

WHAT IS THE BOULDER VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Since 1977, the City of Boulder and Boulder County have jointly adopted the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan to guide community decisions about the development and preservation of our natural and built environments. The plan is updated every five years to reflect current conditions and community values.

► What does the plan do?



The plan provides a general statement of the community's desired future development pattern and sets the city's land use and development policies that guide day-to-day development review decisions.

The plan also includes future land use and area maps that define the desired future land use pattern for the Boulder Valley regarding location, type and intensity of development.

The plan provides guidance for:

- area planning
- departmental master planning
- development standards and zoning decisions
- the capital improvements program
- other city efforts



► What is the 2015 update of the plan about?



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 vision a reality.

The updated plan will guide future decisions about these and other topics:

- growth management
- preservation
- development
- environmental protection
- economic vitality
- housing
- arts and culture
- urban design
- neighborhood character
- transportation

The plan will also address emerging topics such as:

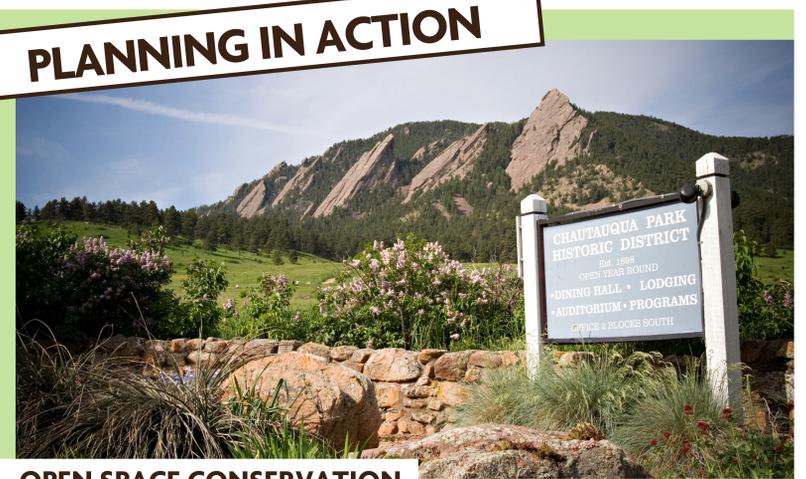
- climate change
- resilience
- local food
- social disparity

These are some starting thoughts. Now tell us what else needs to be included!



- Join the **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS** after the presentation
- Fill out the **“TELL US WHAT YOU THINK” FORM**
- **VISIT ONLINE WEBPAGE** to send your thoughts anytime

PLANNING IN ACTION



OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION

In 1898, Boulder citizens approved a bond issue that would purchase 80 acres of land to be a “Chautauqua.” This began the conservation efforts that to-date have preserved roughly 45,500 acres of city-owned land. The Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan calls for a compact city that is surrounded by open space and focuses growth and development inside the city and not at its edges.



NORTH BOULDER REDEVELOPMENT

In 1995, the city adopted the North Boulder Subcommunity Plan, which envisioned a “beautiful, diverse, inclusive and adaptive” community. The planning process involved extensive community engagement. In 2013, the city developed an Action Plan with a new generation of implementation items to advance the 1995 Plan’s vision and reflect current community values.



BIKE LANES AND MULTI-USE PATHS

In the 1980s, the Transportation Master Plan set the stage for complete streets and limiting single occupancy vehicle trips. Today, Boulder has 160 centerline miles of bike facilities (on-street bike lanes and multi-use paths), which include 58 miles of paved multi-use pathways and 79 underpasses for bikes and pedestrians.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

In 1974, the City of Boulder adopted the Historic Preservation Ordinance to preserve, protect and enhance significant buildings and places. Over the last 40 years, this has resulted in landmark designation of 180 properties and the creation of ten historic districts, totaling over 1,300 designated properties. Landmarks range from early mining structures to grand mansions and innovative mid-century buildings.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING WHEN? HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The goal of community engagement for the BVCP Update is to have a creative, smart, open and engaging process focused on critical issues. Community members' views are crucial to ensure the final plan represents the community's vision for the future.

The plan is adopted by four decision-making bodies: the Boulder City Council and Planning Board and the Boulder County Commissioners and Planning Commission. There will be check-ins and sometimes hearings with each of these boards during each phase of the update.



The planning process will include many interactive opportunities for participation during each phase over the next year. Opportunities for these are listed by phase below.

STAY POSTED! Check www.BoulderValleyCompPlan.net for further details on the scheduling of these opportunities.

1. FOUNDATIONS + KICKOFF:

SPRING - SUMMER 2015



- › What are existing conditions?
- › What are the focused topics and issues?



Share your vision, views of success, and what's working and not working.

- Boulder 2030 Kickoff Event
- Pop-up events
- Online and mailed surveys
- Subcommunity sessions
- Check-ins with four decision-making bodies

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3. DRAFT PLAN:

SPRING - SUMMER 2016



- › Does the plan reflect the new direction and what we want Boulder to be in 2030?

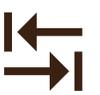
Help refine a draft plan.

- Open House
- Public hearings with four decision-making bodies

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2. OPTIONS + ANALYSIS:

FALL 2015 - WINTER 2016



- › What are the choices and directions for the update?

Develop and refine scenarios for moving forward that will serve as the basis of the draft plan. Consider policies, trade-offs, and implications.

- Workshop series
- Online polling
- Discussion groups
- Online and mailed surveys
- Check-ins and hearings with four decision-making bodies

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4. RENEW IGA + PLAN ADOPTION:

SUMMER 2016

- › Renew intergovernmental agreement between the city and county



- › City Council, City Planning Board, Boulder County Commissioners, and County Planning Commission adopt plan

- Public hearings with four decision-making bodies

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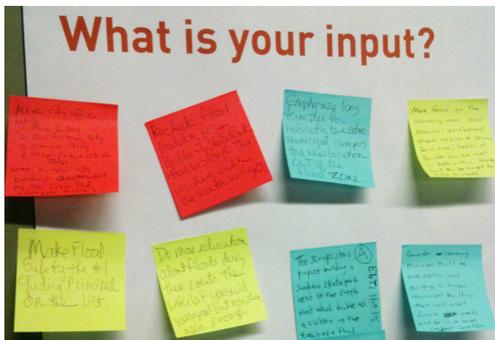


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LEAD DISCUSSIONS!
Volunteer to guide **DISCUSSIONS** on key issues your community faces. Sign-up sheets are available on the table.



VISIT ONLINE WEBPAGE ANYTIME!
Learn more and tell us your thoughts. Sign up for **E-MAIL UPDATES** and more!



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WHAT GROWTH IS PROJECTED FOR BOULDER VALLEY?

► What are Growth Projections?

The Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP) contains a Land Use Plan that guides the future type, location, and intensity of growth and development. The plan largely reflects what is already built but also aims to implement the community's vision for future development. As part of each BVCP update process, new 25-year projections are completed to inform discussions about future growth and potential changes to the Land Use Plan. For the 2015 update, the projections are calculated to 2040.

► How are they useful?

- Projections give a broad sense of what type, location, and pace of housing and jobs might occur communitywide **based on current adopted policies** (e.g. current zoning).
- They help inform conversations about the kind of future Boulder wants, and potential changes to current policies. In the past, the city has changed land uses from commercial and industrial to mixed use and residential based on projections data and community-defined priorities.
- City departments like transportation, parks and utilities use the projections to plan for system needs in long range master plans.

► How are Projections NOT Used?

- Projections do not address quality or character of development or social issues (e.g. diversity, cost of housing, types of future jobs and incomes, etc.).
- They are not useful at the site-specific level; accuracy is lower for individual parcels.
- They do not represent a "given." They reflect what could happen under current policies, zoning, and reasonable assumptions regarding demographics and economic growth.

► What Do These Projections Suggest about Boulder?

- Based on current policies, the community is relatively built-out and will not change much in the future except through redevelopment in select locations, mostly along major corridors or in mixed use areas where the plan's current policies have directed more intensity.
- Boulder has more potential for non-residential development (jobs) than for housing. Based on current zoning, Boulder reaches its capacity for additional housing before 2040, but has continued capacity for additional jobs beyond 2040.

► How are the Growth Projections calculated?

The projections use a capacity-based methodology, generally:

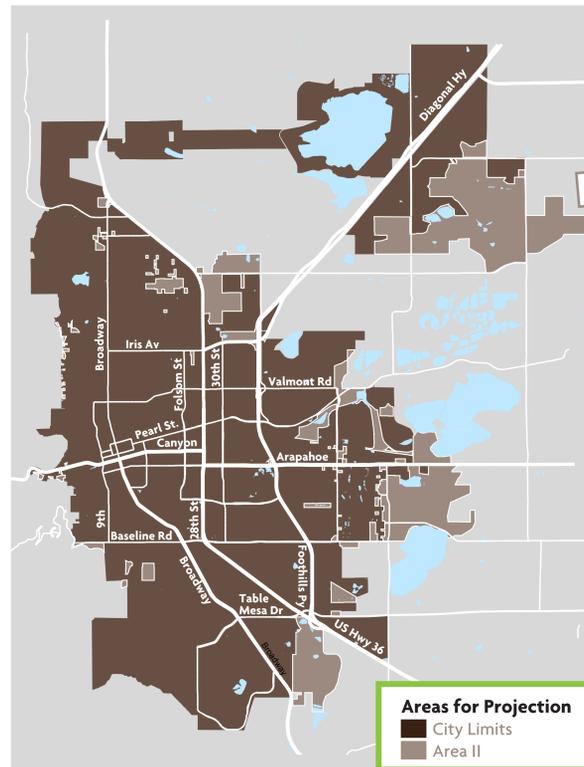
- Estimate current dwelling units, population, and employment
- Estimate total development capacity using existing zoning
- Subtract existing development from total capacity to get future capacity.
- Calculate 2040 growth potential using the assumptions:

This baseline number of jobs for the projections is a smaller number than what has been previously reported on the Community Profile because it reflects only jobs that are within the Service Area. The Profile numbers included jobs outside of this geographic area.

NOTE: this is not the complete summary of results or methodology. For additional details please refer to the project webpage.

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► Service Area Projections (City Limits & Area II)

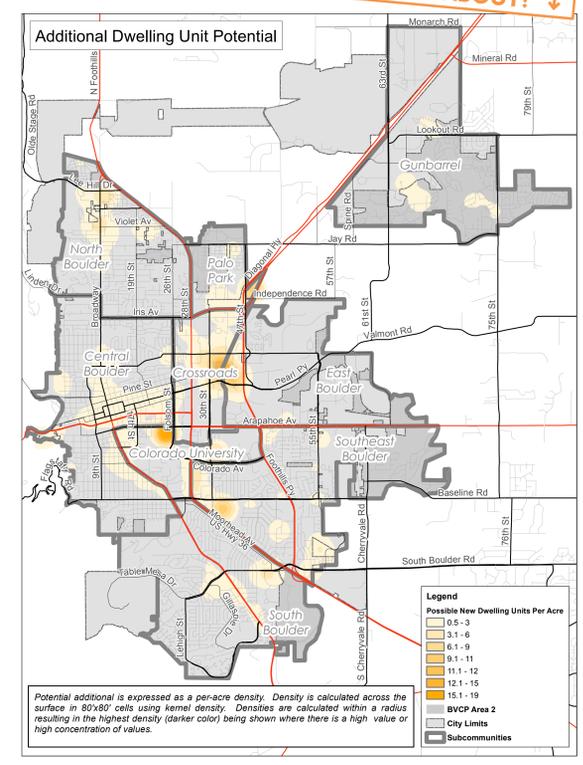
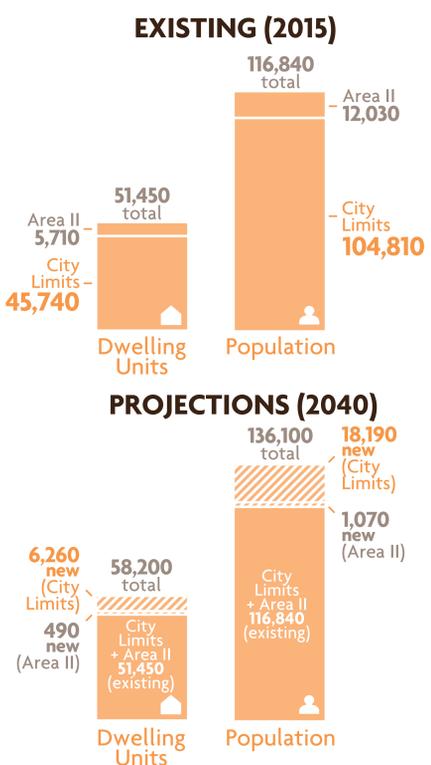


The "Service Area" includes the city limits (shown in dark brown) and "Area II" (shown in lighter brown).

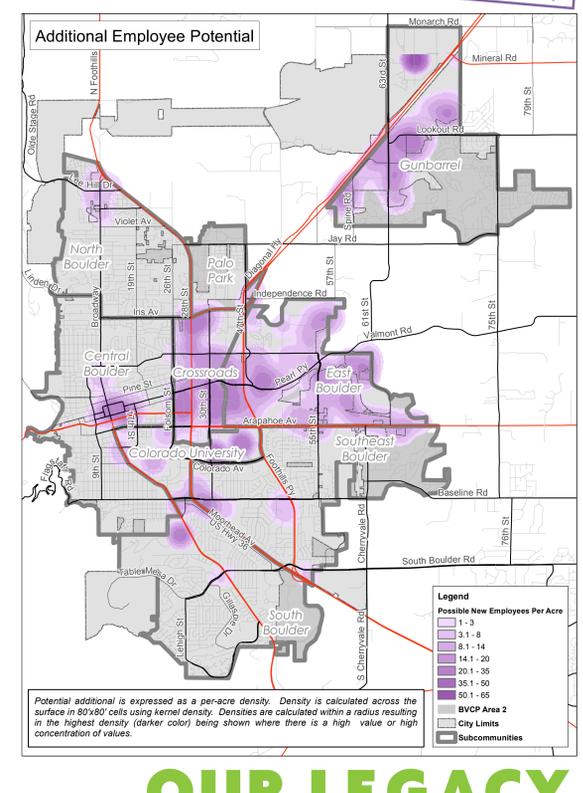
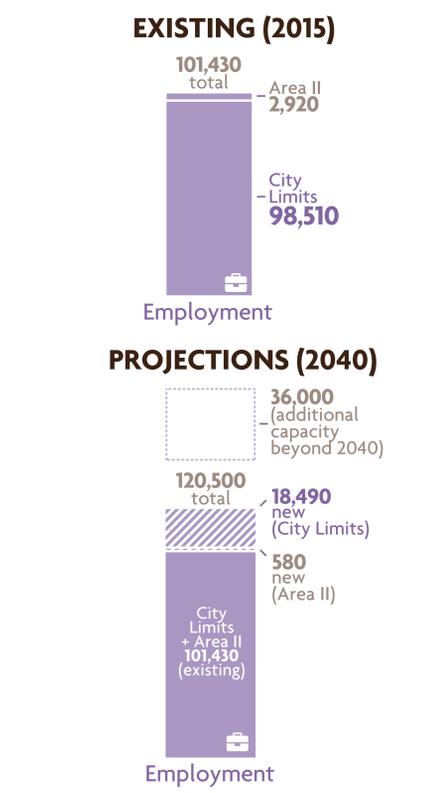
← WHAT'S THIS MAP ABOUT?

The map below shows the total capacity for future dwellings in the service area: 6,750 total new units (reached by 2040) or about 200-300 per year (growing at average historic rate of 0.6%). 970 of these units are Colorado University's future dorms. Future population is calculated using 2.16 people per unit with an occupancy rate of 97.6%.

↓ WHAT'S THIS MAP ABOUT? ↓



This map shows total capacity in the service area, with 19,070 employees newly anticipated by 2040, growing at an average historic rate of 0.7% annually.



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