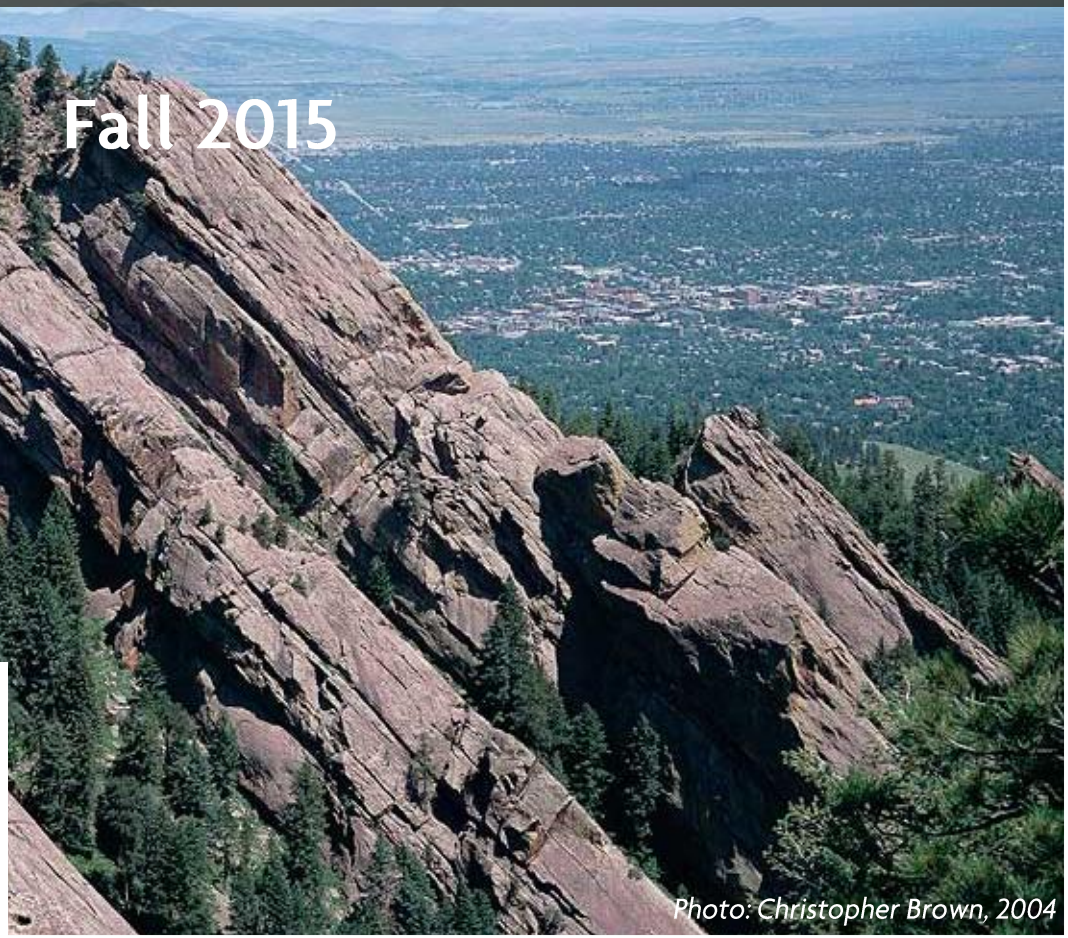
# 2015 BOULDER VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

## Meeting To Go

Fall 2015



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# 15 MINUTE PRESENTATION

## We'll share

1. Boulder's Planning Legacy
2. About the Plan Update
3. Focus for the Future
4. How You Can be Engaged

## Then... Small Group Discussion

# THE PLAN'S LEGACY

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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION

## Imagine Our Future

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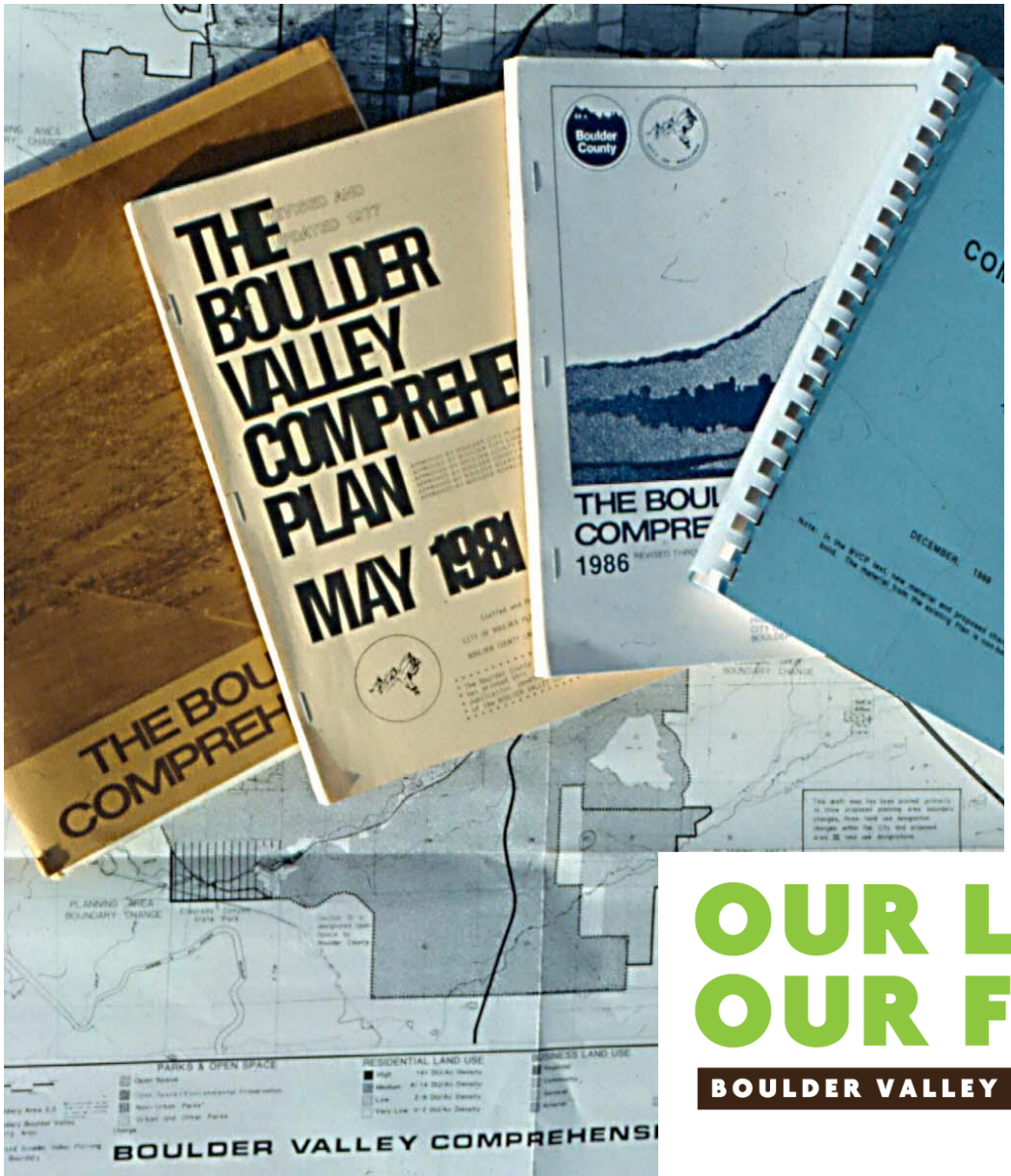
# SINCE 1977

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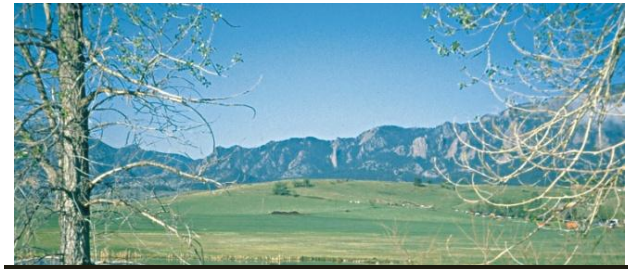
# LONG-STANDING CORE VALUES



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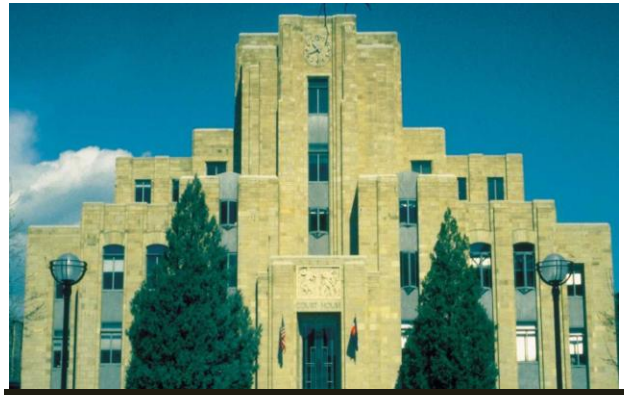

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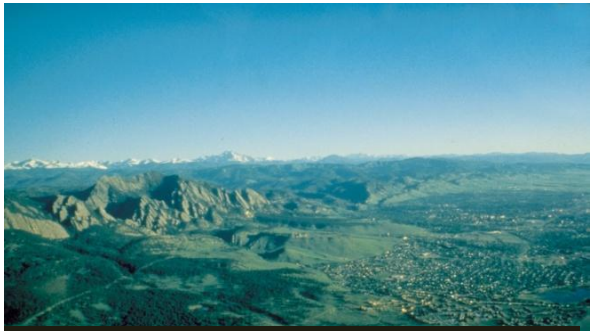
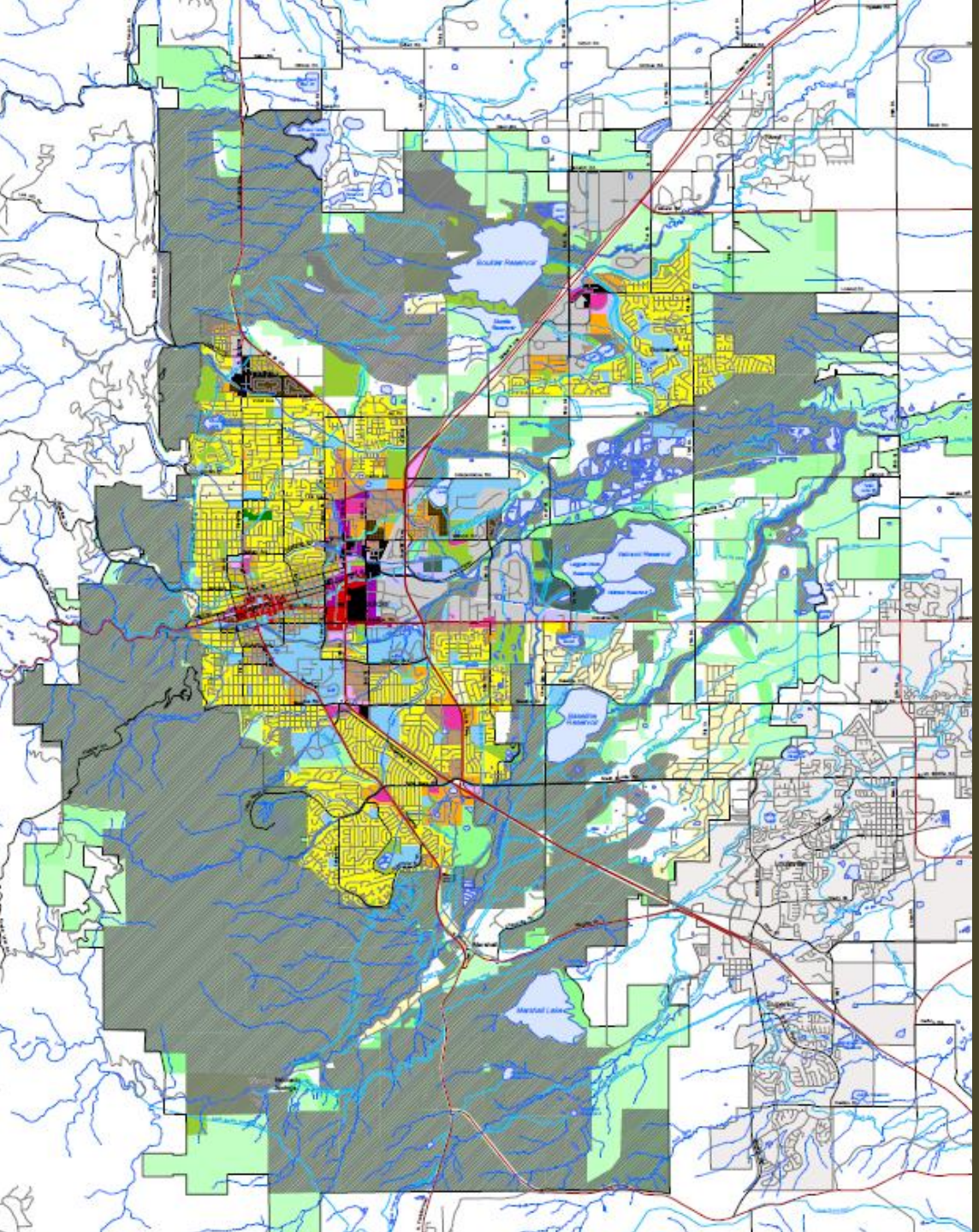


COMPACT, CONTIGUOUS

ALL MODES
TRANSPORTATION

INCLUSIVE, VIBRANT

GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS



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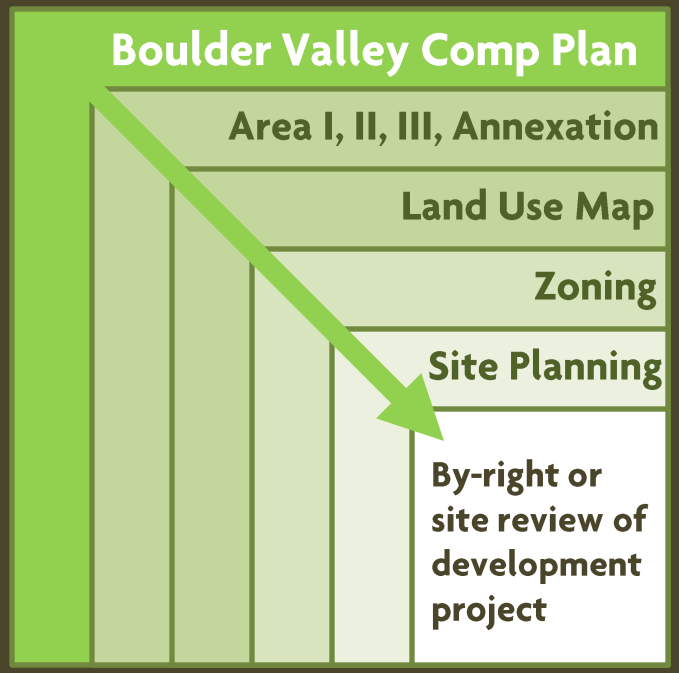

# WHAT WILL UPDATE TAKE?

We Are Here

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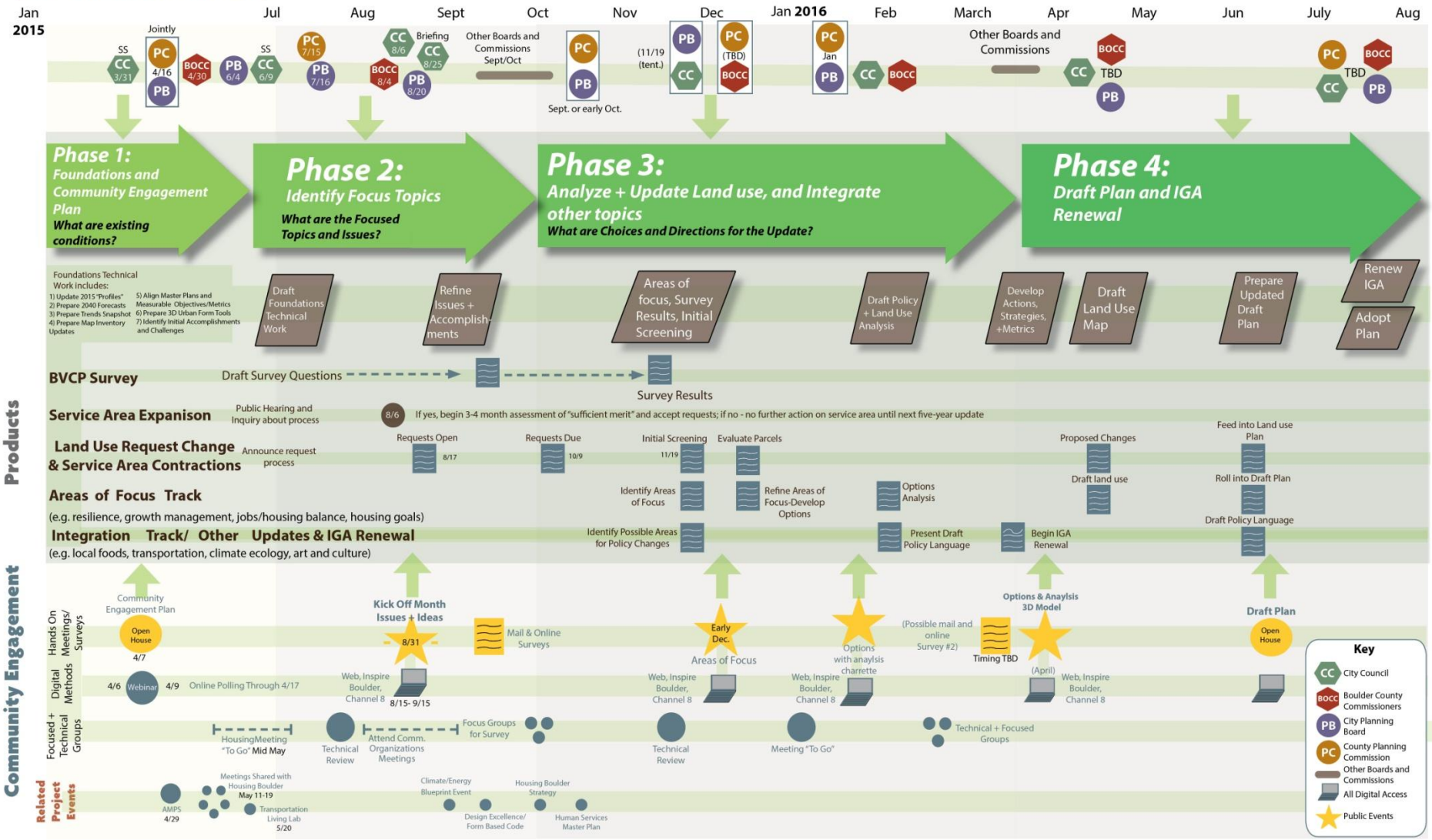
## 2015 Update: Work Plan

*Updated 8/6/2015*



# TIMELINE

## There are many more opportunities to get involved!

**1. FOUNDATIONS + KICKOFF:**
SPRING - SUMMER 2015

**2. OPTIONS + ANALYSIS:**
FALL 2015 - WINTER 2016

**3. DRAFT PLAN:**
SPRING - SUMMER 2016

**4. RENEW IGA + PLAN ADOPTION:**
SUMMER 2016

# WHAT ARE CURRENT CONDITIONS?

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# THE INFORMATION

- ✓ Online
- ✓ Libraries
- ✓ Data Discussions
- ✓ Call or email

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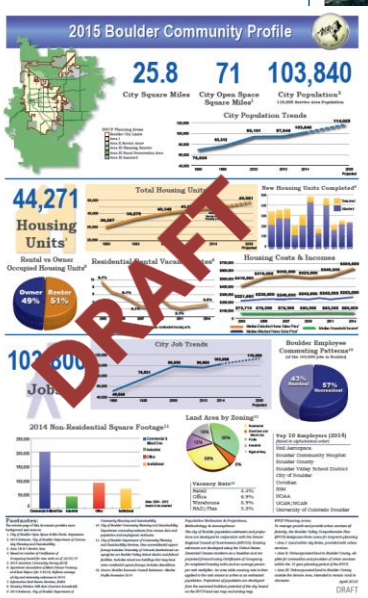
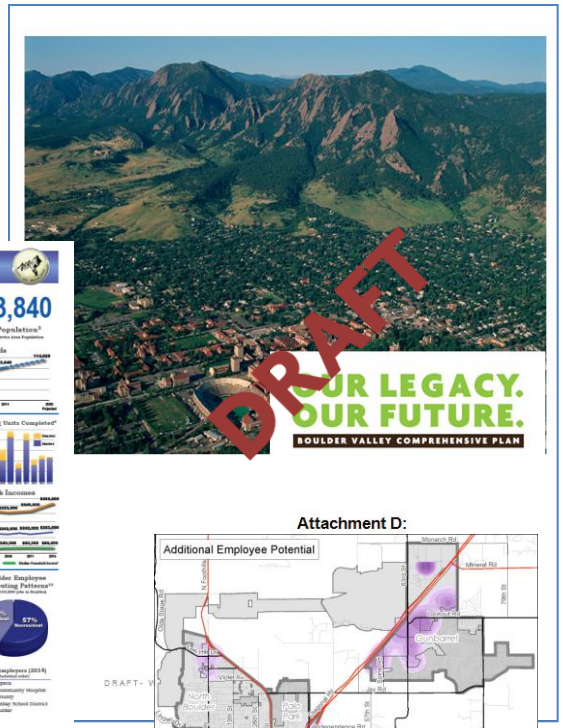
# FOUNDATIONAL WORK

- ❑ Trends Report
- ❑ Fact Sheets
- ❑ Projections
- ❑ Profile

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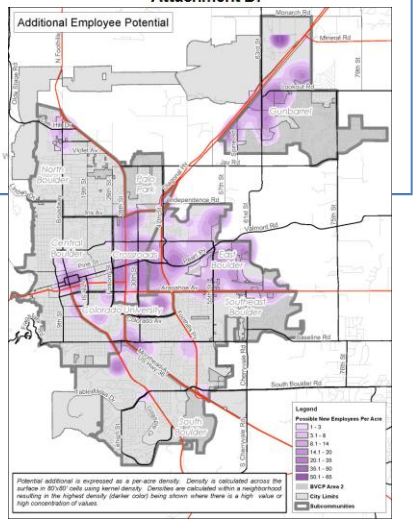


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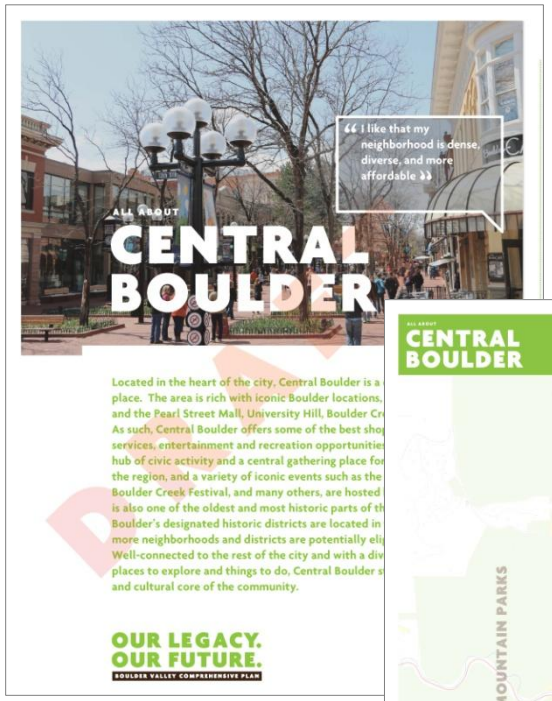
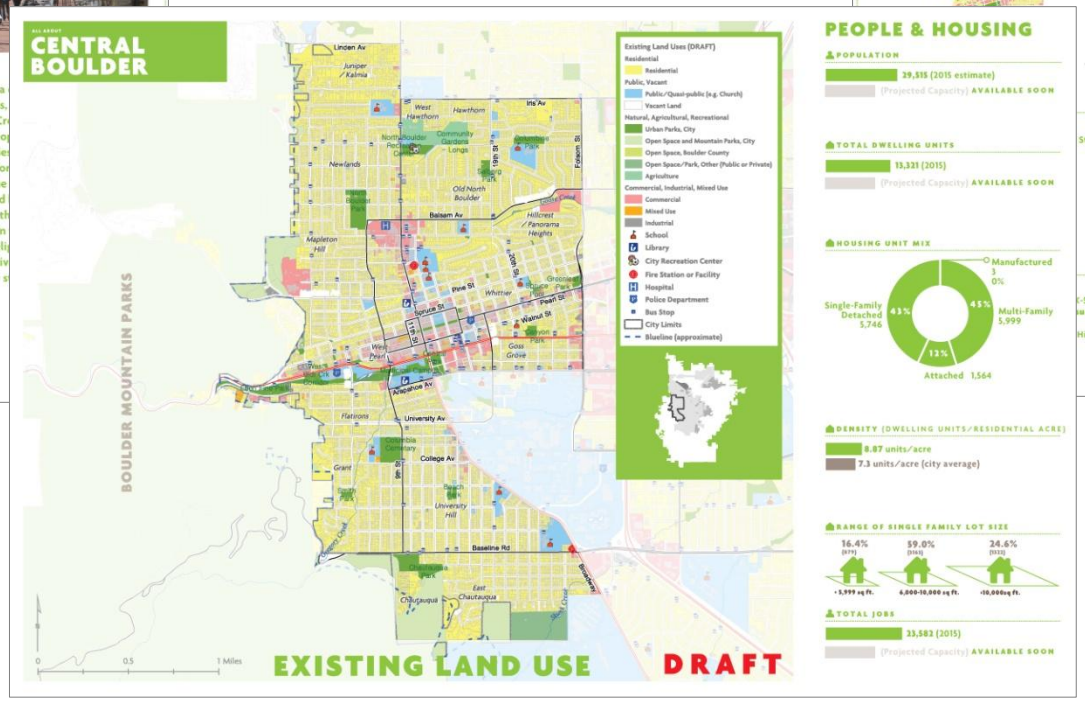
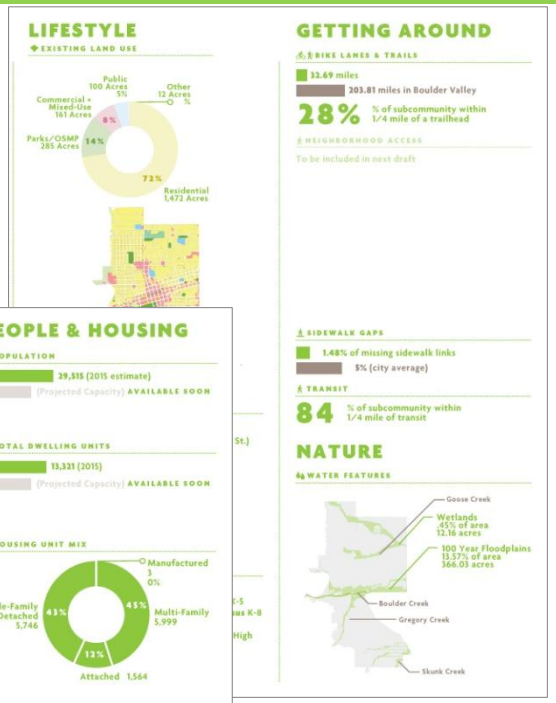
# FACT SHEETS TELL US ABOUT EACH PLACE

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# FACT SHEETS CONVEY HISTORY

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**A majority of the historic districts, and much of the city's history, exists within Central Boulder.**

**1860** Abner Brown builds the first schoolhouse in what would become the state of Colorado.

**1865** Boulder's first County Courthouse is built.

**1876** Central School graduates its first high school class, the same year that CU is established.

**1882** Whittier School opens. It is the longest continually operating school in Colorado.

**1894** The Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium is established.

**1898** Construction begins on the Texas-Colorado Chautauqua. The park's most prominent building, the auditorium, is constructed in less than eight weeks.

**1909**
1. The Hotel Boulderado opens and the first liquor license is issued. constructed in less than eight weeks.
2. The Post Office at 15th and Walnut Streets is constructed.

**1918** Dr. O.M. Gilbert establishes the Mesa Vista Sanatorium.

**1921**
1. The Boulder Community Hospital opens in the former Ben Hageman House at 2705 Broadway.
2. Boulder's first auto park opens on what is presently known as Eben G. Fine Park.

**1937** Boulder High School on Arapahoe Ave. is designed by Glen Huntington.

**1938** The Boulder Lions Club erects a Bandshell in Central Park. Architect Glen Huntington designs the structure & Saco DeBoer is the landscape architect.

1850 | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960

**1859**
1. The Boulder City-Town Company is established.
2. The First Methodist Church is founded as Boulder's first faith community.

**1870** The first burial at Columbia Cemetery takes place.

**1880s** Goss Grove, Whittier, and Mapleton Hill, Boulder's earliest neighborhoods, begin to develop.

**1892** Mount St. Gertrude Academy is established.

**1897** Crystal Springs Brewing and Ice Company takes over Boulder City Brewery near 9th St. and Arapahoe Ave.

**1906** Boulder builds the Carnegie Library, the city's first public library.

**1910**
1. Nearly 280 homes are already constructed in the Mapleton Hill neighborhood with a couple hundred more to come in the following decades.
2. Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. writes "The Improvement of Boulder Colorado," which helped to create a plan for Boulder's future.

**1919** The Switzerland Trail train ends its service from Boulder to Ward.

**1931** Boulder's electric streetcars stop running as automobiles take over.

**1932** The first Boulder County Courthouse burns down.

**1952** The tanks belonging to the Federal Gas Company building that opened in 1904 are demolished at 13th and Canyon Blvd.

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# FOR 10 AREAS

ALL ABOUT

## AREA III

Area III is a region of about 44,000 areas in the unincorporated
perimeter of land around the boundaries of the city and its serv
of rural land uses and features including old townsites, expired
operations, farms, open space, subdivisions dating back to the 19
structures, riparian ecosystems, single family homes, and Boulde
established in 1978 by mutual agreement between the city and c
of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. Area III is intended t
non-urbanized condition to provide a well-defined urban edge t
agricultural, ecological and predominantly rural character found
Boulder Valley, and to buffer the Valley from nearby municipalit
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and through a major rezoning and downzoning of land by the co
undertaken in order to implement the cornerstone goals of the
Plan: channeling urban growth to urban areas, protecting agricul
preserving environmental and natural resources. Annexations in
publicly owned lands such as open space that has been acquired
regulated by the county with referrals to the city, and is largely
residential uses on existing subdivided lots or on large unsubdiv
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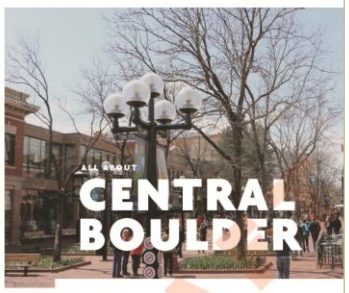

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## CENTRAL BOULDER

Located in the heart of the city, Central Boulder is a dynamic
place. The area is rich with iconic Boulder locations, includin
and the Pearl Street Mall, University Hill, Boulder Creek, and
As such, Central Boulder offers some of the best shopping, re
services, entertainment and recreation opportunities in the s
hub of civic activity and a central gathering place for the con
the region, and a variety of iconic events such as the Farmers
Boulder Creek Festival, and many others, are hosted here. Ce
is also one of the oldest and most historic parts of the city. M
Boulder's designated historic districts are located in this area
more neighborhoods and districts are potentially eligible for
Well-connected to the rest of the city and with a diverse coll
places to explore and things to do, Central Boulder stands ou
and cultural core of the community.

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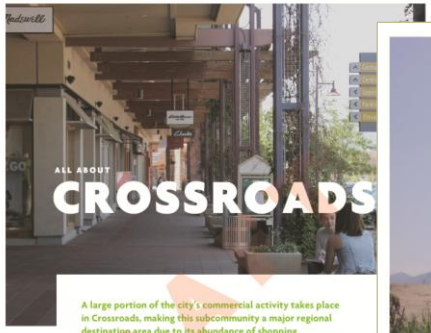

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## CROSSROADS

A large portion of the city's commercial activity takes place in Crossroads, making this subcommunity a major regional destination area due to its abundance of shopping, restaurants, services, and jobs. The Twenty Ninth Street Mall is a major draw, and is located on the former site of the Crossroads Shopping Center. Within Crossroads, the development pattern shifts from a grid of streets and alleys west of Folsom to a more auto-oriented pattern to the east featuring longer "super-blocks" lined with retail and surface parking lots. Several residential neighborhoods and developments are located within Crossroads and mostly north of Pearl Street, including Stratford Park, Orchard Grove, Willowbrook, and Mapleton Mobile Home Park. The western half of the Boulder Junction area is also located in Crossroads.

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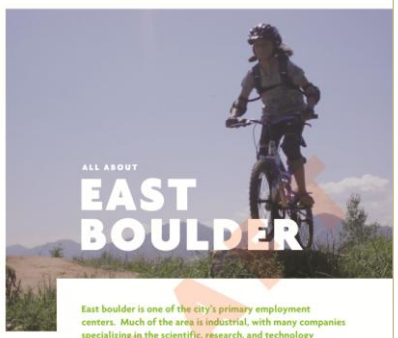

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## EAST BOULDER

East boulder is one of the city's primary employment centers. Much of the area is industrial, with many companies specializing in the scientific, research, and technology sectors, as well as more traditional industrial uses such as building contractors, warehousing and small-scale manufacturing. Major employers in East Boulder include Ball Aerospace and Foothills Hospital. The eastern half of the Boulder Junction area is also located in East Boulder. Several greenways provide excellent connections through the area and to the west and south.

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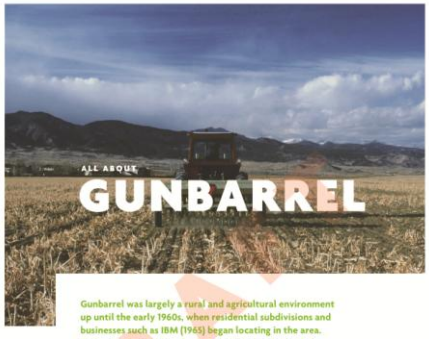

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## GUNBARREL

Gunbarrel was largely a rural and agricultural environment up until the early 1960s, when residential subdivisions and businesses such as IBM (1965) began locating in the area. Today Gunbarrel has suburban character and is both an employment center and a residential community. Gunbarrel has a significant amount of the city's industrial land base. Major employers in Gunbarrel include include IBM and Celestial Seasonings. The Gunbarrel Town Center is a central gathering place and a retail center for the community.

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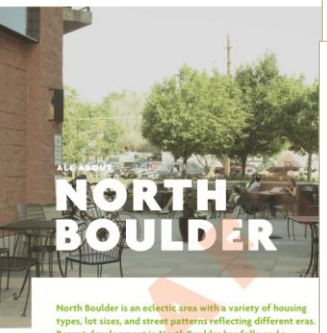

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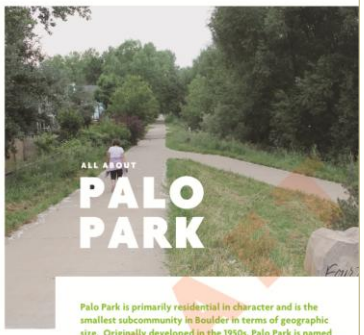
## NORTH BOULDER

North Boulder is an eclectic area with a variety of housing types, lot sizes, and street patterns reflecting different eras. Recent development in North Boulder has followed a neotraditional development style with a fine-grained street pattern and with business districts located within walking distance of residential areas. The area's primary main street commercial district is located along North Broadway. North Boulder has good access to open space and trails, and two greenways run east-west through the area, connecting to elementary and middle schools.



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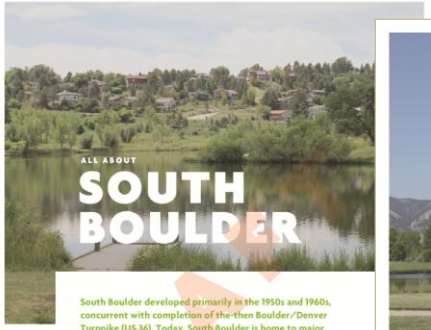
## PALO PARK

Palo Park is primarily residential in character and is the smallest subcommunity in Boulder in terms of geographic size. Originally developed in the 1950s, Palo Park is named after Paul and Louise Hoffman, who used the first two letters of their first names to create the name "Palo". Palo Park is known by locals primarily as a residential area. Palo Park is adjacent to the Fourmile Canyon Creek greenway and the Pleasant View sports complex.



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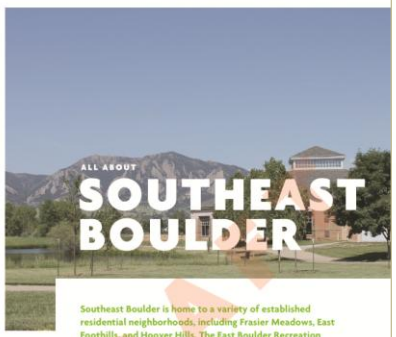
## SOUTH BOULDER

South Boulder developed primarily in the 1950s and 1960s, concurrent with completion of the-then Boulder/Denver Turnpike (US 36). Today, South Boulder is home to major employment centers, retail centers, and a variety of established residential neighborhoods including Martin Acres and Table Mesa North and South . The Table Mesa shopping center is centrally located within the subcommunity and is the area's primary retail destination. Major employers include the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) federal research laboratories, which have maintained a presence in the neighborhood since the 1950s and 1960s.



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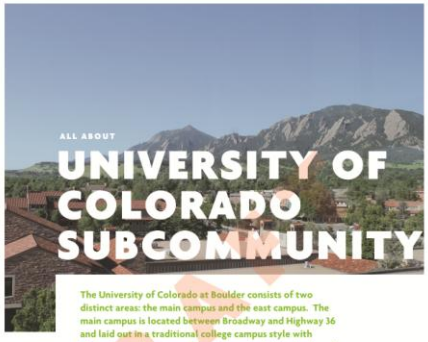
## SOUTHEAST BOULDER

Southeast Boulder is home to a variety of established residential neighborhoods, including Frasier Meadows, East Foothills, and Hoover Hills. The East Boulder Recreation Center is a main amenity, as are established retail and employment areas including the Meadows shopping center, which also has a variety of office and medical uses. The Williams Village area is a notable landmark featuring two prominent towers that were built in the 1960s to house university students. Several arterial streets flow through the area, including Highwy 36, Foothills Parkway, Baseline Road, and Arapahoe Avenue. Areas near the 28th Sreet Frontage Road have easy and direct access to CU via a series of



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## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SUBCOMMUNITY

The University of Colorado at Boulder consists of two distinct areas: the main campus and the east campus. The main campus is located between Broadway and Highway 36 and laid out in a traditional college campus style with distinctive architecture. The east campus is less-developed and is home to several large office buildings and research laboratories. The university is growing slowly, and for several years has had a student enrollment of approximately 30,000 students. The CU subcommunity comprises not just the university itself, but also some surrounding areas and neighborhoods that have a strong relationship to the university including Hillside, University Heights, and East Ridge. The University Hill commercial district, located just west of the main campus, has a distinct character of its own and is a destination area for both CU students and Boulder residents alike.

# ONLINE 3D MAPPING…

Central Boulder

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## Central Boulder

### PARKS & OPEN SPACE

- 17 parks
- 1 pedestrian mall (Pearl St.)
- 1 recreation center
- 1 community center
- 1 senior center
- 1 outdoor pool
- 1 pottery lab
- 1 studio
- 4 trailheads

### SCHOOLS

**Public**

- Foothill Elementary
- Columbine Elementary
- Whittier Elementary
- Flatirons Elementary
- University Hill Elementary
- Casey Middle
- New Vista High

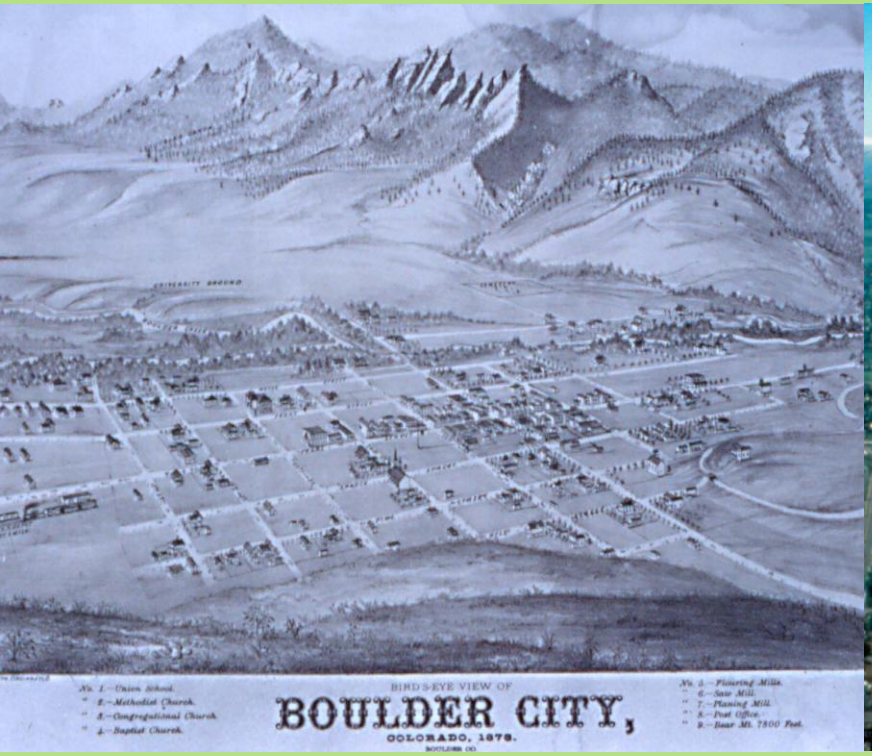
**Private**

- Mt Zion Lutheran K-5
- Sacred Heart of Jesus K-8
- Watershed High
- September School High

## People & Housing

### POPULATION

*Late 1800s....*

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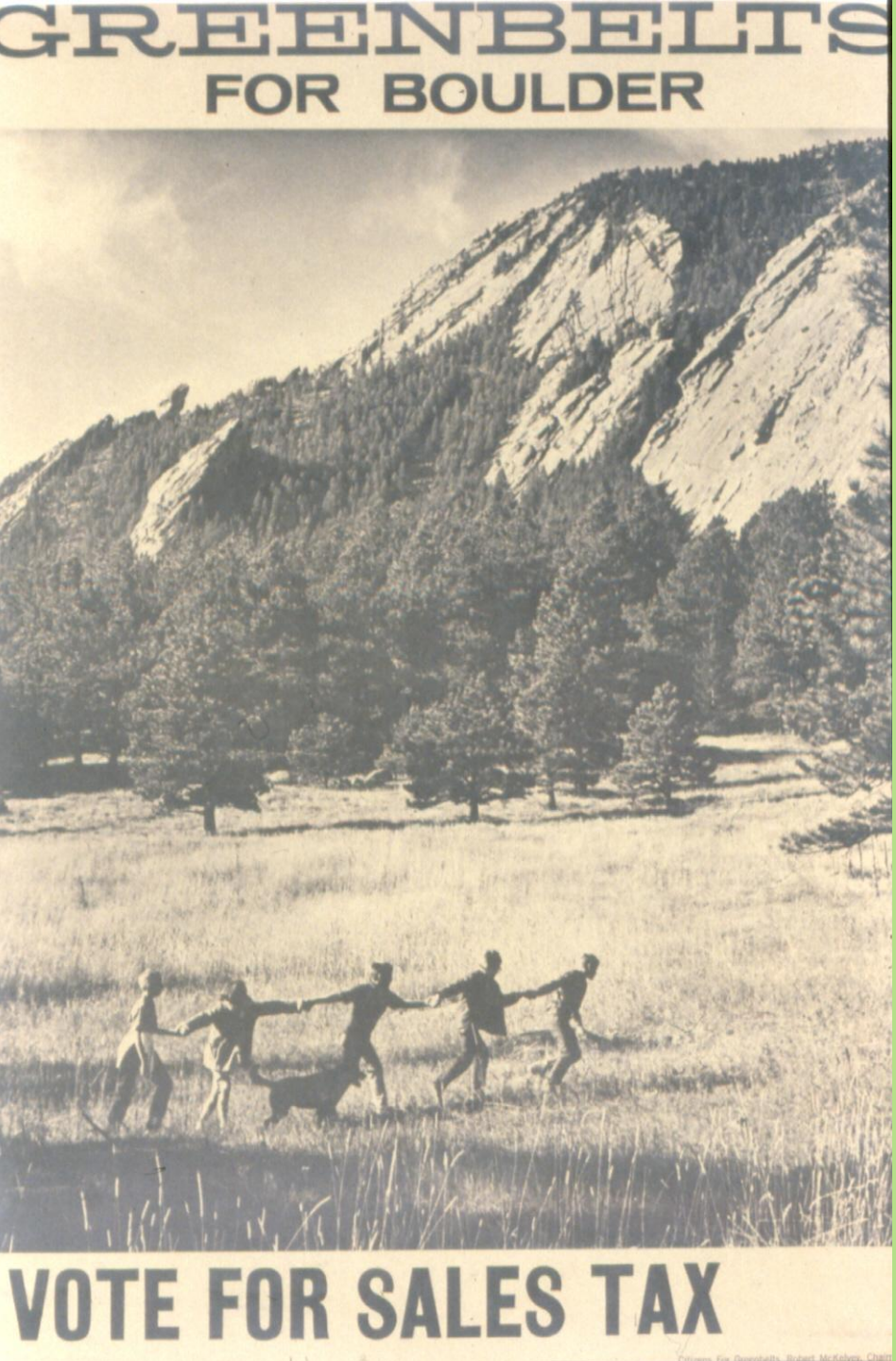
# Potential Housing, Jobs?

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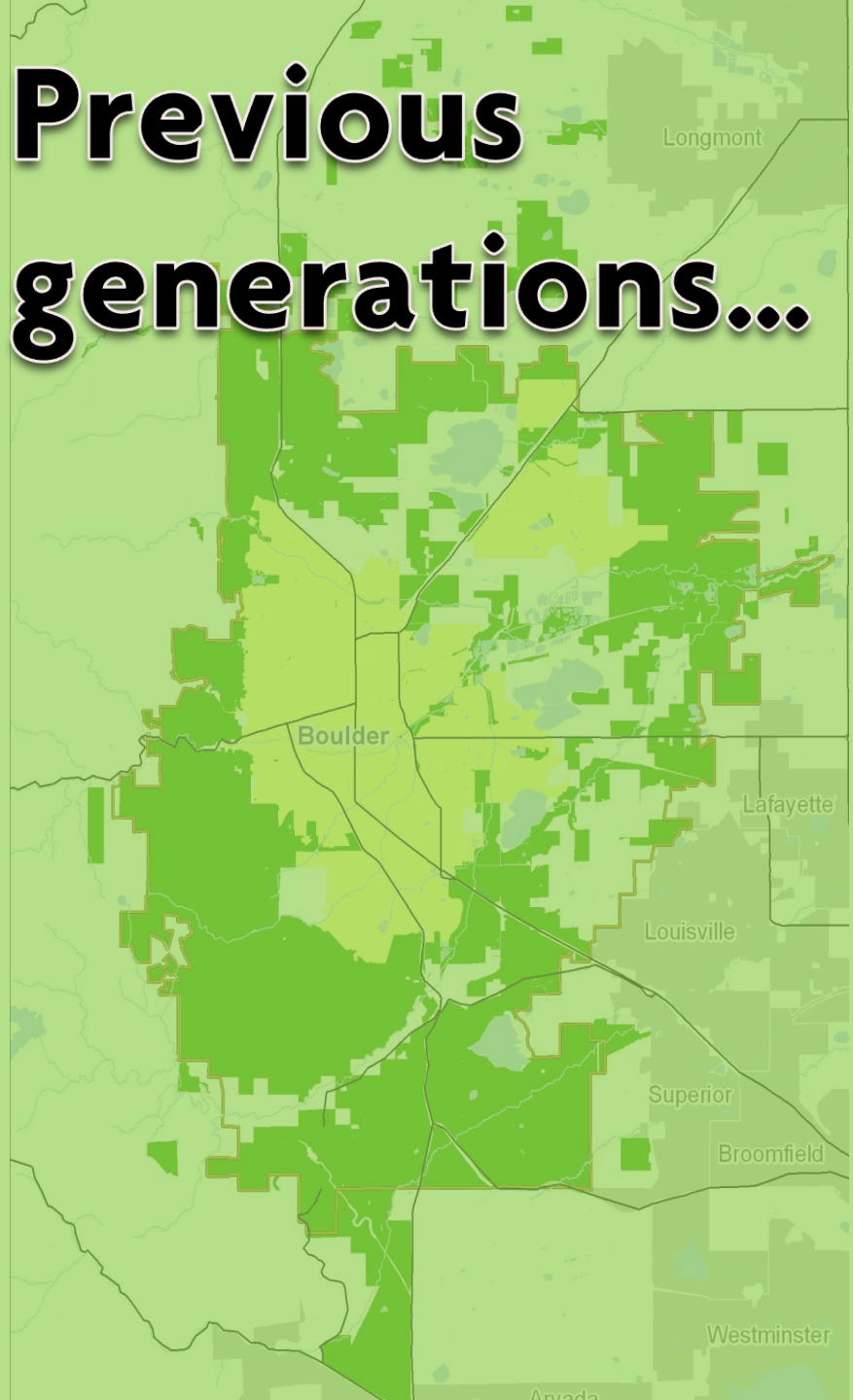

# Climate and Resilience

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# Growing, Changing, Aging

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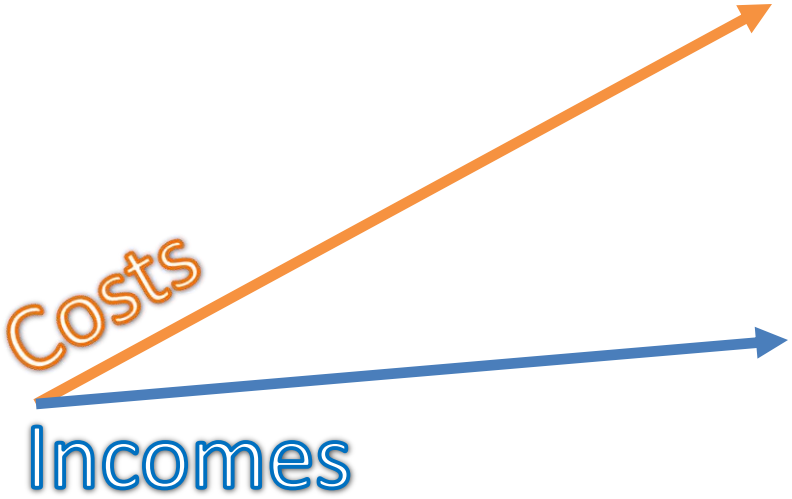

# Housing Types, Cost

# Healthy Living and Eating

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# WHAT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS?

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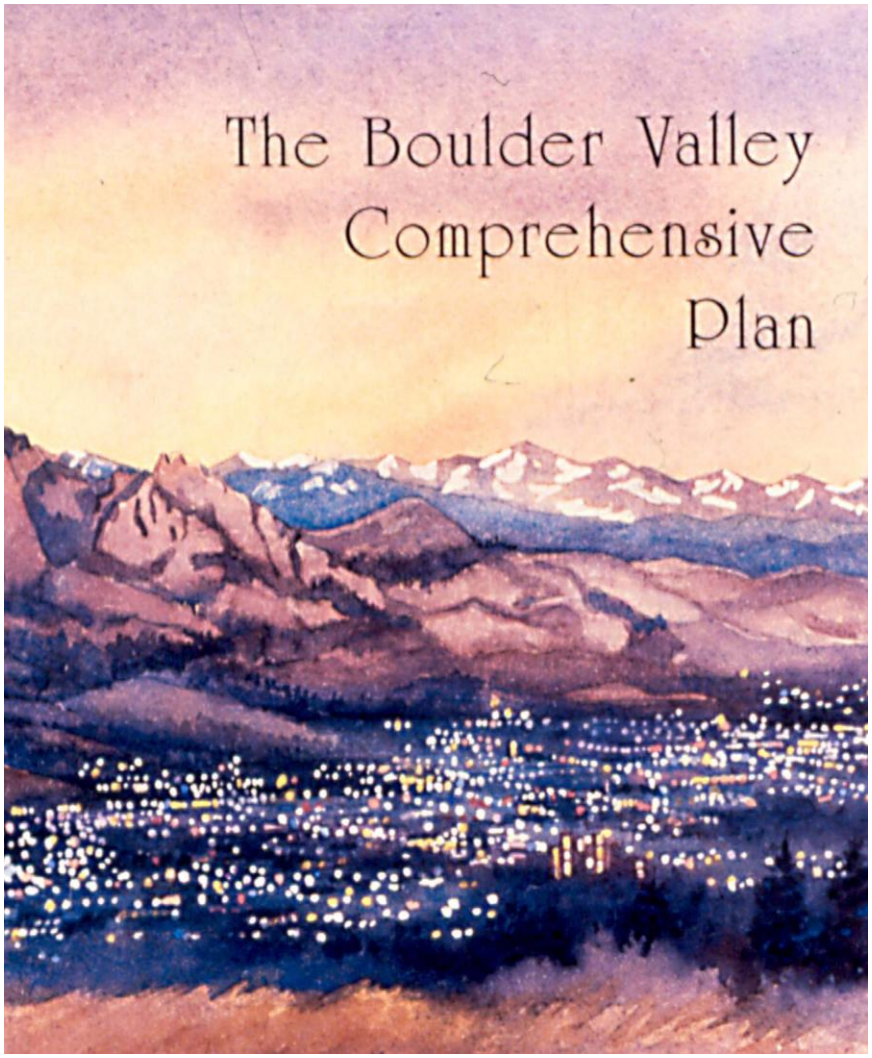
# BUILDING ON EXISTING PLAN...



# FOCUSED TOPICS?

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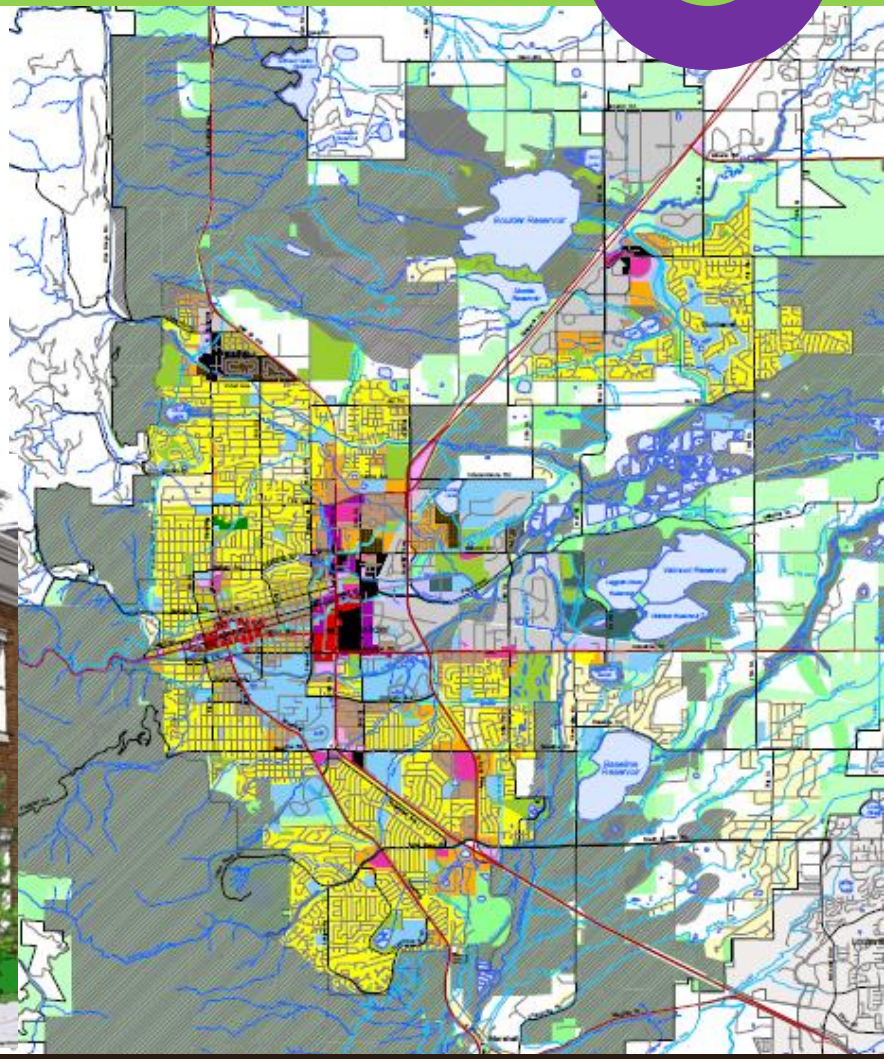

# FOCUSED TOPICS?

# Neighborhoods and Character

# FOCUSED TOPICS?

## "21st Century" & Emerging

- ❑ Aging population / Age friendly
- ❑ Arts and culture
- ❑ Biodiversity
- ❑ Climate action
- ❑ Local food
- ❑ Resilience

# What do you think the focused topics should be?

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# HOW CAN YOU ENGAGE?

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# PLEASE ENGAGE – SHAPE THE PLAN!

*Whether 30 seconds or 30 hours*

**Events**

**Digital / TV**

Sign up and Send Comments:

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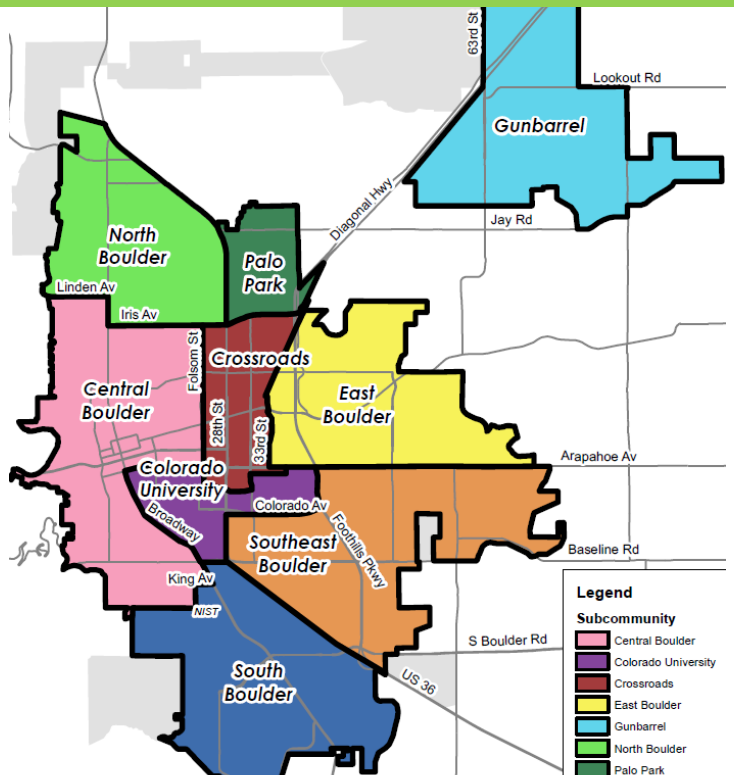
# COLLABORATE!

## Sign up your community organization

# LISTENING SESSIONS

- ✓Upcoming around the community.
- ✓More information available soon.



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# TAKE THE BVCP SURVEY

**6,000** Households (statistically valid)

**Everyone else… online**

# DATA DISCUSSIONS

## Drop in - First one Sept. 9 (4-6)

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# MEETING "TO GO"

- ✓ Host your own discussion
- ✓ Packaged meeting materials
- ✓ Video(s)

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# How should Boulder continue a legacy of great planning?

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- **Purpose:**
  - ✓ To hear from your fellow residents
  - ✓ To capture important ideas to inform the update
- **Directions:**
  1. Divide into groups (min. 2 people)
  2. Select a time-keeper and 2 recorders
  3. Allot 30 minutes

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

**Capture Your Discussion on Forms:**

1. What's working well? (5-10 minutes)
2. What needs attention? Why? (15 minutes)

What did your group talk about most?

# THANK YOU!
# Please Stay Involved!

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