One Water Vision

Through the One Water Action Framework:

We advance collaborative and holistic water management approaches that promote healthy watersheds, resilient communities, and water equity.

Healthy Watersheds

Resilient Communities

Water Equity

- One Water Strategic Plan

- Organizational Alignment and Culture-Building Around One Water

- One Wate Project & Service Delivery

- Performance Tracking

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One Water Strategic Plan Development
- 50-year planning horizon
- Refine goals & supporting actions
- Engagement & alignment strategies
- Select One Water performance metrics
- City plans alignment (City Plan, Our Climate Future, etc.)

Advance Key Supporting Actions
- One Water Utilities organizational structure refinement
- Integrated Water Resources Plan
- Comprehensive Stormwater Basin Master Plan
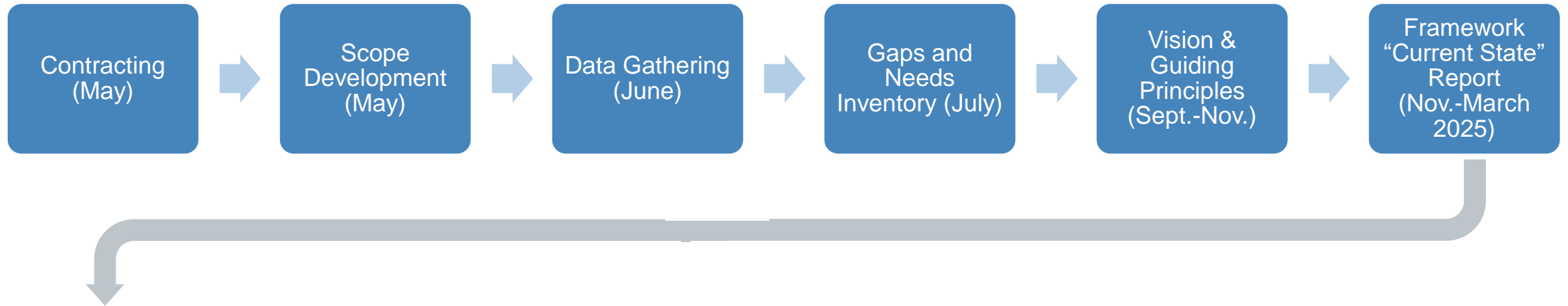
Develop Performance Tracking System
- Partnership with CSU One Water Solutions Institute

One Water Planning Timeline

Phase 1 – Self-Assessment & Onboarding (May 2024 – March 2025) Complete

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Contracting (May) → Scope Development (May) → Data Gathering (June) → Gaps and Needs Inventory (July) → Vision & Guiding Principles (Sept.-Nov.) → Framework "Current State" Report (Nov.-March 2025)
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Phase 2 – Planning & Action (May 2025 – November 2026)

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Scope Development (May 2025) → Key Strategies & Actions → Performance Metrics → Performance Tracking System → One Water Plan & Action Framework
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Phase 3 – Performance (2026 and beyond)

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Questions?