

UPDATE

**City Council
August 6, 2015
(Rescheduled from July 28)**

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BOULDER VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Photo: Christopher Brown, 2004

PURPOSE

City Council direction (motion) on:

1. Service Area Expansion Assessment
2. Schedule

Provide updates on:

- Community Engagement
- Foundations Work



FOCUSED TOPICS & SCHEDULE

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FOCUSED TOPICS, REVISED

Substantive New Topics/Integration:

1. Growth Management and Urban Form

- Jobs /housing balance
- Design and community benefit
- Appropriate locations for housing and mix and type

2. Neighborhoods/Character + Regional

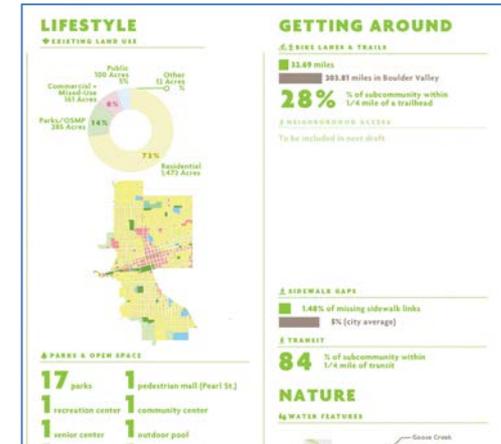
3. “21st Century” and emerging topics of interest:

- Climate action and energy resilience
- Community and neighborhood resilience
- Biodiversity
- Local food
- Arts and culture
- Aging population / Age friendly community

FOCUSED TOPICS, CONT...

Process Improvements:

1. Better Community Engagement
2. Compelling Vision and Values
3. Stronger Links
(Policies ↔ Actions)
4. Metrics Linked with Goals
5. City/County IGA Addressed Early



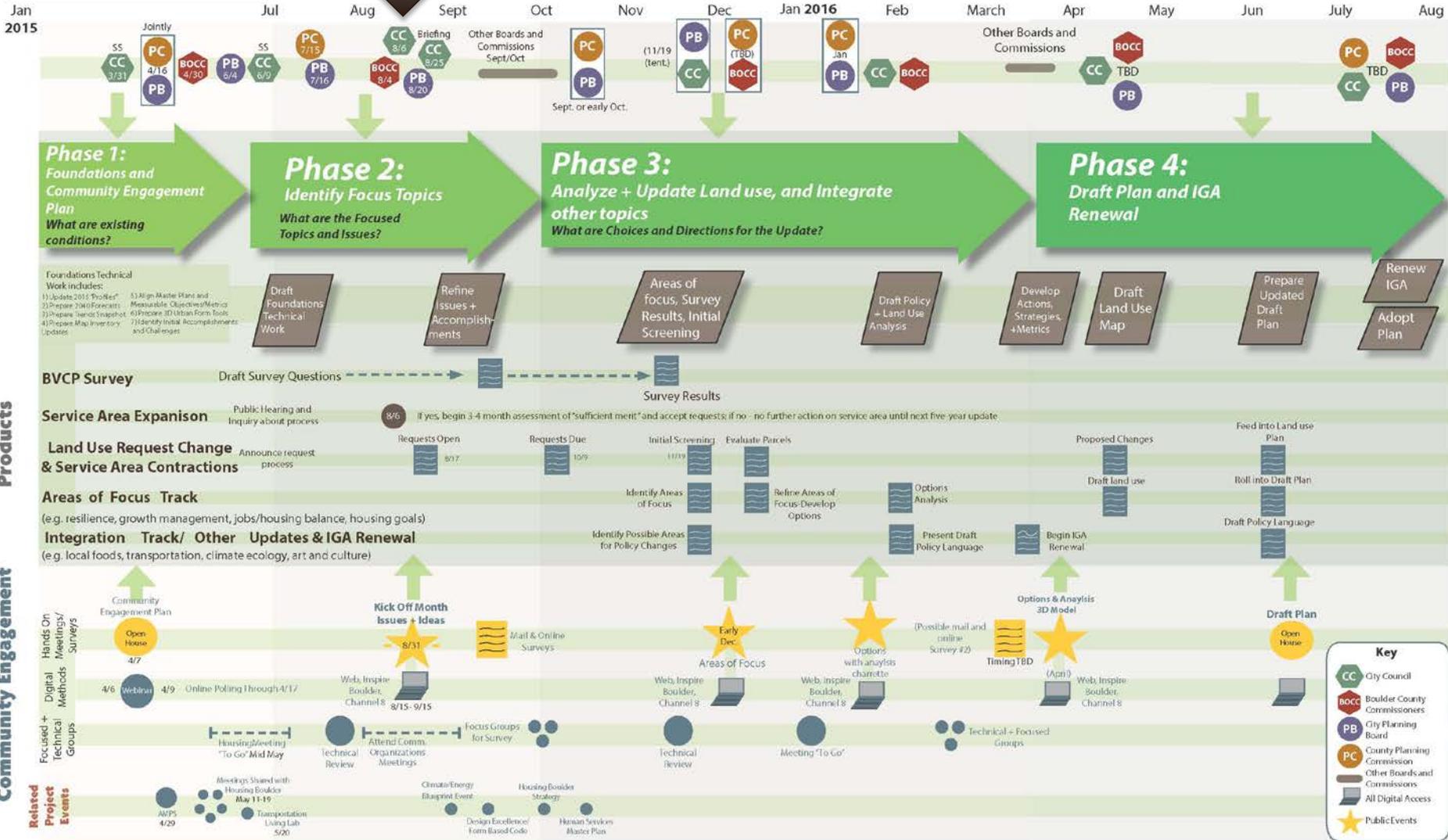
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We Are Here

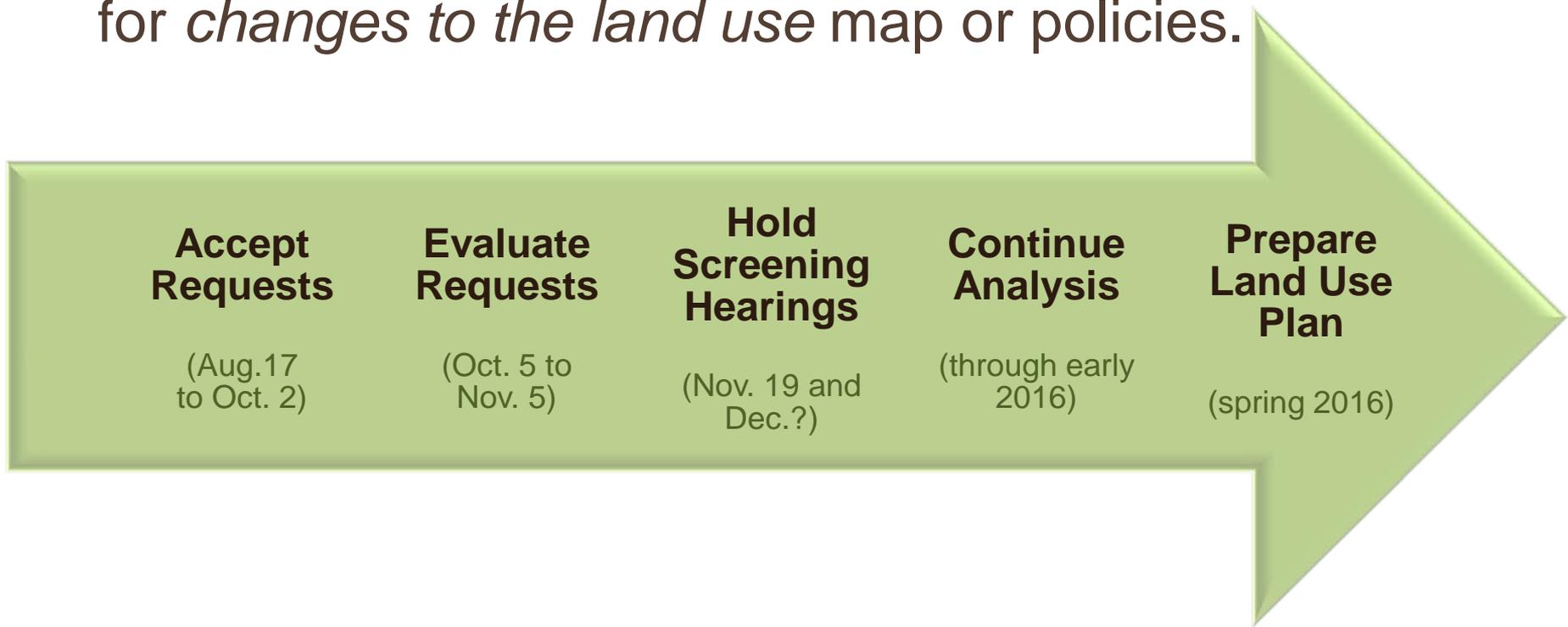
Update: Work Plan

Updated 8/4/2015



PROPOSED REQUEST PROCESS

Process for community-initiated requests for *changes to the land use* map or policies.



BOARD FEEDBACK – SCHEDULE AND FOCUSED TOPICS

- **County Planning Commission on July 15**
 - Recommended starting IGA renewal soon (one member)
- **Planning Board on July 16**
 - Stated that proposed schedule looks good, or no comment (several members)
 - Make housing strategies its own topic
- **BOCC on Aug. 4**
 - Proposed schedule fine

An aerial photograph of Boulder, Colorado, showing a dense residential area with many houses, a large stadium (likely Folsom Field), and surrounding green hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The text "SERVICE AREA EXPANSION?" is overlaid in large white letters.

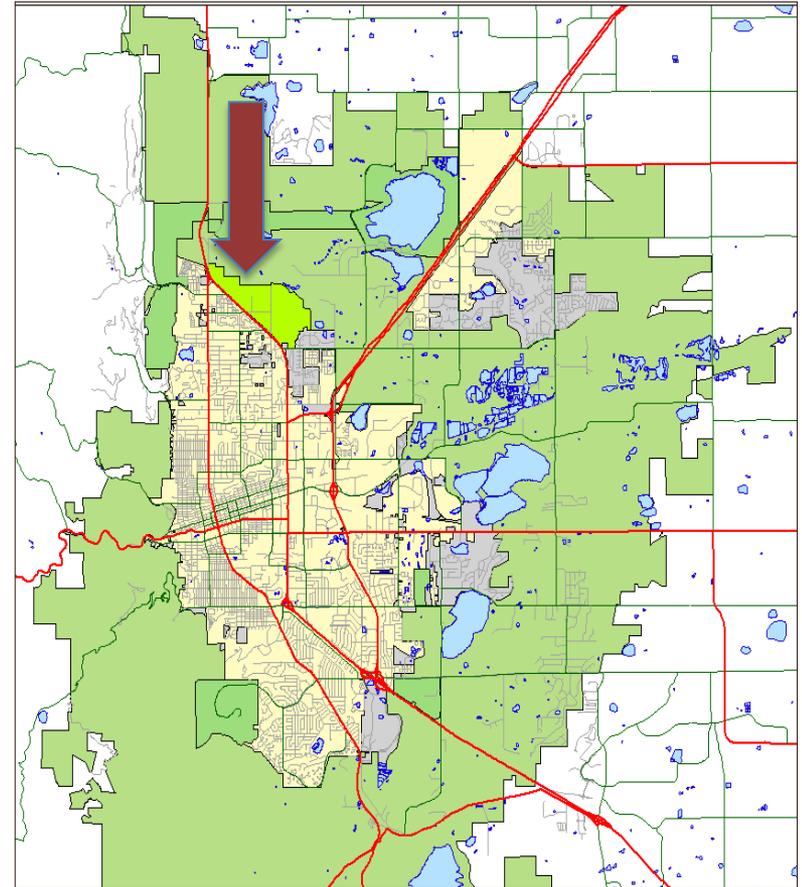
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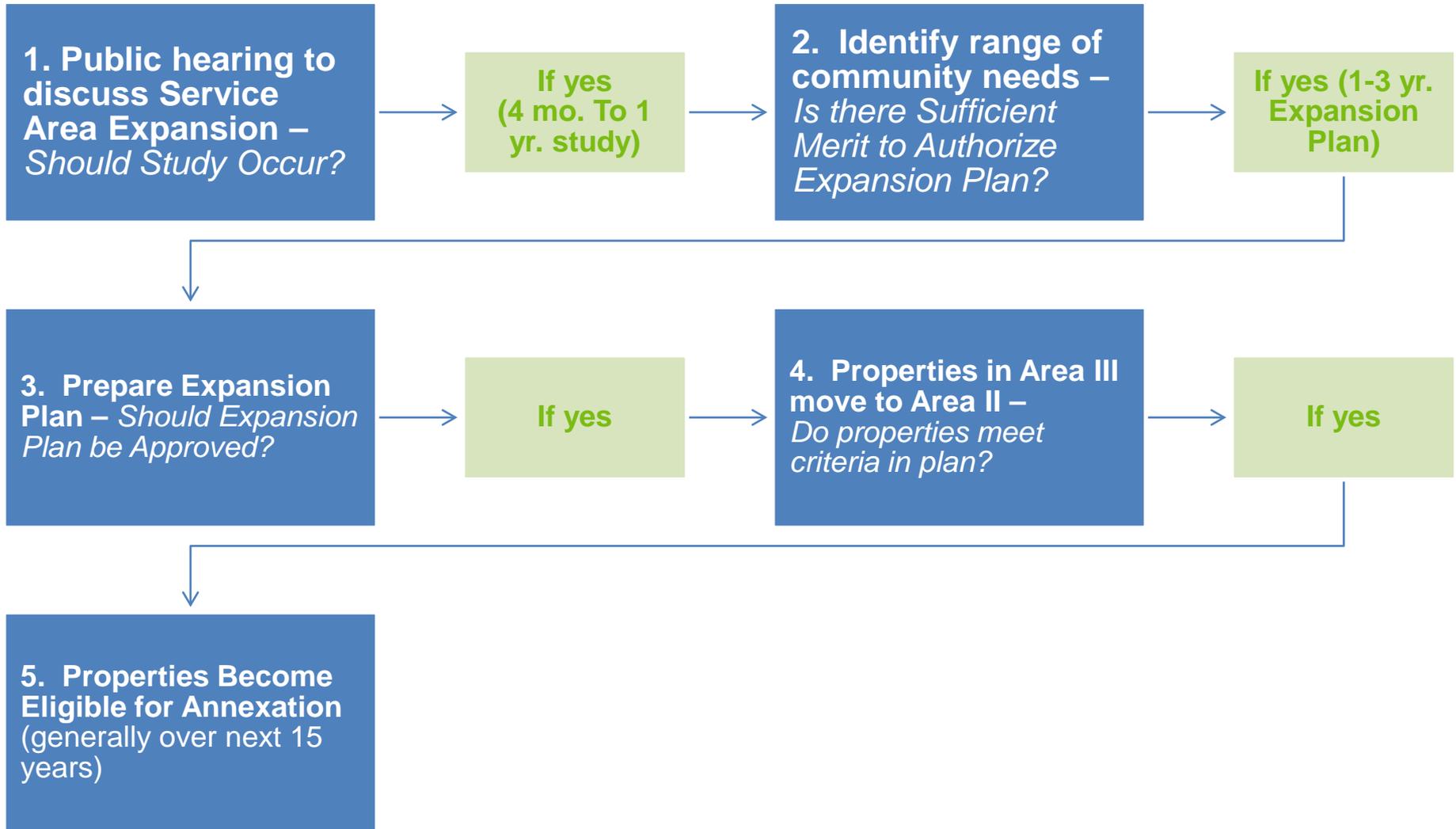
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SERVICE AREA EXPANSION?

- Addressed during each BVCP five year update
- Applies to Area III-Planning Reserve
- Joint decision – All four review bodies must agree to initiate a Service Area Expansion Assessment (merit study)
- One review body can say “no”.
- Would take 4 to 12 months



SERVICE AREA EXPANSION PROCESS



BOARD AND BOCC FEEDBACK - SERVICE AREA EXPANSION

- **Planning Commission** (July 15)
 - 3 members: no need for Service Area Assessment in 2015
 - 1 member: undecided
 - 3 members: no comment
- **Planning Board** (July 16)
 - 5 members present: no need for Service Area Assessment
 - Give public and property owners opportunity to share concepts at council hearing
- **BOCC** (Aug. 4)
 - All 3 commissioners: not the right time to begin Service Area Assessment. Planning Reserve is long term opportunity

PUBLIC AND PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATION AND FEEDBACK

Notification:

- Direct mail to all property owners, week of July 13; follow up phone calls about postponement of hearing
- Press release and emails to community

Contacts to city/feedback:

- Some property owners or representatives would like to see Service Area Expansion process move forward
- Others expressed reservations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

City and county not begin a Service Area Expansion Assessment because:

- 1) Community/analysis have not yet identified unmet priority needs
- 2) Many other priorities for the 2015 plan update; study would take significant resources
- 3) City and county have never authorized such a study

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A large group of people, including men and women of various ages, are seated at numerous tables in a well-lit community room. They are engaged in conversations, looking at documents and papers on the tables. The room has a drop ceiling with recessed lighting and colorful walls in shades of purple and yellow. In the background, there are bulletin boards and informational displays. The overall atmosphere is one of active participation and collaboration.

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KICKOFF ACTIVITIES

- Invite people where they gather – “pop-ups”
- **Boulder 2030 Kickoff event (Aug. 31)**
- High level of notification (e.g., mail, media)
- Invitations to community organizations
- Pop up Activities
- Planning 101 Videos

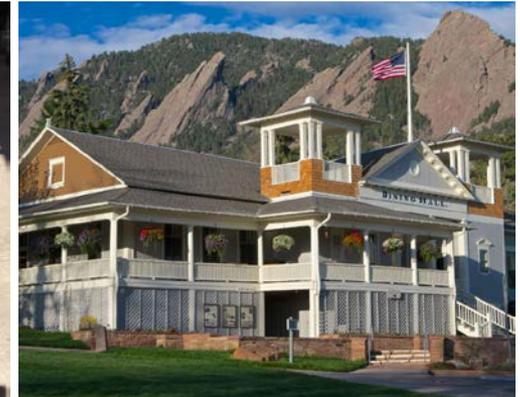


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BOULDER 2030 KICKOFF EVENT | **AUGUST 31, 4-8 P.M.** | **CHAUTAUQUA** | **DROP IN ANYTIME!**

ACTIVITIES & DESSERT
4:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Chautauqua Picnic Shelter
BRING A PICNIC WE'LL PROVIDE DESSERT!
- Art projects for kids
- Interactive activities for all ages
- Lots of maps and information about Boulder
- Discussion on your ideas for Boulder's future

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Chautauqua Community House
- "Our Planning Legacy" video debut
- Key trends and topics for the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan
- Share your thoughts!

DURING THE MONTHS AHEAD, BOULDER WILL EMBARK ON AN EXCITING JOURNEY.
Building on our shared legacy and common values, the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan update is an opportunity for all of us to think about our vision for the future and how to make that common vision a reality.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION AND HELP SHAPE BOULDER'S FUTURE!
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BVCP STATISTICAL SURVEY

Purpose: gauge opinions about urban form, character, growth, housing and jobs-related topics

Sample Size: 3,000 people in BVCP area (800 responses)

Two tiers:

1. *Statistically-valid mailed survey*
2. *Focus groups – subset of participants*

Timing:

Aug 25th draft review - Mid-September issuance



An aerial photograph of Boulder, Colorado, showing the city, a stadium, and surrounding mountains. The text "OTHER UPDATES" is overlaid in white on the top left.

OTHER UPDATES

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PRELIMINARY 2040 PROJECTIONS

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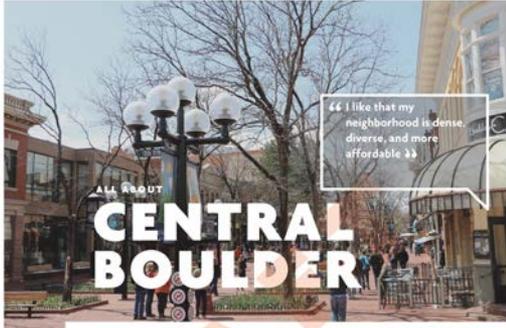
	Dwellings		Population		Employment	
	2015	2040	2015	2040	2015	2040
City Limits*	44,270	TBD	103,840	TBD	98,510	117,280
Area II	5,710	TBD	12,030	TBD	2,920	3,480

Notes:

*City limits encompass Area I and Area III Annexed

- Model refinements underway for dwellings and population
- Results and maps available soon

SUBCOMMUNITY FACT SHEETS



Located in the heart of the city, Central Boulder is a dynamic and diverse place. The area is rich with iconic Boulder local and the Pearl Street Mall, University Hill, Boulder services, entertainment and recreation opportunities, civic activity and a central gathering place for the region, and a variety of iconic events such as Boulder Creek Festival, and many others, are held in this area. Central Boulder is also one of the oldest and most historic parts of Boulder's designated historic districts are located in more neighborhoods and districts are potential well-connected to the rest of the city and with places to explore and things to do, Central Boulder is the cultural core of the community.

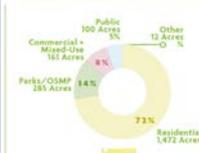
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CENTRAL BOULDER



LIFESTYLE

EXISTING LAND USE



GETTING AROUND

BIKE LANES & TRAILS

32.69 miles
303.81 miles in Boulder Valley
28% % of subcommunity within 1/4 mile of a trailhead

NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS

To be included in next draft

SIDEWALK GAPS

1.48% of missing sidewalk links
5% (city average)

TRANSIT

84% % of subcommunity within 1/4 mile of transit

NATURE

WATER FEATURES



PEOPLE & HOUSING

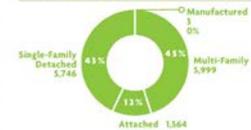
POPULATION

29,315 (2015 estimate)
Projected Capacity AVAILABLE SOON

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS

13,333 (2015)
Projected Capacity AVAILABLE SOON

HOUSING UNIT MIX



DENSITY (DWELLING UNITS/RESIDENTIAL ACRES)

0.87 units/acre
7.3 units/acre (city average)

RANGE OF SINGLE FAMILY LOT SIZE



TOTAL JOBS

23,583 (2015)
Projected Capacity AVAILABLE SOON

AREA III FACT SHEET

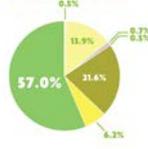


ALL ABOUT AREA III

Area III is a region of about 44,000 acres in the perimeter of land around the boundaries of the rural land uses and features including old to operations, farms, open space, subdivisions structures, riparian ecosystems, single family established in 1978 by mutual agreement between the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. Are non-urbanized condition to provide a well-defined agricultural, ecological and predominantly rural Boulder Valley, and to buffer the Valley from achieved through open space and conservation and through a major rezoning and downzoning undertaken in order to implement the current Plan, channeling urban growth to urban areas, preserving environmental and natural resource publicly owned lands such as open space that regulated by the county with referrals to the residential uses on existing subdivided lots or of other uses are allowed but only after specific criteria designed to sustain the rural unique function it provides in the Boulder Valley.

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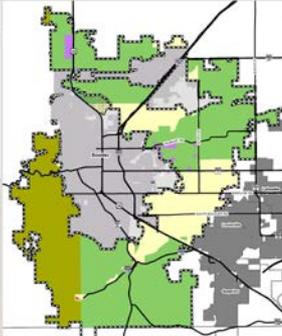
ZONING



- Agriculture (25,038 acres)**
- Estate Residential (2,750 acres)
- Forestry (9,368 acres)
- General Industrial (213 acres)
- Light Residential (292 acres)
- Rural Residential (6,645 acres)
- Suburban Residential (215 acres)

* Several zoning districts span a very small proportion of total acreage: Economic Development (0.0%), Executive (0.0%), Transitional (0.0%), Manufactured Home (0.0%), and Business (0.0%).

- BCOP Area III Boundary
- BCOP Area III Planning Reserve
- Boulder City Limits
- Area II Service Area



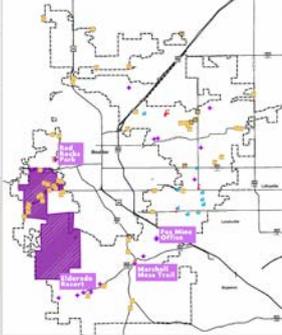
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PLACES OF INTEREST

TRAILHEADS

- 49 in the City of Boulder
 - 5 in BCPOS
- #### SPECIAL USES
- 6 Schools
 - 9 Places of Worship

- School
- Place of Worship
- City of Boulder Trailhead
- BCPOS Trailhead
- Historic Place
- Playoff Mountain Cultural Landscape District



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PEOPLE & HOUSING

POPULATION

7,565 (2010 estimate)

DENSITY (DWELLING UNITS/ACRE)

0.05 units/acre

+ 5 units/100 acres



HOUSING UNIT MIX

Multi-Family Residential (50 units)* 3% 4%
Farm Residential (215 units)**

HOUSING BEDROOM MIX

Multi-Family Residential (80 bedrooms)* 1% 2%
Farm Residential (247 bedrooms)**

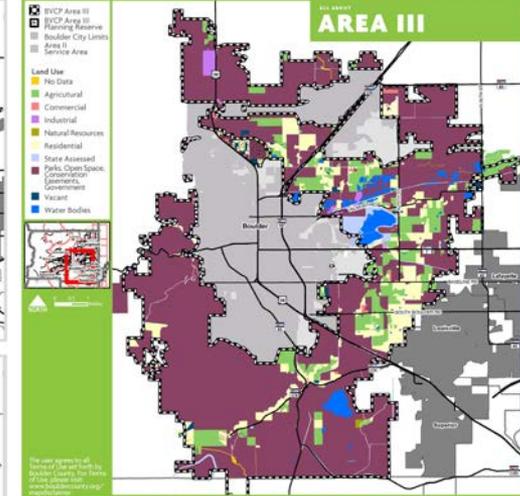


* Errors found in data, number will change

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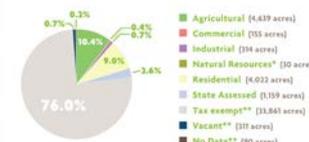
AREA III

- No Data
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Natural Resources
- Residential
- State Assessed
- Parks, Open Space, Conservation, Government
- Vacant
- Water Bodies



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EXISTING LAND USE



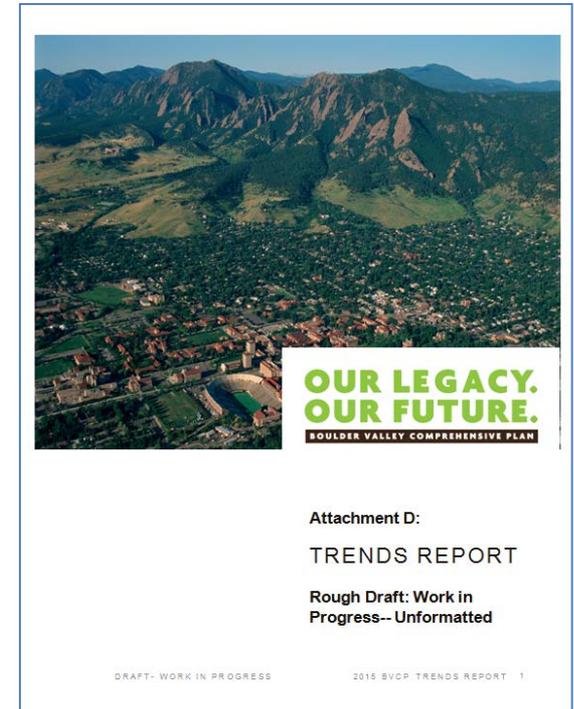
- Agricultural (4,439 acres)
- Commercial (153 acres)
- Industrial (214 acres)
- Natural Resources* (10 acres)
- Residential (4,032 acres)
- State Assessed (1,159 acres)
- Tax exempt** (13,861 acres)
- Vacant** (111 acres)
- No Data** (10 acres)

* 0.07% (Not pictured in chart)
** Listed within the City's 2040 land use 13,320 acres of the Tax Exempt category of 13,861; 247 acres of the Vacant category (out of 111); and 10 acres of the Null category (out of 95)



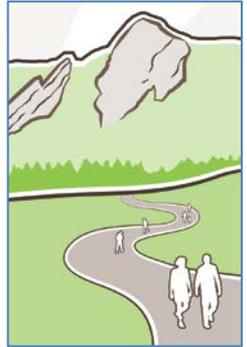
FOUNDATIONS NEXT STEPS

- **Complete in August:**
 - Projections
 - 2015 Community and Affordable Housing Profiles
 - Fact Sheet Updates
 - Trends Report
- **Initiating or Ongoing:**
 - 3D Mapping Tool
 - Metrics
 - Accomplishments and Challenges



IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS

- **Aug 17** Request Process opens (through Oct. 2)
- **Aug 19** BVCP Process Subcommittee
- **Aug 20** Planning Board Update
- **Aug 25** Council Briefing (w/ State Demographer)
- **Aug 31** **Public Kickoff Event at Chautauqua**
- **Sept 17** Joint Planning Board/Commission
- **Sept** Survey issued
- **Sept/Oct** Updates to Other Boards & Commissions



SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Motion to:

- Accept the **general schedule** for the BVCP process, including the schedule for land use and policy requests, acknowledging that detailed times will be adjusted periodically as the project progresses; and
- Direct staff to **not begin a Service Area Expansion Assessment** (study of sufficient merit/unmet need in the service area) as part of the 2015 BVCP update, and therefore not process requests for service area expansions as part of the update.