



# 13TH STREET PLAZA REMEDICATION FACTSHEET

The City of Boulder is conducting a voluntary cleanup at 13th Street Plaza (just north of the teahouse) to remove the remaining infrastructure, soil, fluids, and debris from the former Federal Gas Company manufactured gas plant site. The Federal Gas Company generated gas at the site from about 1902 until the plant was demolished in 1953. The City of Boulder purchased the property in 1975 and installed the Dushanbe Teahouse and the 13th Street Plaza in 1997.

The city chose Envirocon as its remediation contractor with technical support from USA Environmental, an environmental engineering and consulting firm. Envirocon and USA Environmental have considerable experience with the Colorado Voluntary Cleanup Program and manufactured gas plant site cleanups. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has approved the City of Boulder's voluntary cleanup plan.

## REMEDICATION FACTS:

- There are NO health risks to employees, vendors, or visitors at the Boulder Farmers' Market and Dushanbe Teahouse.
- The area where the gas manufacturing equipment was located is covered in pavement, preventing exposure to any remaining materials.
- Current remediation activities will be completed by approximately April 2014, in time for the spring opening of the Boulder County Farmers' Market.
- A temporary surface of asphalt paving is scheduled to be installed over the excavated area.
  - To address summer heat concerns, a light-colored coating will be applied to the temporary asphalt surface. A colorful, designed art installation will be painted on top of the coating.
  - Two planters, each with seating and two mature trees will be installed before June 2014.
  - Temporary electrical connections will be provided via pedestal stands with added power capacity.
- The city will conduct further remediation-related planning to support project completion. Any additional on-site work will occur after the Farmers' Market season.
- When the on-site remediation work is confirmed complete, the plaza and parking lot will be reconfigured to improve circulation and parking for Boulder Farmers' Market patrons. At the east end of the plaza, a feature will be built with a curved wall and locally fabricated metal awning surrounding a circular concrete surface for performances.

**APRIL 2014** - Plaza \*reopened for start of Farmers' Market.  
*Only partial reopening will be possible from mid-to-late April.*

**JUNE 2014**- installation of two large planters with seating and mature trees.

**MAY 2014** - Conduct further remediation planning.

**FALL 2014 and beyond**  
Visioning and public process begins for Civic Area site design, including the 13th Street Plaza.

## 2014 SCHEDULE



For more information, visit [www.BoulderColorado.gov/publicworks/13th-street-plaza](http://www.BoulderColorado.gov/publicworks/13th-street-plaza) or [www.BoulderCivicArea.com](http://www.BoulderCivicArea.com)