

Community Area Plan 3A

Neighborhood Network Board 3A Kick-Off | 08.16.22





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Roles and Responsibilities





Neighborhood Network Board – Why You're Here You:

- Play a key role in your community
- Represent unique and diverse perspectives
- Are a representative for your geographic area
- Share a common goal to make 3A a great place to live, work, and play!



Neighborhood Network Board – Your Role

- Provide advice and guidance on the planning process
- Provide input and feedback on draft products
- Serve as an ambassador for the Plan
- Summarize input and feedback from others
- Contribute to at least one formal outreach event
- Distribute information through your community/organization
- Provide feedback, guidance and support during the adoption and implementation of the Community Area Plan

Neighborhood Network Board – Your Responsibilities

- Engage in respectful, thoughtful dialogue with other Board Members throughout the planning process
- Be present and engaged in the planning process
- Accurately represent the views of your neighbors and the Planning Team
- Practice mutual respect, empathy, and learning
- Communicate ideas and concerns with the Planning Team (COS Staff, MIG, CONO) and the Neighborhood Network Board first

The Planning Team – Why We're Here

• We:

-Bring perspectives from other communities and plan processes - Have institutional knowledge around PlanCOS and other previous efforts -Have resources to help educate and guide the process - Also share a common goal to make 3A a great place to live, work, and play!





The Planning Team – Our Roles & Responsibilities

- Guide the process so that we can cover all key topics
- Engage the broader community
- Keep meetings on time and on topic
- Help focus and bring context to the big picture
- Maintain respectful dialogue and meeting decorum
- Schedule meetings, provide agendas, and send materials well in advance
- Listen carefully to your feedback and input and incorporate it into the final plan

Community Area Plan Overview





PlanCOS -> Area Planning

- PlanCOS sets a sweeping vision for the future of Colorado Springs, all other planning should tie-in to that community-founded vision
- It sets the stage for a Neighborhood Planning program, to "apply this larger vision in a practical manner"



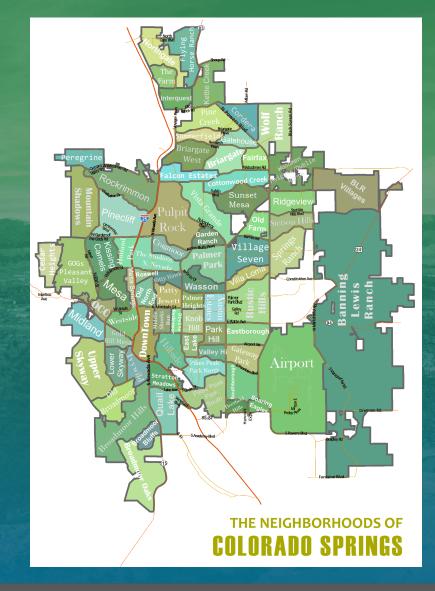
PlanCOS -> Area Planning

- Area Planning will take a more detailed look at the unique opportunities and needs in each area
- Provide land use recommendations
- Focus on implementation



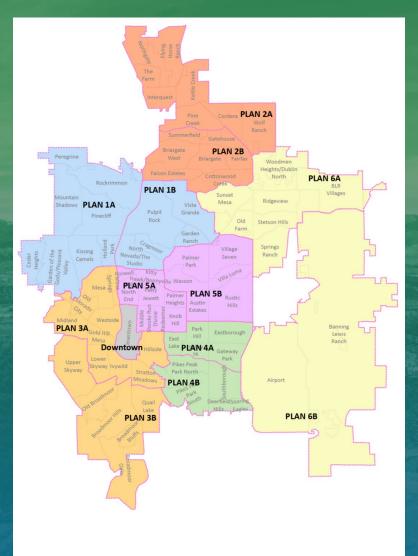
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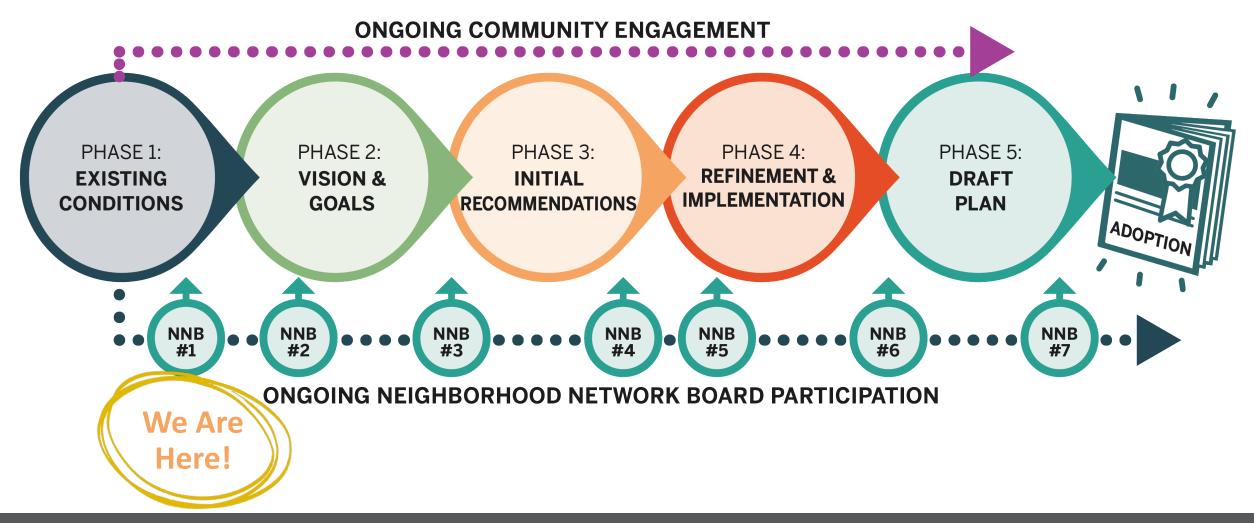


The 3A Area

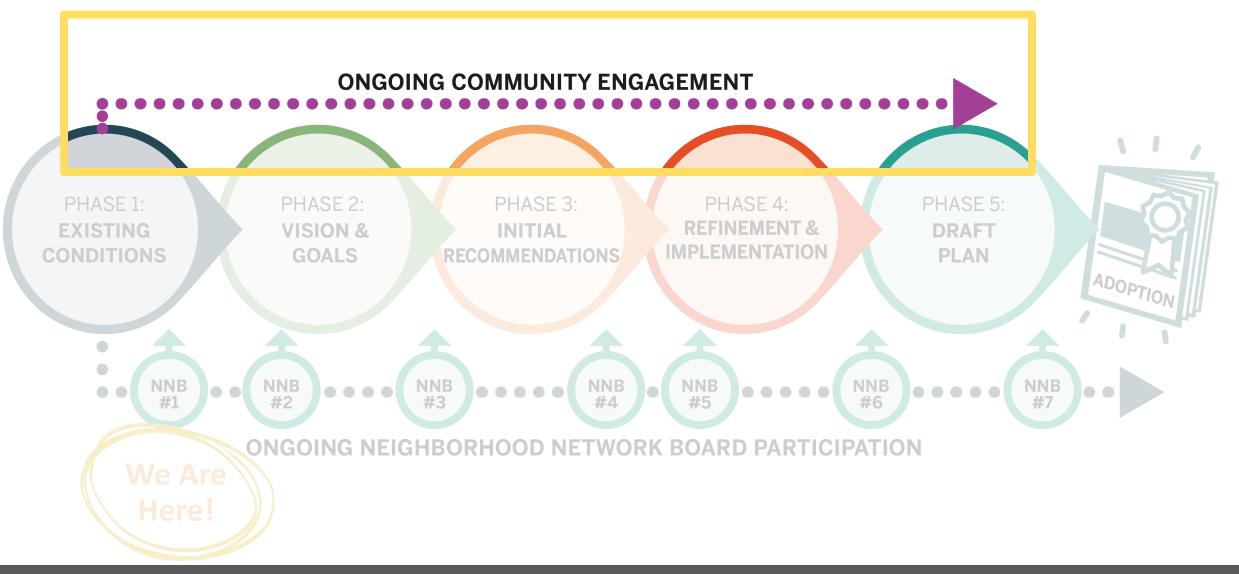
- 9 neighborhoods
- Primarily residential
- Wraps Downtown
- Large parks & open spaces
- Numerous destinations:
 - Red Rock Canyon
 - Old Colorado City
 - Bear Creek Park
 - Ivywild



The Neighborhood Planning Process



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Ongoing Community Engagement

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Small Group/ Stakeholder

Community-Wide

Broadcast Notifications

- 6-10 Focus Groups
- 1 City Council/Planning Commission Workshop

- 3 Community Workshops
- 3 Online Surveys
- Potential for additional meetings or pop-ups
- Social media, e-mail, NextDoor and web announcements for meetings, engagement tools, and educational posts

Goals of Engagement

- Engage a diverse and representative group
- Authentically engage the community
- Provide a variety of opportunities and types of engagement

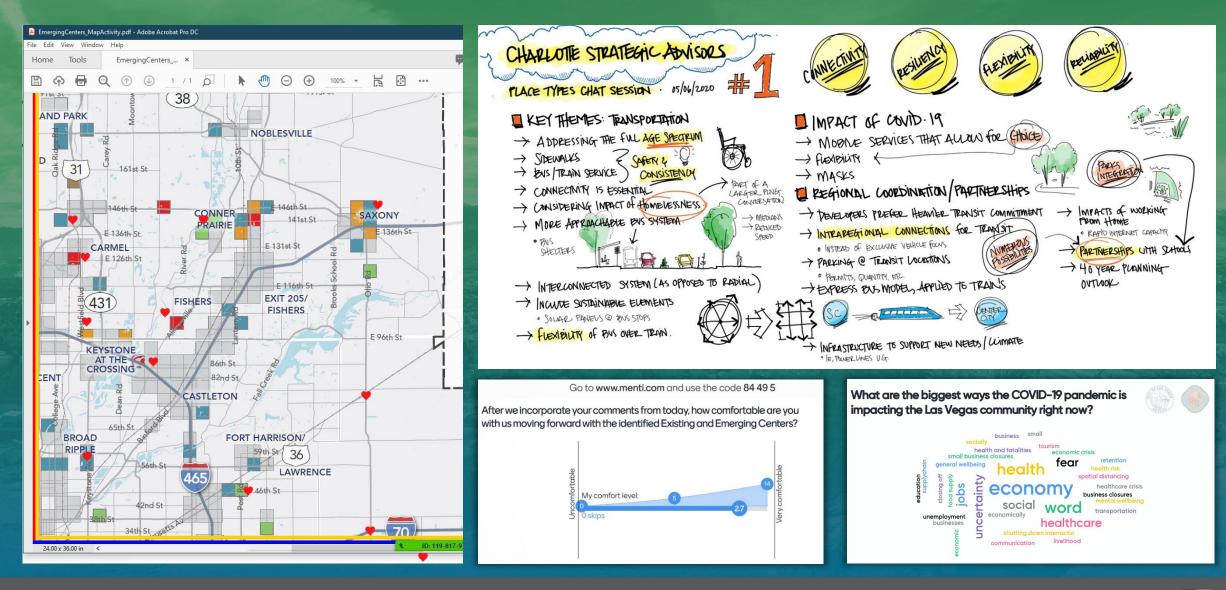


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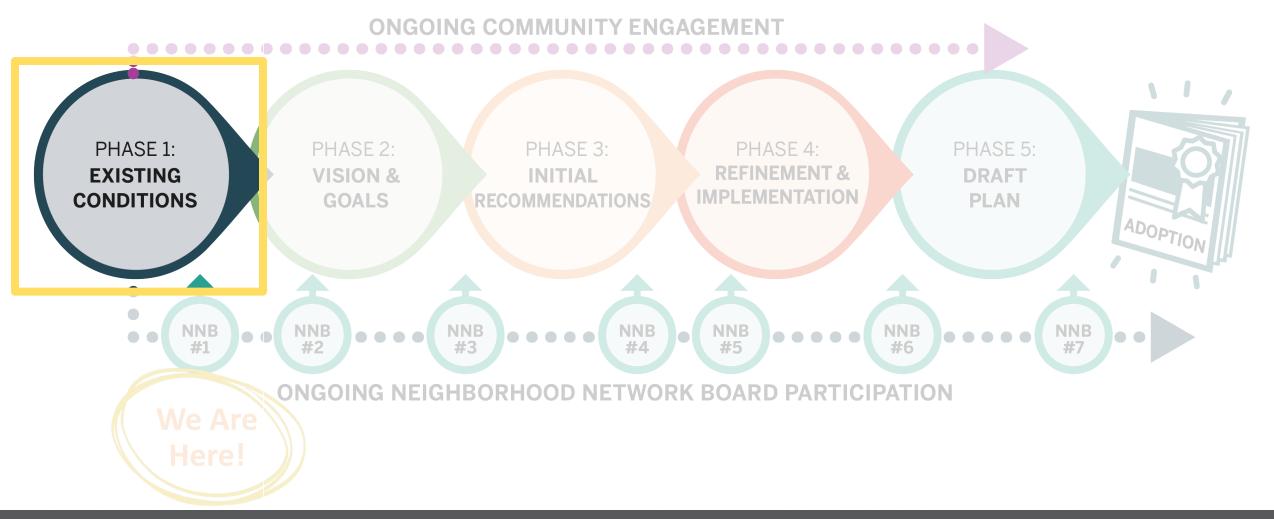




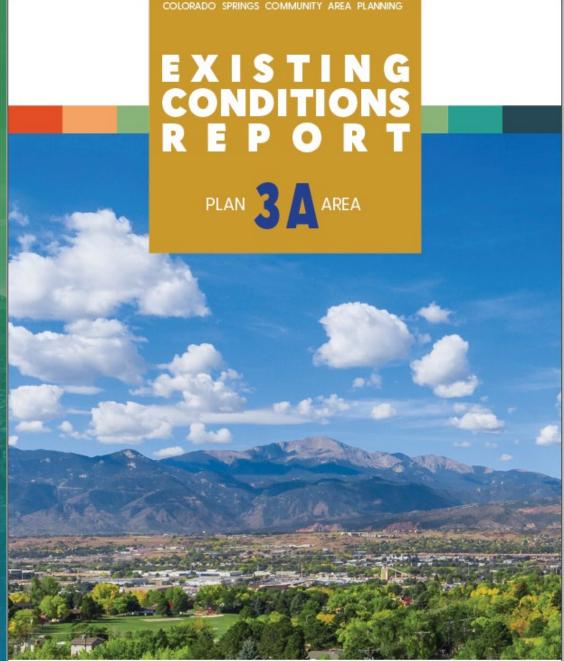
Interactive and Virtual Engagement



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- Zoning & Land Use
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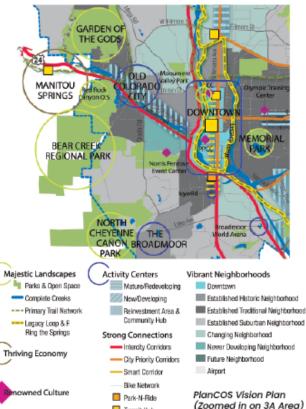


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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

PLAN COS

Plan COS is the community's Plan for the physical development of Colorado Springs. It is used and referenced as the city and community develops over the coming decades. The use of this Plan allows us to grow and adapt to a future that is predictable in some cases and uncertain in others. The Plan should be used to support and not to restrain the market, private initiative, strategic public investment, and innovation. As a result of extensive conversations with the community the Plan is centered around six strong vision themes that carry throughout the document. These themes are vibrant neighborhoods. unique places, thriving economy, strong connections, renowned culture, and majestic landscapes. These themes will carry forward into the Community Area Plans as will other community input received during the Plan process.



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Other Plans for Consideration:

Drainage Basin Master Plan

COS Facilities Master Plan

Pikes Peak Area Water Ouality Management Plan uploads/2018/05/2010-208-Flan-Final.compressed.pdf

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HISTORY

General Palmer, the known founder of Colorado Springs, had great influence in the 3A Area. Specifically in the Mesa and Mesa Springs area, Palmer was enamored with the natural beauty of the landscape. He decided to build his estate five miles from the original Colorado Springs town site, and by 1904 his home had grown into an elaborate Englishstyle castle. The location of Palmer's estate gave the area a strong reputation for natural beauty. This area was also influenced by the discovery of gold at Cripple Creek is 1891. Development skyrocketed and hundreds of homes were constructed in the coming years, which led to social and political organization in the area. At the turn of the century, the development and population in the area followed a theme of generally blue collar workers and laborers. Downtown was once easily accessible by streetcars, but the construction of I-25 between 1957 and 1960 created a major barrier for the westside neighborhoods.



Mill in Gold Hill Mesa



 Old Colorado City, founded in 1859, was the first capital of the Territory of Colorado

- The Colorado Midland Railway was founded in 1883
- The Westside neighborhood is annexed between 1872 and
- The Midland neighborhood is last to be annexed between 2000 and 2009

For more information, visit www.cspmstoryofus.com





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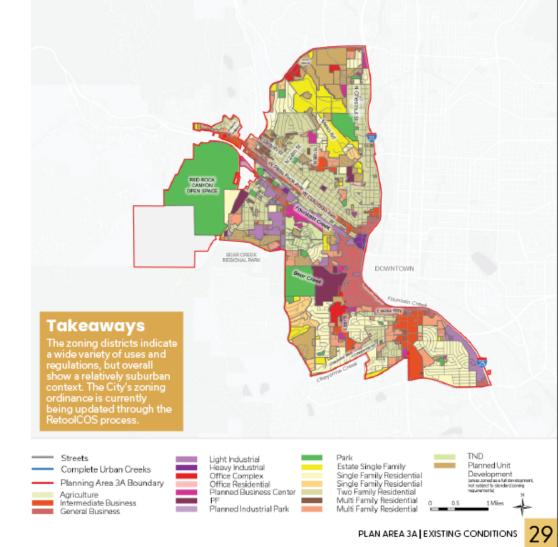
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			WHITE:	75.5%	
Takeaways		HISPANIC OR LATINO:		17%	
There is a large youth and hispanic population (almost 20% for each), which presents opportunities for development and planning around youth and bilingual engagement and a growing youth and minority population in the area.		BLACK:		4%	
		AMERICAN INDIAN:		1%	
			ASIAN:	2%	
		PACIFI	C ISLANDER:	.5%	

PLAN AREA 3A EXISTING CONDITIONS

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ZONING

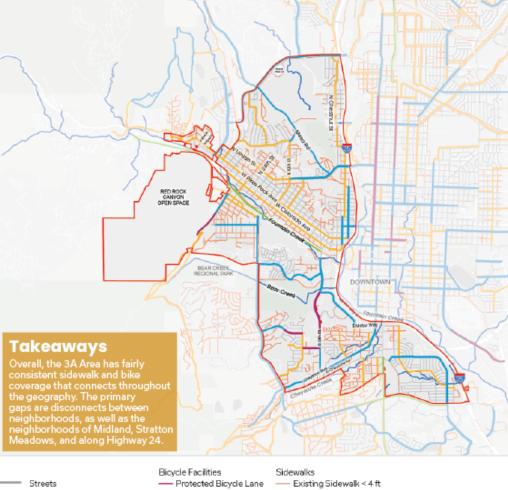
The predominant property zoning in this Plan Area is R2, which is a two-family residential zone, which allows for duplexes. This residential development is denser than R1-6, seen to the south, which are larger single-family lots. Other major zones represented include parks, commercial, and Planned Unit Development (PUD), which is developed based on a submitted site plan.



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PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES

Over 60 miles of bicycle facilities run through and near the Plan Area, including bicycle lanes, paved bicycle shoulders, and shared lane markings or bicycle boulevards. There are nearly 200 miles of sidewalks in the Area, most of which are 5 feet wide and along city-owned roads. There are more than 110 miles of right of way with no or very narrow (3 feet and less) sidewalk facilities

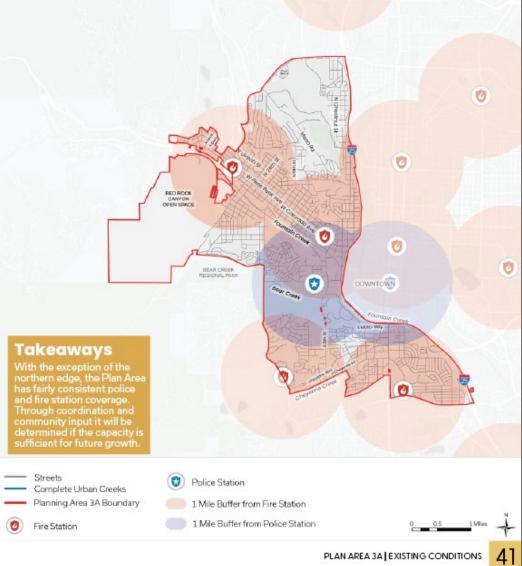


- Complete Urban Creeks Buffered Bicycle Lane Planning Area 3A Boundary — Bicycle Lane — Shauldas Disusla Lane
 - red Bicycle Lane —— Existing Sidewalk≥4ft :le Lane Ider Bicycle Lane
 - Shoulder Bicycle Lane
 Shared Lanes

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PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES & FACILITIES

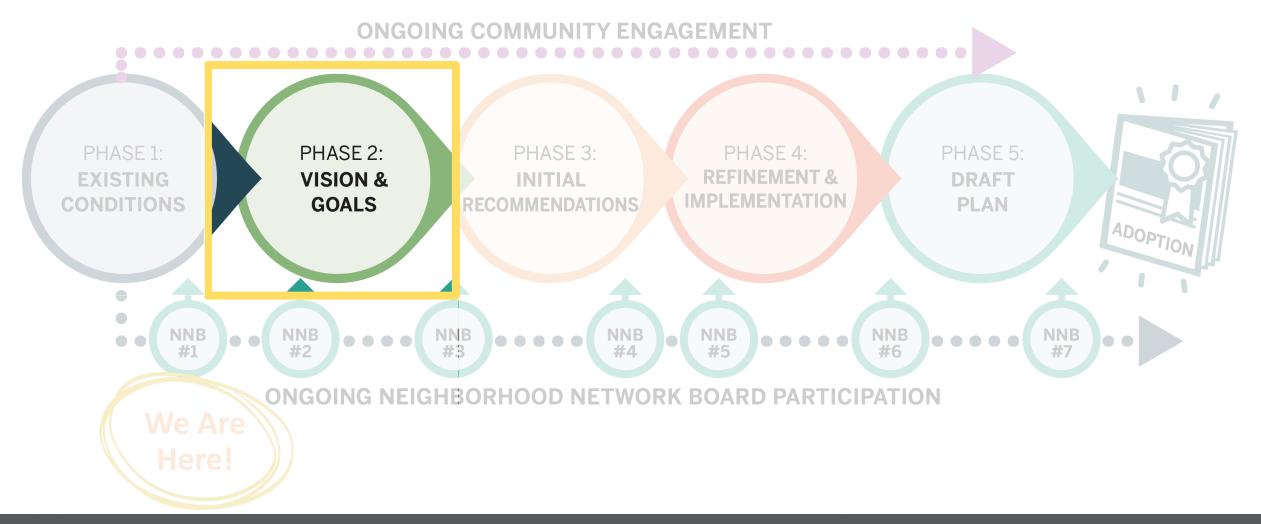
The map below depicts existing police stations and fire stations in and around the Planning Area as well as a half mile buffer around these stations to help determine the coverage and service areas of these essential community services.



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RENOWNED CULTURE	MAJESTIC LANDSCAPES
What places, people, and things define the culture of	Describe the parks, open spaces, and natural areas in and
your neighborhood?	around your neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Planning Process



Visioning and Goal Setting

- The 3A Area's vision and goals will nest within the PlanCOS vision already set
- What does this vision mean for 3A?

OUR VISION

We will build a great city that matches our scenery.

In the coming decades, Colorado Springs will become a vibrant community that reflects our engaging outdoor setting as pioneers of health and recreation. Our city will be filled with unique places of culture and creative energy, sustainably designed around our natural environment. We will attract and retain residents of all generations with an innovative, diverse economy and dynamic, well-connected neighborhoods that provide viable housing opportunities for all.

To achieve our Vision, this Plan is organized around six powerful vision themes. These themes are the result of conversations with our community. Very few comprehensive plans are organized this way.

Vibrant Neighborhoods	Forms diverse and safe neighborhoods with quality gathering areas, a mix of housing types, transportation choices, and a shared sense of pride.
Unique Places	Centers on a vibrant Downtown and is strengthened by our reinvestment in walkable, healthy, and magnetic activity centers that are located in new and reinvented areas throughout the city.
Thriving Economy	Fosters an environment of inclusivity and economic diversity by attracting an innovative and adaptive workforce, advancing existing and targeted employment sectors, investing in quality of life, supporting our military, and expanding our sports ecosystem as Olympic City USA.
Strong Connections	Adapts to how we move by transforming our corridors to support our future generations' health and mobility needs, enhancing economic vibrancy, upgrading infrastructure, and improving regional connectivity.
Renowned Culture	Promotes and embraces arts, culture, and education as essential parts of our lives and our identity. This builds on the efforts of General Palmer and many others that envisioned culture as the cornerstone of the community and where creative energy generates new possibilities, interpersonal connections, and unprecedented philanthropy.
Majestic Landscapes	Values our natural and man-made outdoor spaces and celebrates our location at the base of America's Mountain by designing a city oriented around our iconic landmarks. We ensure our community can engage with and enjoy these places through an integrated system of parks, streetscapes, and natural areas.

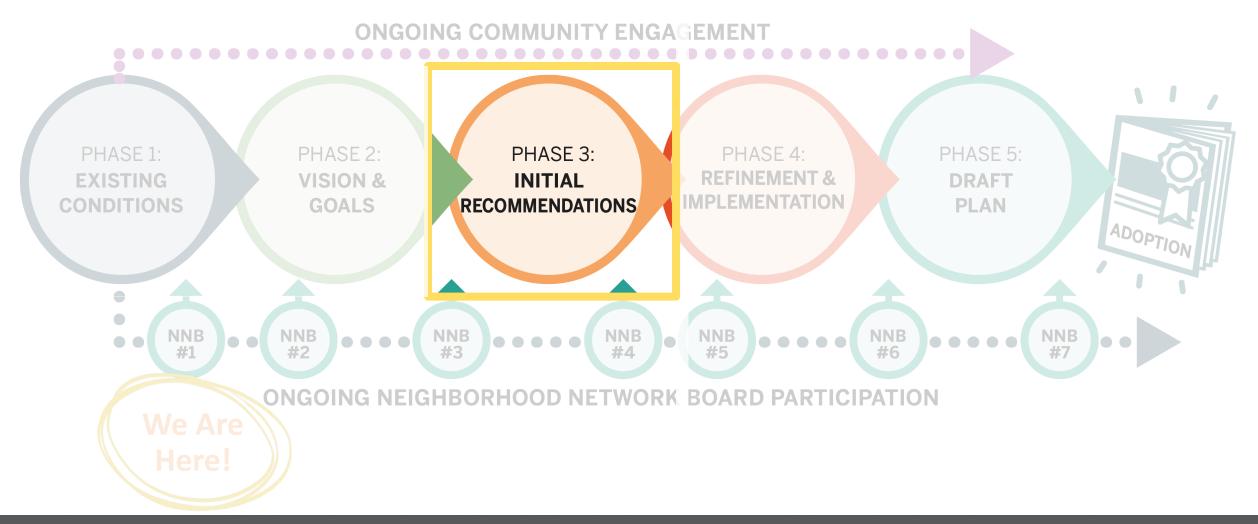
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- Vision Theme Goals

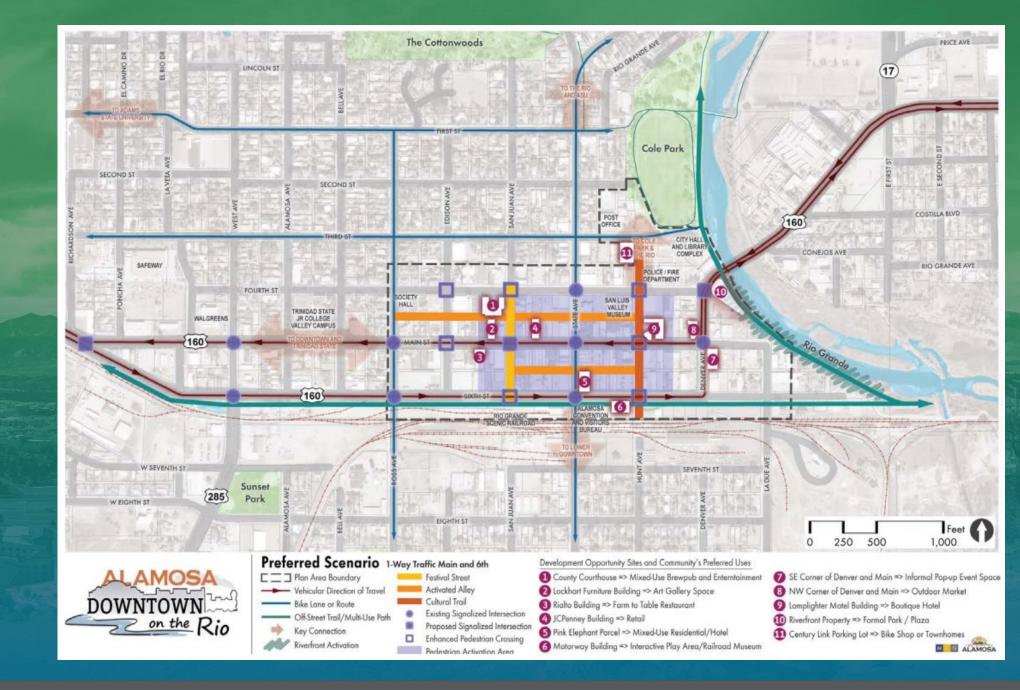




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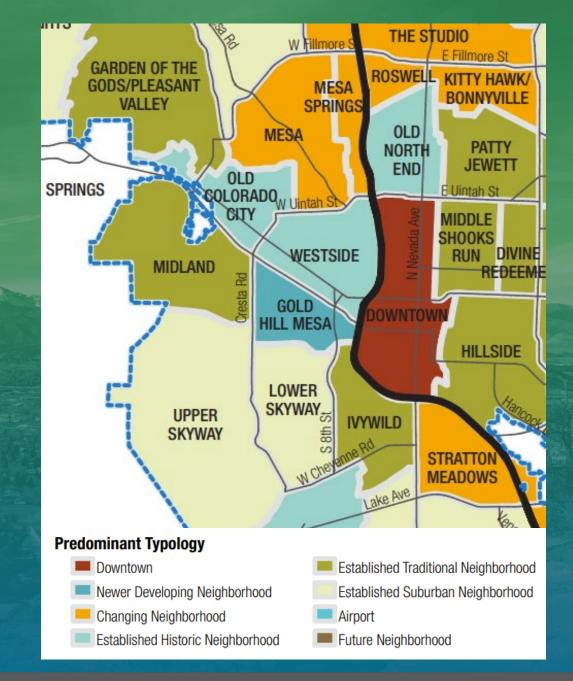


Big Ideas



Land Use Recommendations





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Transportation & Mobility Recommendations



Transformative Projects

EATING TYP

ELEMENTS

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USES:

Cafe Seating

Along Trail

Park Pavilion

Housing and

Restaurants with **River Frontage**



PROPOSED RIVERFRONT ACTIVATION DESIGN VISUALIZATION

PARK PAVILIONS Frequent opportunities Pavilions and shade structures offer places for to sit and rest or enjoy views of the river should rest along the trail and a good location for public be provided along the art and other amenities.

SEATING AREAS

WAYFINDING Multiple strategies for wayfinding should be used.

Pedestrian and cyclist routes

should be well marked, safe,

BRIDGE UNDERPASS

Ensuring an unobstructed path of travel for pedestrians and cyclists will encourage people to use the trail and increase safety.

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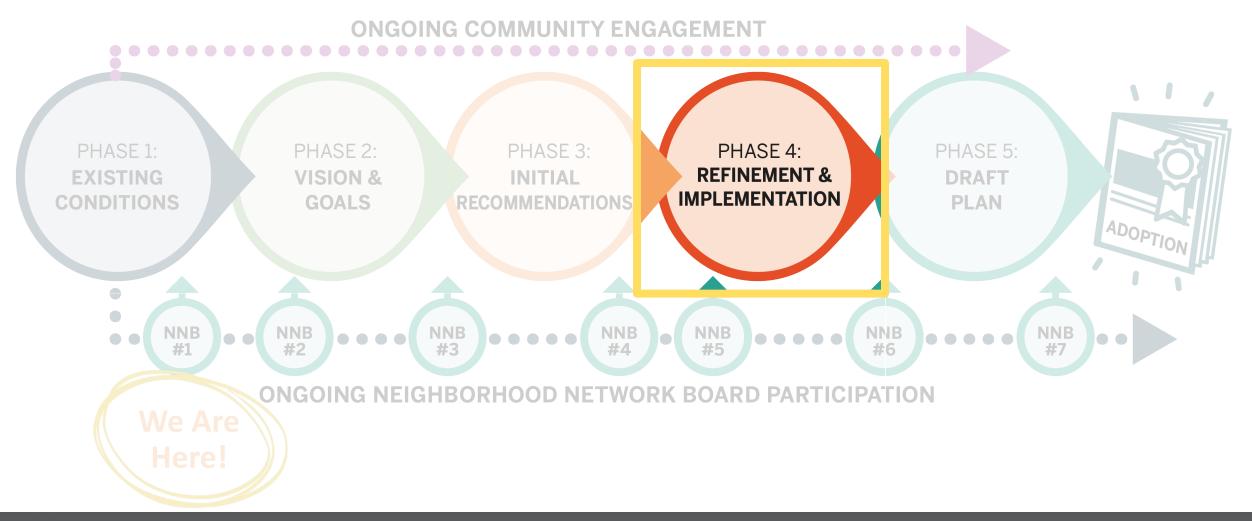


Interpretive Elements

Multi-Use Trail

and Amenities

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Recommendations & Strategies \rightarrow Plan Content

The Fort Collins **Old Town** Neighborhoods Plan

Fort Collins



Much of the appeal of the neighborhoods lies in In addition to the conservation zoning comprising

walkable tree-lined streets near Downtown and CSU a r that, despite their proximity to denser areas of town, po still retain a distinctly residential feel. The residential (LN blocks adjacent to the central social commercial ser and educational hub of the community make the deneighborhoods a uniquely livable area.

The Old Town Neighborhoods' predominantly (Cl. residential character is reflected in their zoning ind pattern. Neighborhood Conservation zone districts make up the majority of the neighborhoods with Wh small pockets of other zoning reflecting the potential are for more varied development patterns.

Neighborhood Conservation, Low Density (NCL) be zoning is characterized by single-family detached rec homes in the neighborhood furthest away from per Downtown. Neighborhood Conservation, Medium est Density (NCM) contains mainly single-family detached homes but with small multi-family buildings within The the interior of the neighborhoods. Neighborhood NC Conservation, Buffer (NCB) districts define a transition and from the neighborhoods to Downtown or CSU. NCB po features a mix of uses and building types that contain zor single-family homes alongside transitional uses such pat as medical or professional offices.



A new mixed-use (townhomes & coffee shop) under construction in 201 nocket located at Mountain Avenue and Shields Street. The types of user conservation zoning found throughout the majority of the Old Town Ne character of adjacent single-family houses.

Old Town Neighborhoods Plan

Identity Features Features, such as markers, monuments, specialty

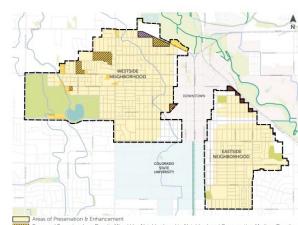
landscaping, and signage can further enhance neighborhood identity, improve wayfinding, or celebrate important places. Several markers already exist, but a more consistent approach could strengthen their purpose to highlight unique aspects of neighborhood history and the built environment.



adopted design standard

Development Activity Monitoring

Ongoing monitoring of development activity and home sizes within the neighborhoods will follow implementation of the Eastside Westside Character Study design standards. The new standards implemented in spring 2013 added new requirements for solar access, home size (floor area ratio), and front house design for new construction and home additions. In the next several years, after additional examples of new home construction have been completed, a case-study report exploring the impact and potential issues of the new standards will be compiled to help determine if the purpose and intent behind the standards are being met.



Proposed Rezoning: Low Density Mixed Use Neighborhood to Neighborhood Conservation Medium Density

Proposed Rezoning: Low Density Mixed Use Neighborhood to Employment (Utility Service Center) Proposed Rezoning: Downtown to Neighborhood Conservation Buffer

roposed Rezoning: Limited Commercial to Neighborhood Conservation Medium Density or Buffe

Neighborhood Preservation & Enhancement Areas should be expected to remain predominantly The original Eastside and Westside Neighborhood residential with single family homes and a smaller plans identified the need to preserve the existing mix collection of duplexes and appropriately-scaled of architectural styles, street layout, and quality of multifamily buildings. life within the neighborhoods. These plans initiated

the creation of the Neighborhood Conservation Proposed Rezoning zone districts, which aimed to conserve the existing Several areas of mixed-use or commercial zoning character of the neighborhoods. Citizens have in the Eastside and Westside Neighborhoods confirmed their desire to preserve this character, are proposed to be rezoned to neighborhood stressing the importance of protecting the historic conservation zoning districts. The proposed changes charm while allowing for small changes and will occur in areas where the existing development enhancements to allow the neighborhood to thrive pattern and land-uses are similar to adjacent blocks in the years to come.

of neighborhood conservation zoning. These areas also represent limited redevelopment potential

The core of the Old Town Neighborhoods, for commercial uses or where commercial/office represented by the NCL and NCM zone districts, development interior to the neighborhoods along will be designated as areas for preservation and local streets would be disruptive to neighborhood enhancement. The majority of the neighborhoods character and compatibility.

Old Town Neighborhoods Plan



Implementation

Funding and financing, feasibility at a glance Ease of Implementation:

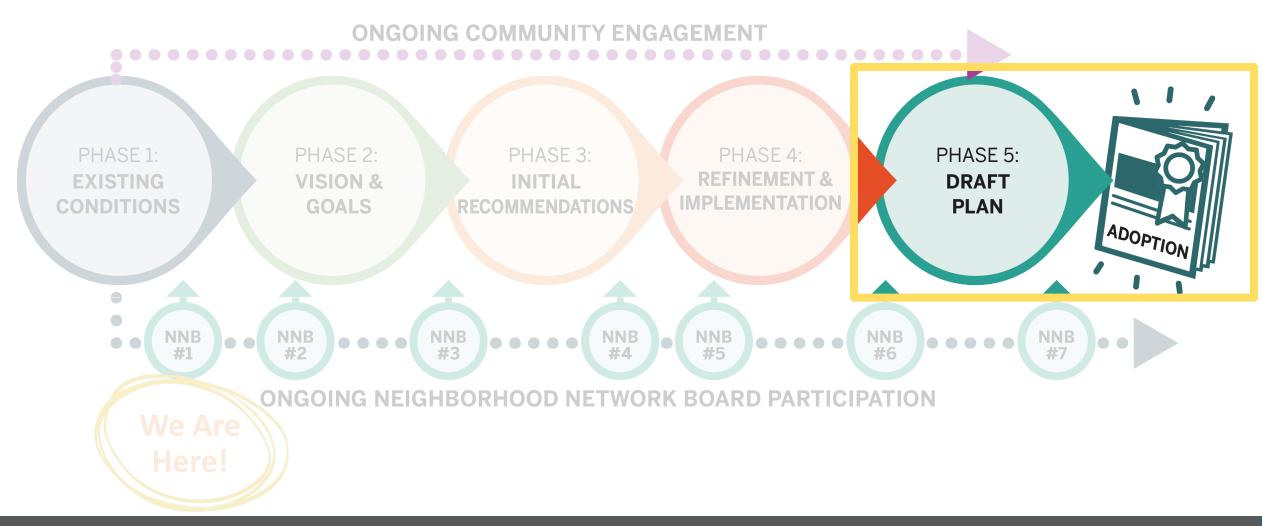


Catalytic Projects Implementation Matrix

This implementation matrix aims to guide the execution of some or all of each Catalytic Project. The sub-tasks or phases below each project provide an incremental approach to their completion so that phases can be achieved as resources become available. Each phase also includes general timing and order of magnitude cost estimates. Key partners, which are groups that are integral to the project and must be bought-in, and potential champions, which are stakeholders that could be involved in some steps of implementation or take ownership of portions of the project, are also recommended for each phase.

	CATALYTIC PROJECT	TIMING	ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COST ESTIMATE	KEY PARTNERS	POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS
1.	MAIN STREET REDESIGN				
	TRAFFIC ANALYSIS AND ROAD RE-STRIPING	6 Months - 1 Year	(\$)	CDOT, CoA-Public Works	Main Street and Adjacent North/ South Street Business Owners
	INSTALL TEMPORARY PARKLETS	1-2 Years	(S)	CDOT, Business Organization (to be formed)	Main Street Business Owners, Local Artists
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2	6TH STREET REDESIGN				
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	INSTALL PERMANENT AMENITIES (PLANTING, LIGHTING, TRAIL)	2-3 Years	(\$)	CDOT, Rio Grande Scenic Railroad	Alamosa Convention and Visitors Bureau, Local Artists
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3	RIVERFRONT ACTIVATION				
	CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE TRAIL	1-2 Years	(\$)	Public Works, Parks and Recreation	SLV GO, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, SLV Dirt Worx
	INSTALL PERMANENT AMENITIES (BENCHES, SHELTERS, PLAZAS)	2-3 Voars	(\$)		
	INCENTIVIZE RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT	2-3 Years	[G]	Planning Department, Local Developers	Local Restaurants
	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT RIVER AND RECREATION ACCESS	3-5 Years	(\$)	Public Works, Parks and Recreation	Adams State Outdoor Recreation, SLV GO

The Neighborhood Planning Process



Draft Plan, Review, Refinement, and Adoption

- Internal Review Draft
- Public Review Draft
- Revisions Based on Public Comment
- Final Plan
- Plan Adoption Support



Neighborhood Profile Report Out





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Visioning

 What do you envision for the 3A area in the next 10-20 years?





MAJESTIC LANDSCAPES

Next Steps





Next Steps

- Review Existing Conditions
- Neighborhood Network Meeting #2 Vision & Goals
- Public Meeting #1 Community Visioning



Community Area Plan 3A

THANK YOU!



