

## Boulder's Sustainability Framework

The City of Boulder is continuously working to provide service excellence for an inspired future and this effort, the sustainability framework helps to provide a common language for community and City Council goals and priorities and ensure consistency. The framework uses seven broad categories as outcomes necessary for Boulder's vision of a great community. Strategies to achieve those outcomes are developed and advanced in the annual budget as well as strategic and master plans.

### Safe Community

- Enforces the law, taking into account the needs of individuals and community values
- Plans for and provides timely and effective response to emergencies and natural disasters
- Fosters a climate of safety for individuals in homes, businesses, neighborhoods and public places
- Encourages shared responsibility, provides education on personal and community safety and fosters an environment that is welcoming and inclusive

### Healthy & Socially Thriving Community

- Cultivates a wide-range of recreational, cultural, educational, and social opportunities
- Supports the physical and mental well-being of its community members and actively partners with others to improve the welfare of those in need
- Fosters inclusion, embraces diversity and respects human rights
- Enhances multi-generational community enrichment and community engagement

### Livable Community

- Promotes and sustains a safe, clean and attractive place to live, work and play
- Facilitates housing options to accommodate a diverse community
- Provides safe and well-maintained public infrastructure, and provides adequate and appropriate regulation of public/ private development and resources
- Encourages sustainable development supported by reliable and affordable city services
- Supports and enhances neighborhood livability for all members of the community

### Accessible & Connected Community

- Offers and encourages a variety of safe, accessible and sustainable mobility options
- Plans, designs and maintains effective infrastructure networks
- Supports strong regional multimodal connections
- Provides open access to information, encourages innovation, enhances communication and promotes community engagement
- Supports a balanced transportation system that reflects effective land use and reduces congestion

### Environmentally Sustainable Community

- Supports and sustains natural resource and energy conservation
- Promotes and regulates an ecologically balanced community
- Mitigates and abates threats to the environment

### Economically Vital Community

- Supports an environment for creativity and innovation
- Promotes a qualified and diversified work force that meets employers' needs and supports broad-based economic diversity
- Fosters regional and public / private collaboration with key institutions and organizations that contribute to economic sustainability
- Invests in infrastructure and amenities that attract, sustain and retain diverse businesses, entrepreneurs and the associated primary jobs

### Good Governance

- Models stewardship and sustainability of the city's financial, human, information and physical assets
- Supports strategic decision-making with timely, reliable and accurate data and analysis
- Enhances and facilitates transparency, accuracy, efficiency, effectiveness and quality customer service in all city business
- Supports, develops and enhances relationships between the city and community/ regional partners
- Provides assurance of regulatory and policy compliance

# Maslow's Hierarchy for Neighborhoods

City of Boulder Neighborhood Services should be designed to meet neighborhoods where they are currently functioning with the goal to assist them in guiding their own evolution—at their own pace and based on their interests/needs. The higher up they go, the purpose of neighborhood associations, or other forms of neighborhood organization, change and so should the tools provided. Problem-solving and service provision are the greatest near the bottom, indicating a need for coordination between departments and connection to outside resources facilitated by the City. Development review and land use issues likely resonate toward the top but do not exclusively reside there. Groups are not likely to linearly move through this triangle but will cycle with change and as a response to community issues.

**Problem solving as a group becomes natural**  
**Projects are focused on improving quality of life**  
**Atmosphere is “village” oriented**  
**People are connected; neighborhood and city are partners in co-creation of community**

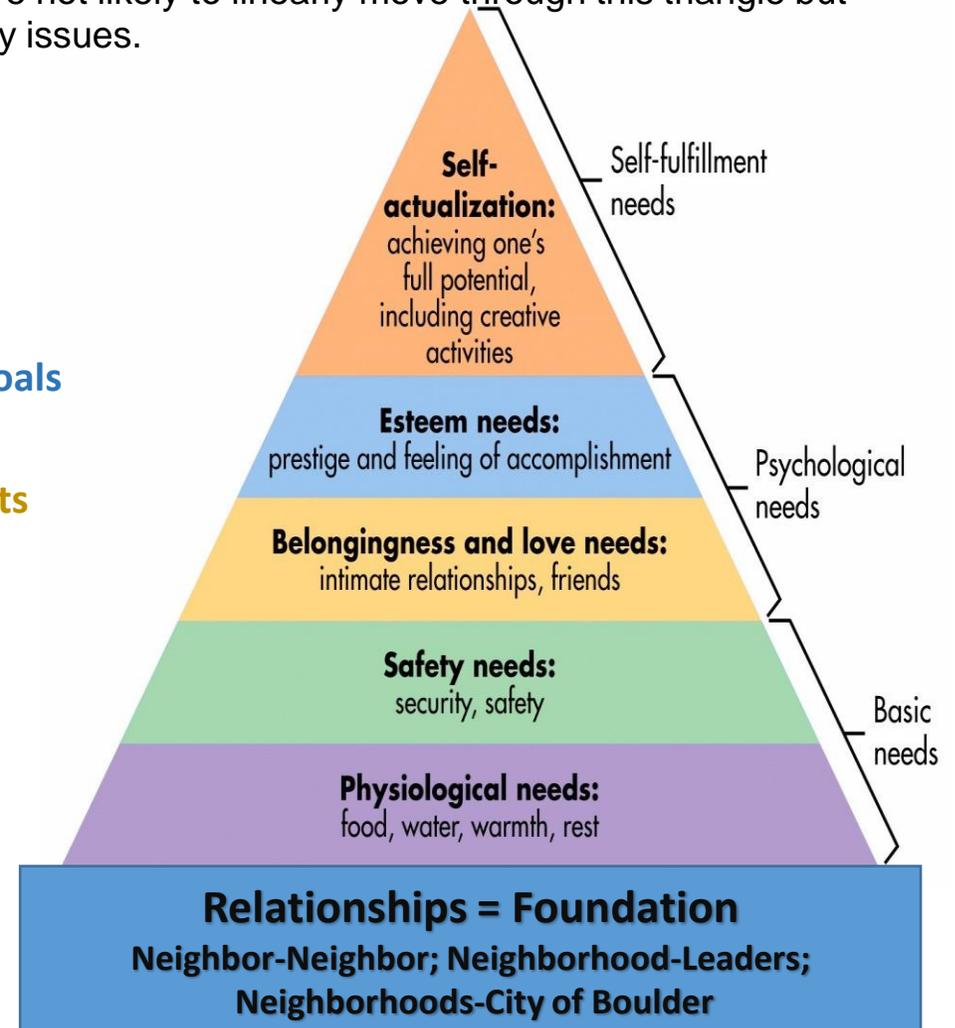
**Shared values and direction: larger, longer term goals**  
**Celebrate successes and achievements**

**Strengthen relationships: social and simple projects**  
**Communication system, asset mapping**

**Public safety/utilities/planning CPTED partnership**  
**Shared responsibility**

**Basic services: coordinate city departments and outside resources for problem-solving**

The task is to provide a toolkit for all levels while creating an openness for networking and leadership training opportunities; connecting with civic engagement and capacity-building already in place.



# Community Sustainability Framework



## Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan

