

2015 BOULDER VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Local Listening Session

CENTRAL
November 9, 2015

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OUR FUTURE.**

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CENTRAL LISTENING SESSION

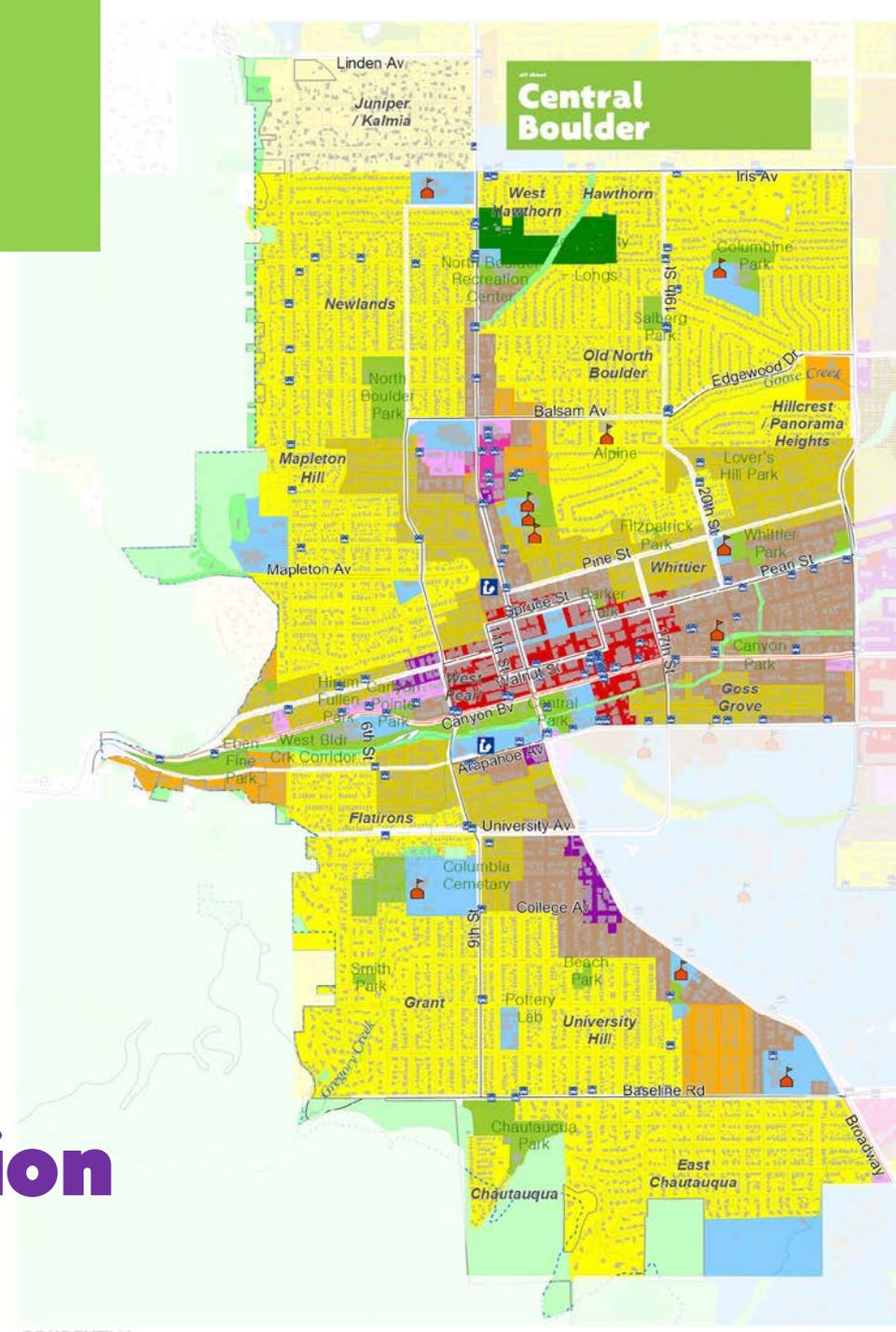
Welcome!

Schedule

Open house

7:00 - presentation

7:15 - group discussion



OTHER STAFF/PROJECTS

Staff and Information at Open House:

- Urban wildlife (bears/trash)
- Transportation (upcoming sessions)
- University Hill and community vitality
- Public safety
- Resilience (www.resilientboulder.com)

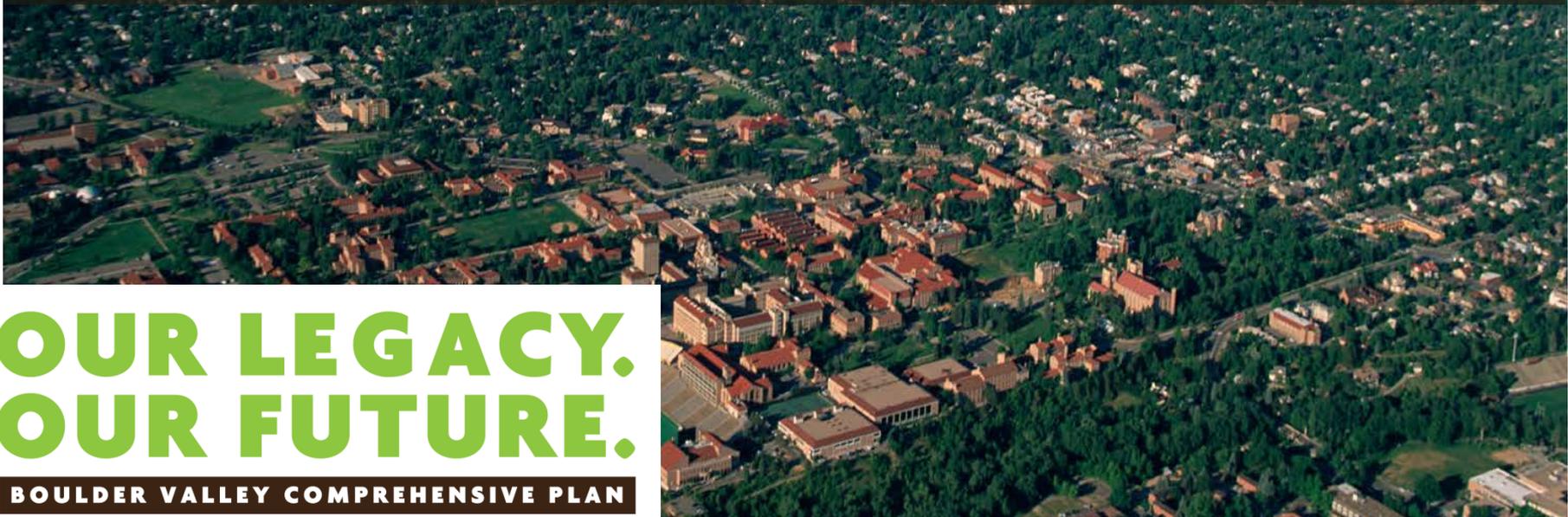
PRESENTATION

- 1. About the Boulder Valley Comp Plan**
- 2. Engagement and input so far**
- 3. Focused topics for this area**

Then... small group discussion



ABOUT THE PLAN – ITS LEGACY



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION



Imagine Our Future

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SINCE 1977



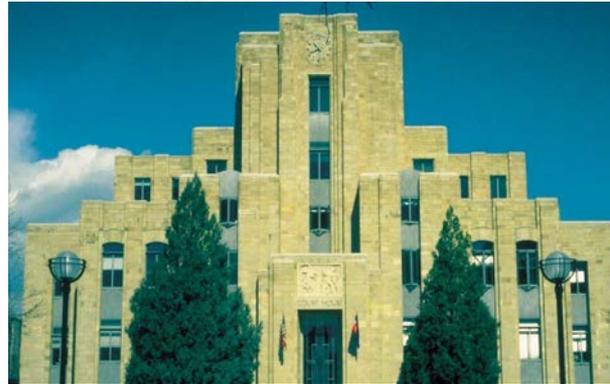
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LONG-STANDING CORE VALUES



**STEWARDSHIP,
CLIMATE ACTION**



CITY/COUNTY COOPERATION



COMPACT, CONTIGUOUS



**ALL MODES
TRANSPORTATION**



INCLUSIVE, VIBRANT



GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

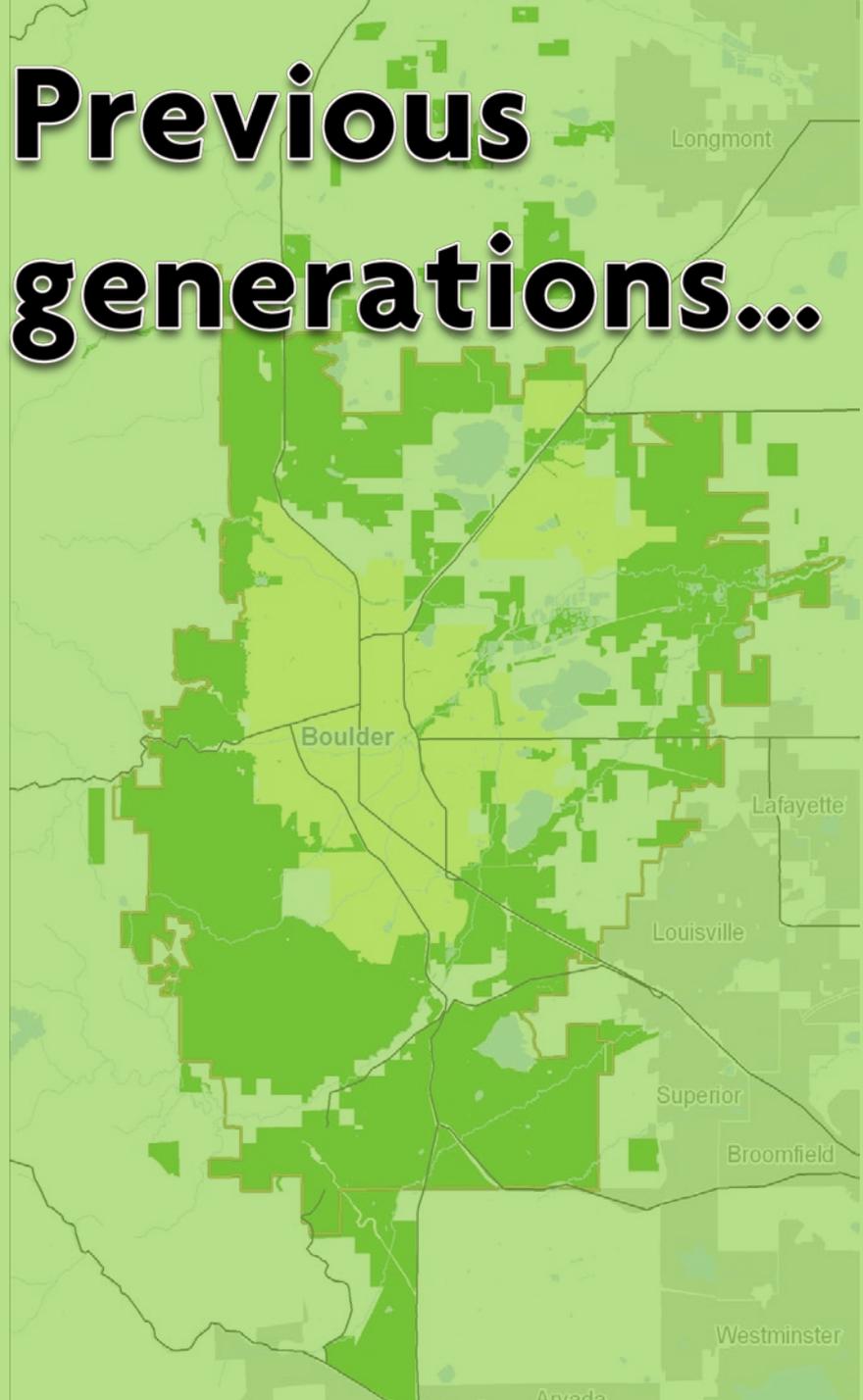
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FOR BOULDER

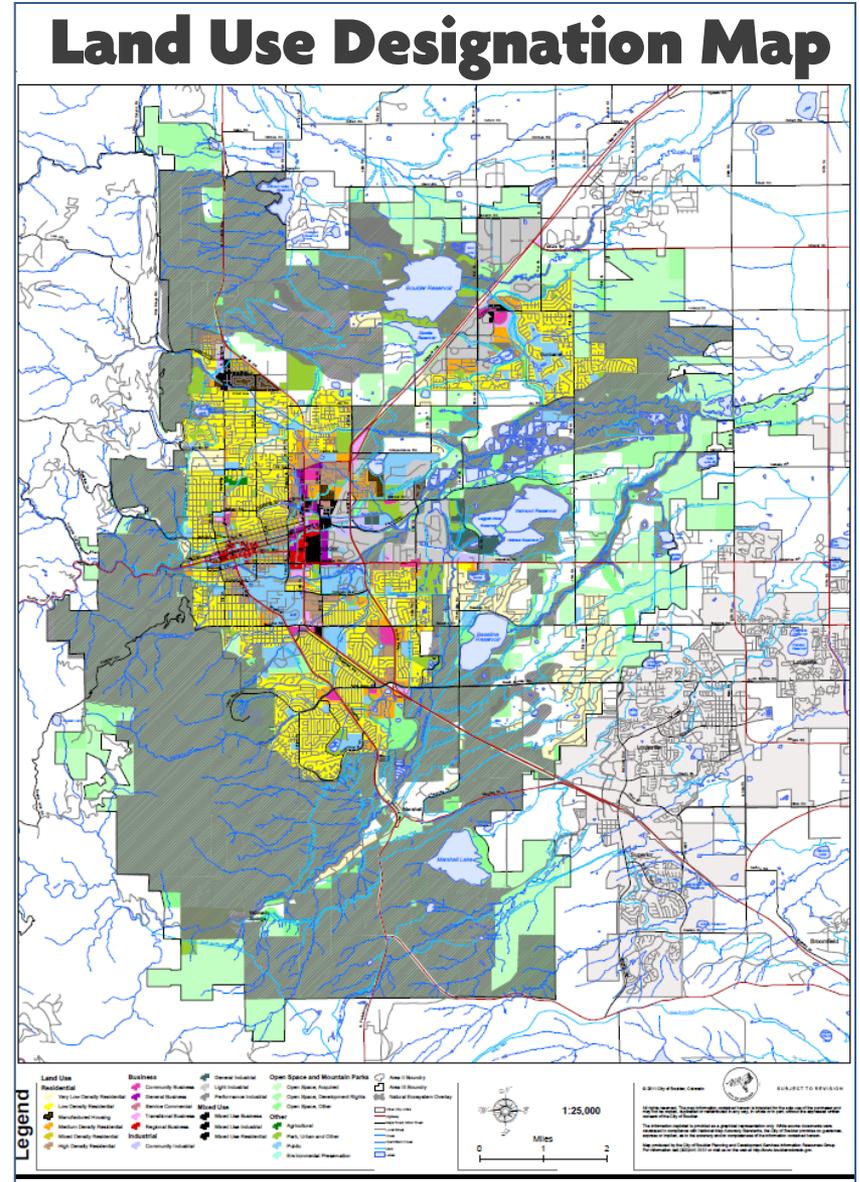
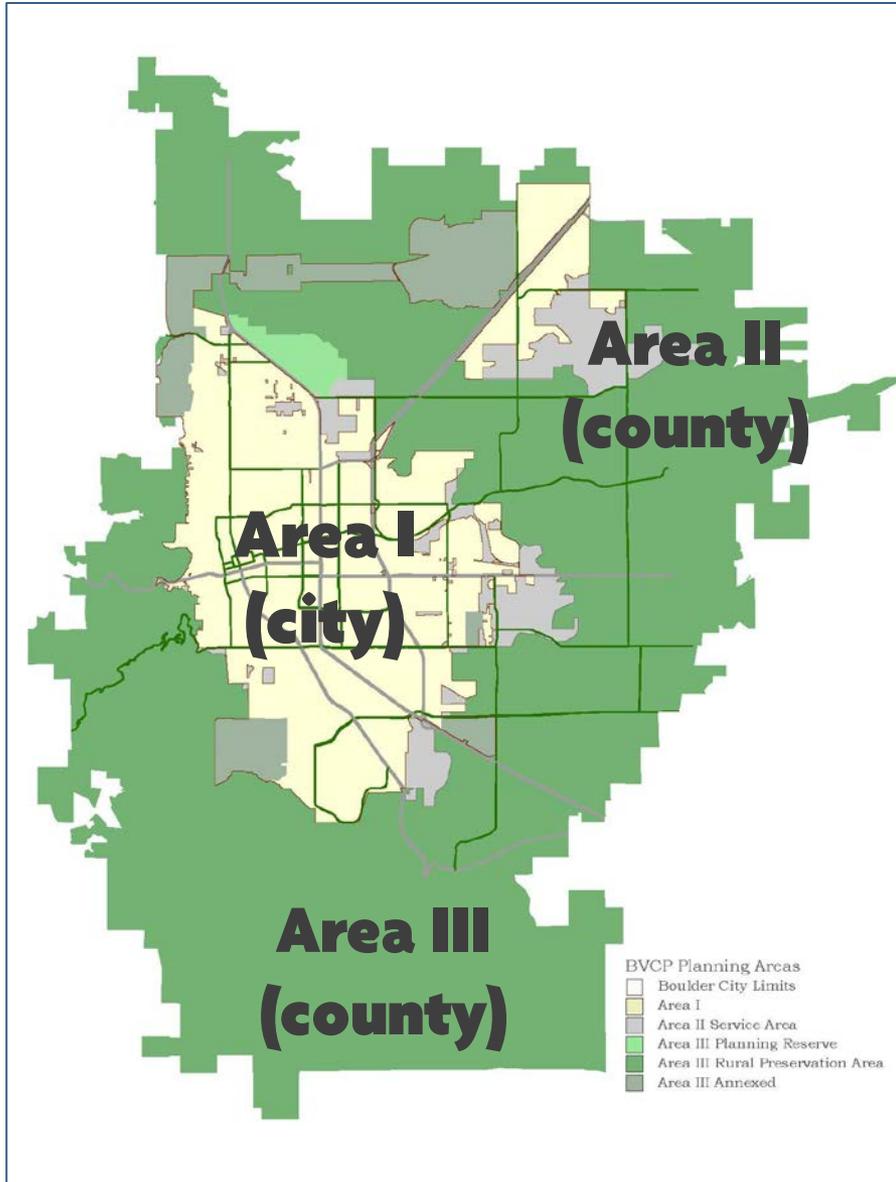


VOTE FOR SALES TAX

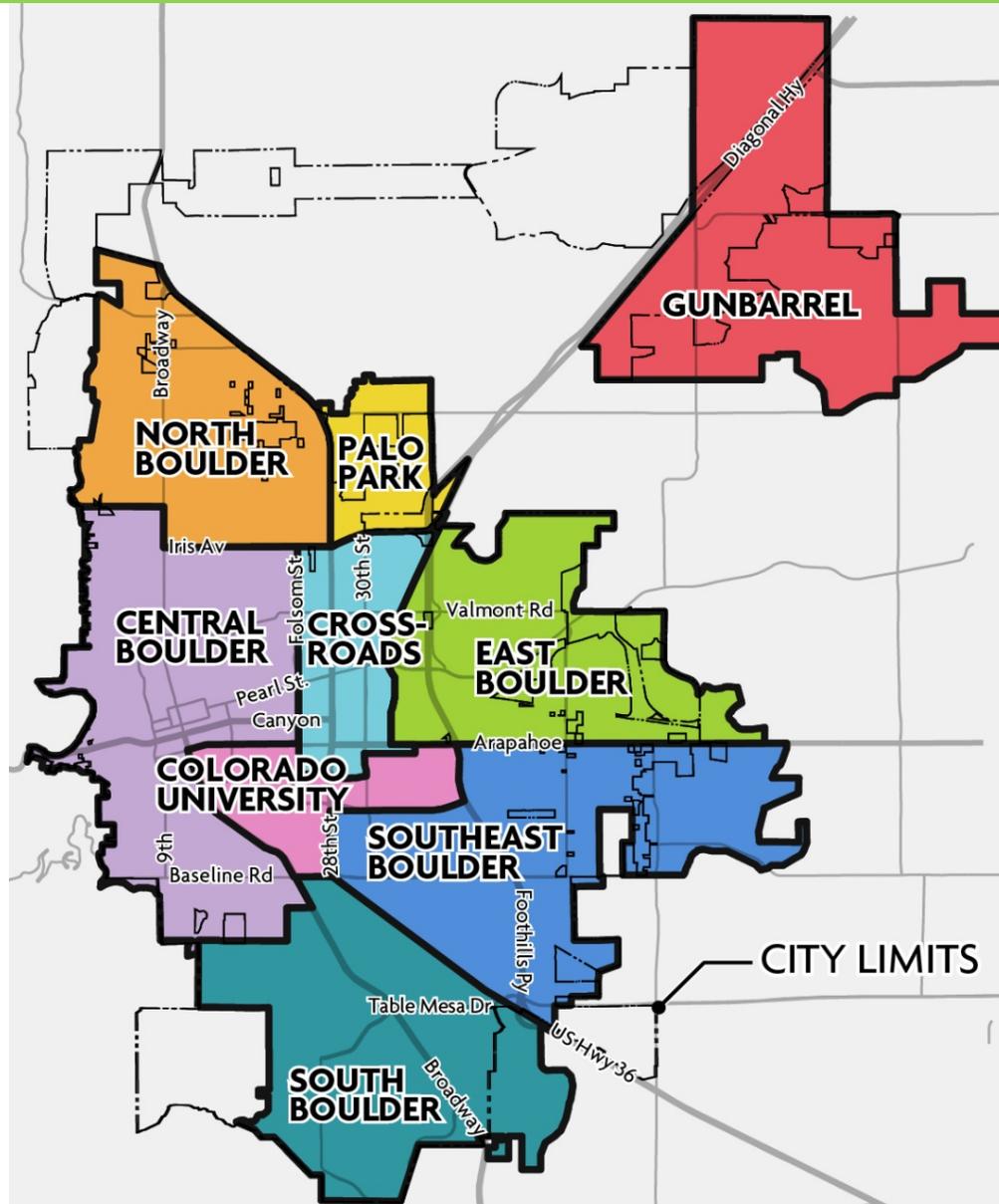
Previous generations...



BOULDER VALLEY MAPS



SUBCOMMUNITIES



RELATIONSHIPS – PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION



A large group of people is gathered in a community room, likely for a public meeting or workshop. The room has a drop ceiling with fluorescent lights and several bright green pillars. People are seated at tables, some looking at documents or whiteboards. The atmosphere appears to be one of active participation and discussion.

HOW CAN YOU ENGAGE?

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PLEASE ENGAGE – SHAPE THE PLAN!



Whether 30 seconds or 30 hours

Events

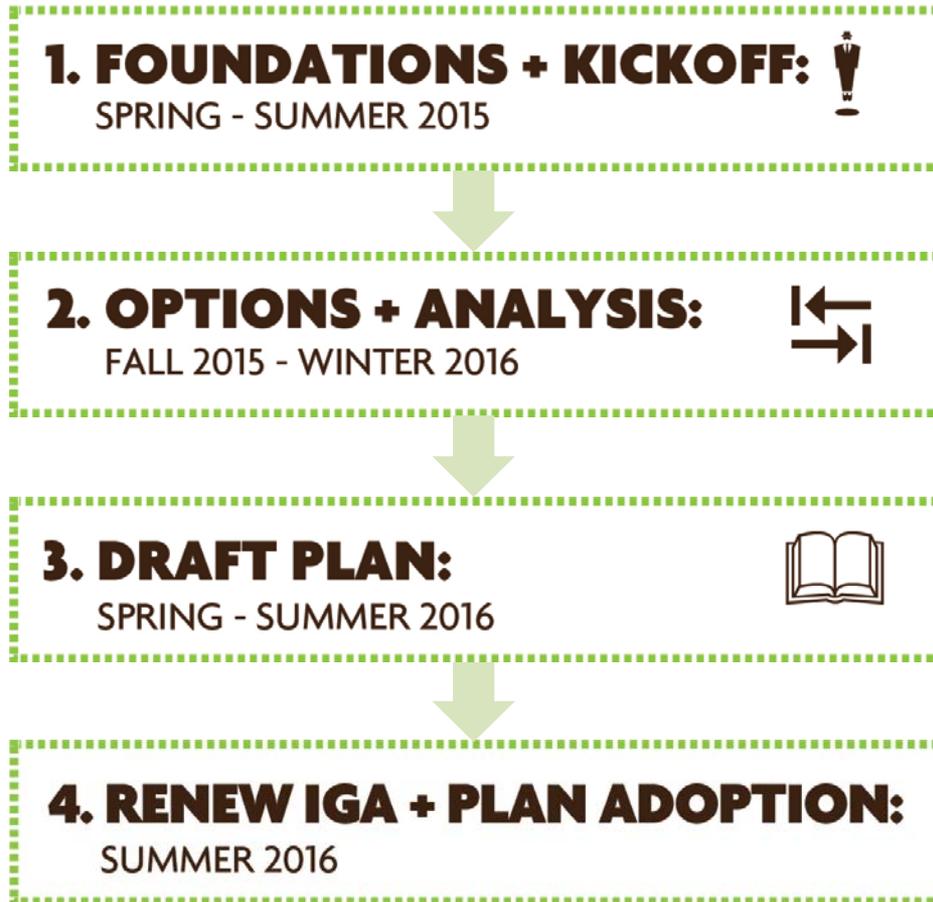
Digital / TV

Sign up and Send Comments:

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TIMELINE

Today is not the first or last opportunity!



Your input helps shape each phase of work

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Available online:
 - ❑ Community Engagement Plan
 - ❑ BVCP Process Subcommittee
 - ❑ Comment forms
- Community organizations
- Culturally-appropriate
- Survey and focus groups

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MEETING “TO GO” / ONLINE MATERIALS

- ✓ **Host your own discussion**
- ✓ **Packaged meeting materials**



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HAVE BEEN HEARING SO FAR...

What's Working / People Love:

- **Open space and natural environment**
- **Bike and pedestrian facilities**
- **Creative culture, forward-thinking people**
- **Neighborhoods and amenities (e.g., parks)**

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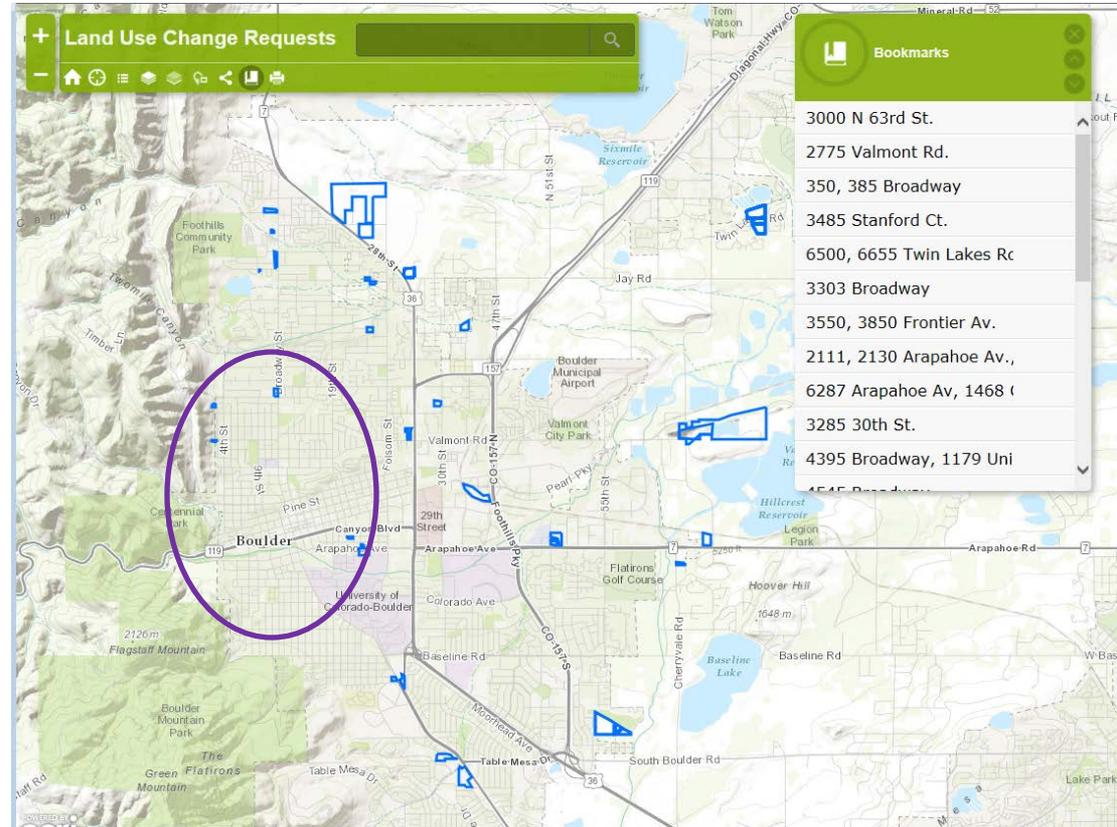
What Needs Attention:

- **Housing affordability**
- **Traffic congestion**
- **Transportation that works for all (multi-modal) and regional solutions**
- **Rate and quality of growth**
- **Neighborhood protection and needs (no “one-size-fits-all”)**

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CHANGE REQUESTS - PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Initial Screening:**
 - **City Council and Planning Board (Dec. 15)**
 - **BOCC and PC (Jan. 26)**
- **Additional Analysis (winter/spring)**
- **Final Decisions (spring/summer)**



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WHAT ARE CURRENT CONDITIONS?

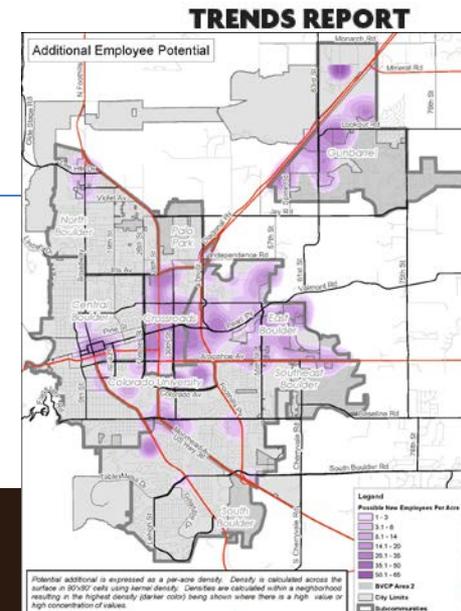
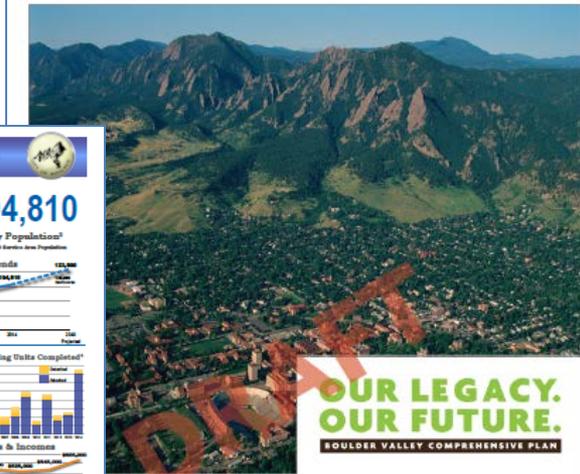
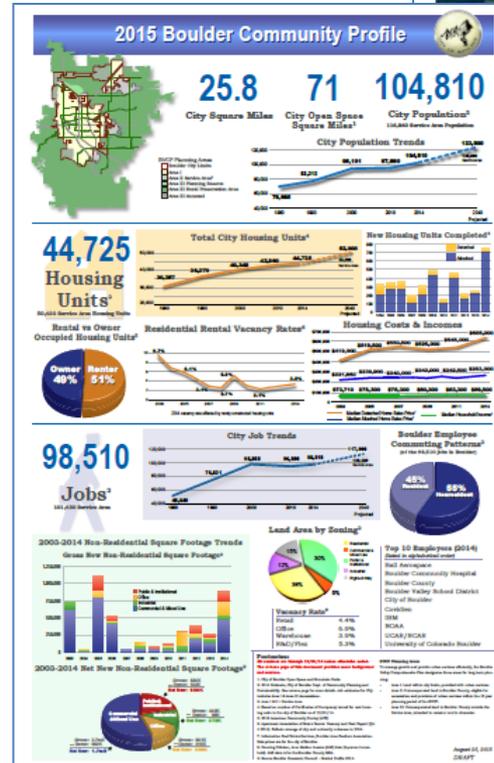
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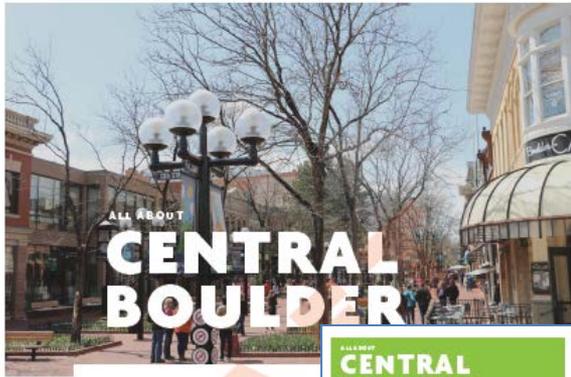
FOUNDATIONAL WORK

Valley Wide and by Area:

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



FACT SHEET



ALL ABOUT CENTRAL BOULDER

Located in the heart of the city, Central Boulder is a vibrant place. The area is rich with iconic buildings and the Pearl Street Mall, University Avenue, and Boulder Creek. As such, Central Boulder offers some services, entertainment and recreation. It is a central hub of civic activity and a central place to explore and things to do, and cultural core of the community.

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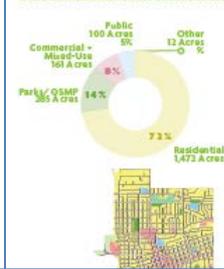
ALL ABOUT CENTRAL BOULDER

This map depicts existing land use. A citywide future land use map can be found in the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan and will be provided at the subcommunity level in later versions of this fact sheet.



LIFESTYLE

EXISTING LAND USE

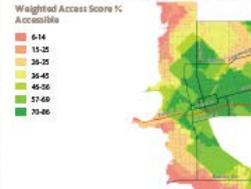


GETTING AROUND

BIKE LANES & TRAILS

33.69 miles
369.81 miles in Boulder Valley
28% % of subcommunity within 1/4 mile of a trailhead

NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS



SIDWALK 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

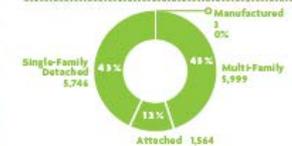
POPULATION

39,530 (2015)
31,100 (projected capacity)

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS

10,376 (2015)
14,100 (projected capacity)

HOUSING UNIT MIX



DENSITY (DWELLING UNITS/RESIDENTIAL ACRE)

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

RANGE OF SINGLE-FAMILY LOT SIZE



TOTAL JOBS

10,500 (2015)
37,400 (projected capacity)

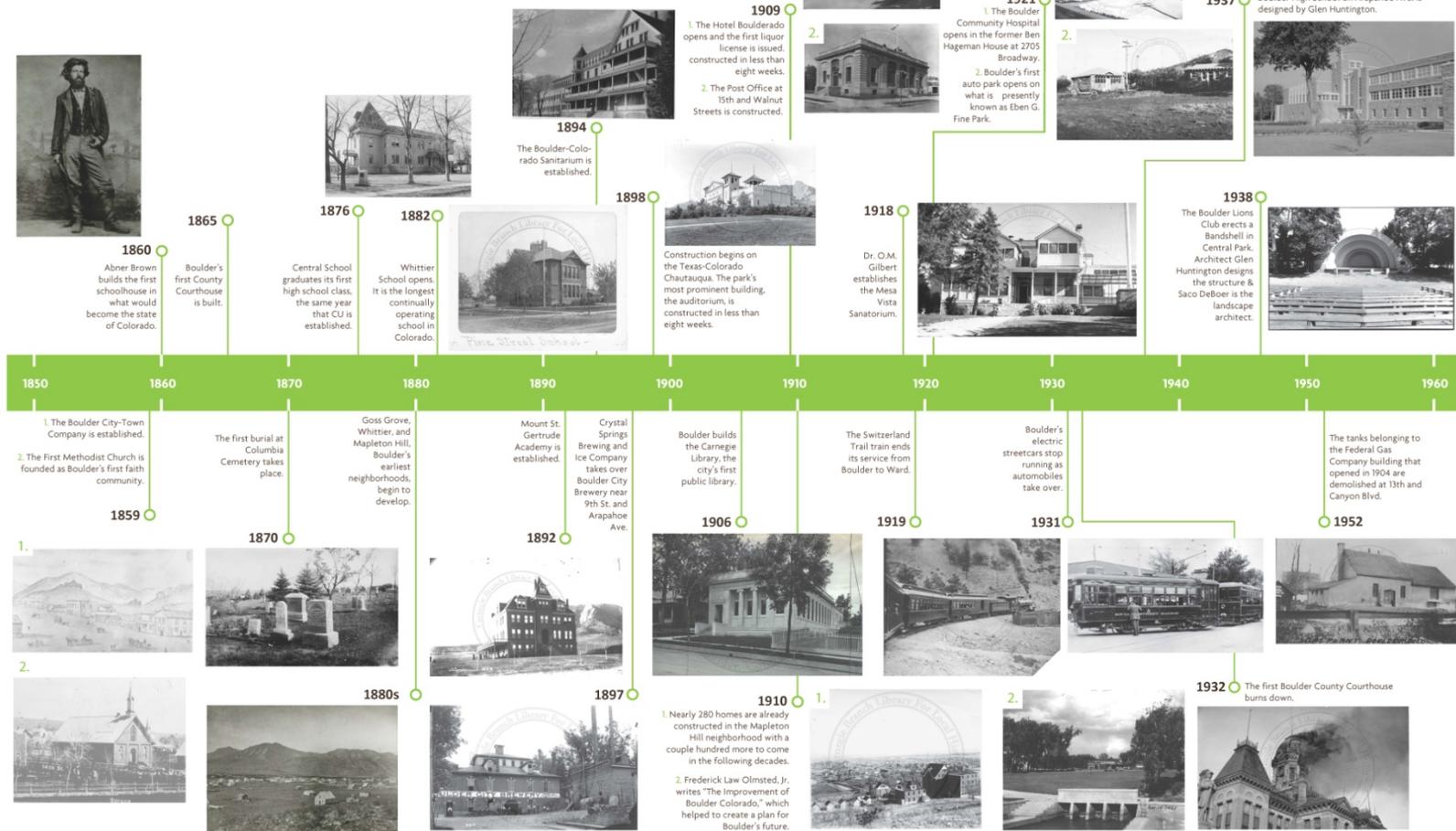
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HISTORY

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



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QUICK FACTS: CENTRAL AREA

- ❑ Large and diverse area (3.17 sq mi)
 - ❑ < 30K people;
 - ❑ > 13K housing units
 - ❑ > 23K jobs
- ❑ Historic districts and downtown
- ❑ 73% residential
- ❑ Walkable
- ❑ 84% with transit access

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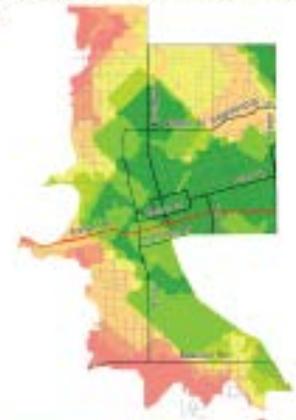
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🏠 NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS

Weighted Access Score % Accessible

6-14
15-25
26-35
36-45
46-56
57-69
70-86



🚶 SIDEWALK GAPS

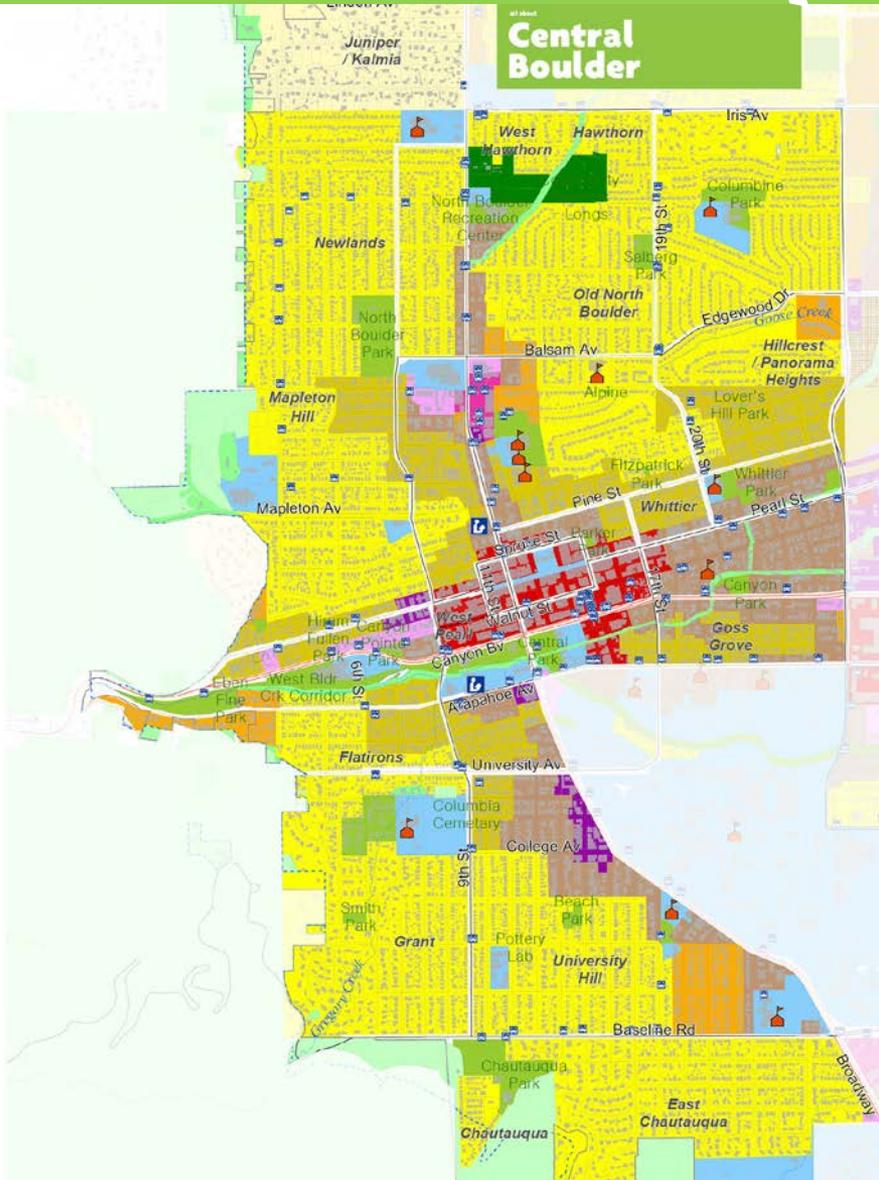
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FUTURE LAND USE (2010)



Implemented as follows...

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Area I, II, III, Annexation

Land Use Map

Zoning

Site Planning

By-right or site review of development project

INTERACTIVE, 3D MAPPING...

Central Boulder

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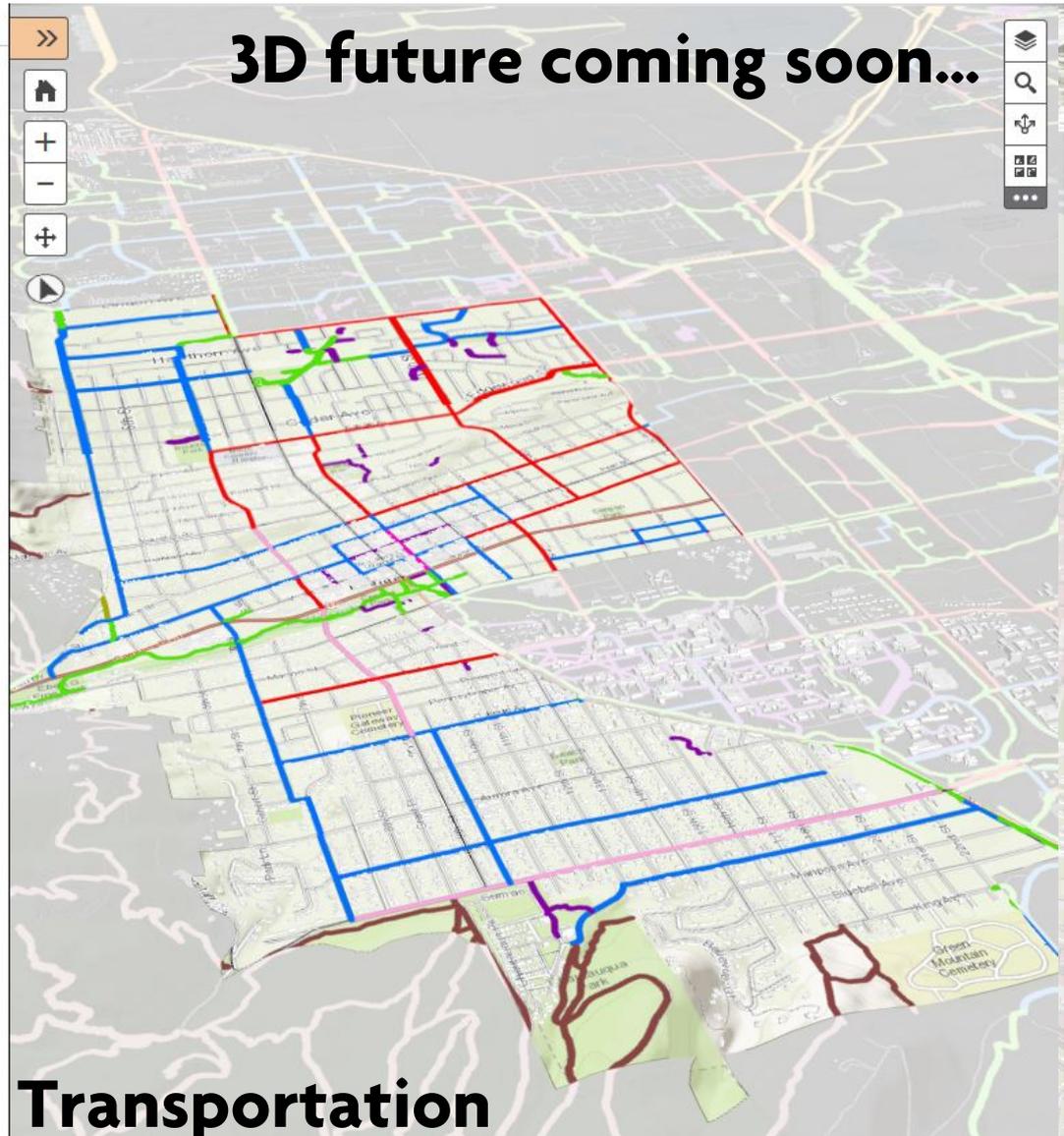
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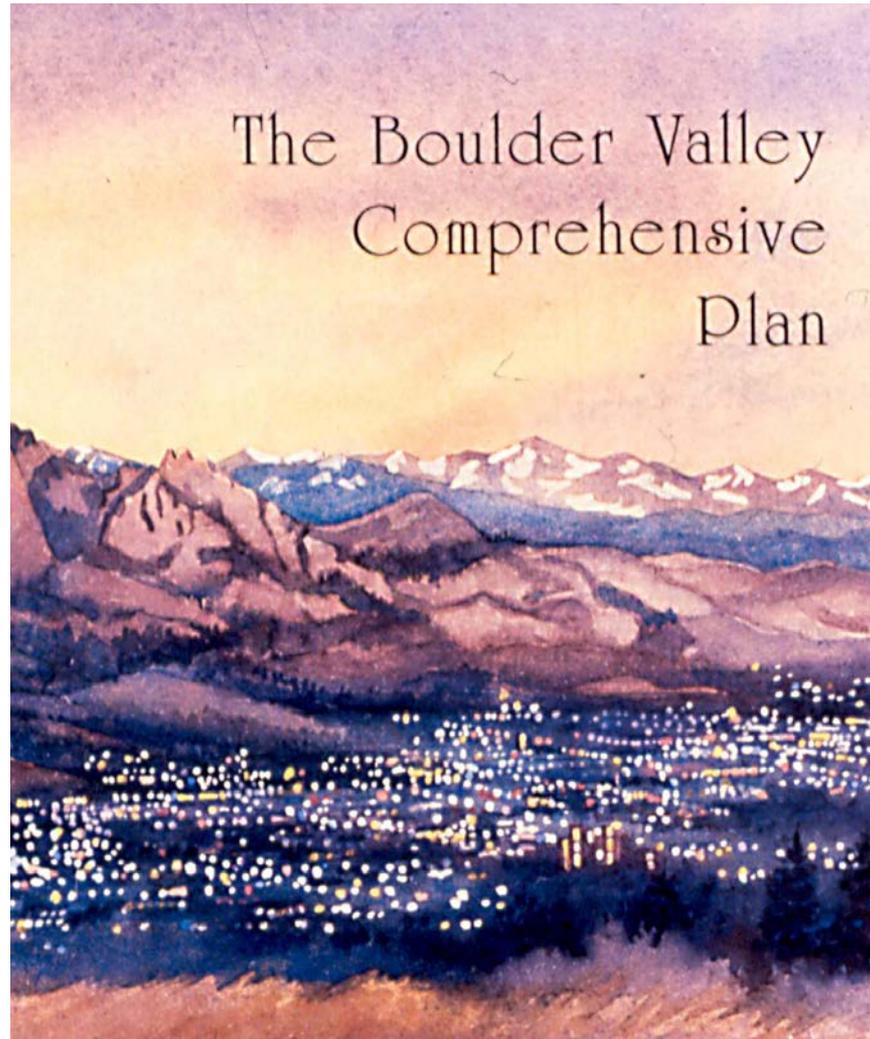
WHAT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS?



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BUILDING ON EXISTING PLAN...



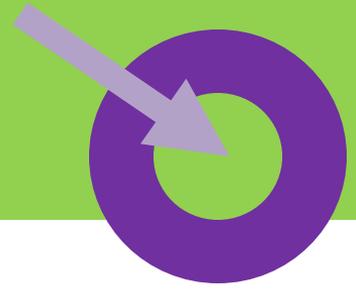
FOCUSED TOPICS?



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- Neighborhoods / Character**

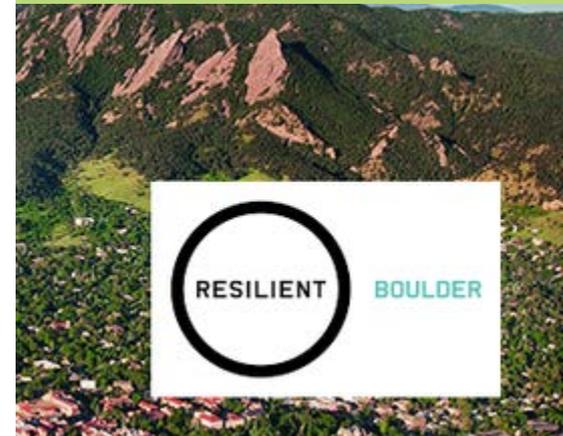


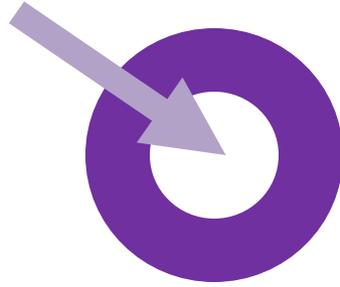
FOCUSED TOPICS?



“21st Century” & Emerging

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





**What do you think the
focused topics should be
– in this area?**



SMALL GROUPS

- **Purpose:**

- ✓ Share your ideas with planning team
- ✓ Hear from fellow community members

- **Time Allocation**

1. 60 minutes – 2 small group discussions
2. 10 minutes report out

SMALL GROUPS

1. Session #1: Quick “round robin” introductions and issues (20 min)
identify top 2 themes and priorities
2. Quick break
3. Session #2: “Deeper dive” issues (35 min)
stay with your group, or move to topics that interest you

PROPOSED TERMS FOR ENGAGEMENT

- **Be respectful**
- **One person speaks at a time**
- **Everybody participates**
- **Share airtime**
- **Disagree without being disagreeable**
- **Critique ideas rather than people**
- **Other?**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS TONIGHT

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Ask me about

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