In fall 2024, Larimer County hired Colorado State University student Noah Niemeyer as a Climate Smart Future Ready (CSFR) Program Intern to help advance a key CSFR action: creating and maintaining a regional inventory of local plans and policies. Working with planners and subject-matter experts across the county, Noah developed a comprehensive process for reviewing more than 50 community plans, many hundreds of pages long, and identifying policies related to climate resilience, sustainability, and coordinated regional planning.

The result is the Larimer County Climate Smart Future Ready Regional Plans Inventory, an interactive dashboard that brings together more than 50 local plans and over 1,100 individual policies into one easy-to-use platform. The inventory covers topics including transportation, housing, climate, water, food systems, natural areas, waste, hazards, and land use. Users can filter and cross-reference information by topic, CSFR strategy, jurisdiction, plan, and subtopic, making complex policy information easier to find, understand, and compare. A range of plans were incorporated into the inventory including comprehensive plans, strategic plans, climate plans, and other plan formats unique to each jurisdiction. A key strength of the project is its emphasis on accurately representing each jurisdiction's existing policies without modification or interpretation, helping build trust among regional partners.

The inventory establishes a baseline of climate-related planning across Larimer County and identifies opportunities, gaps, and connections among existing efforts. It is intended to support collaboration among county and municipal governments, regional organizations, conservation groups, educational institutions, and state agencies, ultimately helping inform more coordinated planning and future policy development. This critical tool empowers users and communities across Larimer County to collaborate in building a more climate smart, resilient future.

Noah graduated from Colorado State University in May 2026 with a Bachelor's Degree in Forest and Rangeland Stewardship and a minor in Applied Environmental Policy Analysis. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Science in Natural Resource Policy at Colorado State University studying under Dr. Courtney Schultz. His research interests are in blending ecological and social science to understand the structures that enable environmental protection with the goal of assisting communities and landscapes to transition towards a more sustainable future. He has continued working in local government and planning, recently completing a second internship at Larimer County where he analyzed and recommended Land Use Code amendments to advance wildfire resiliency efforts.