

**The Plan for
Boulder's
Civic Area**

Draft
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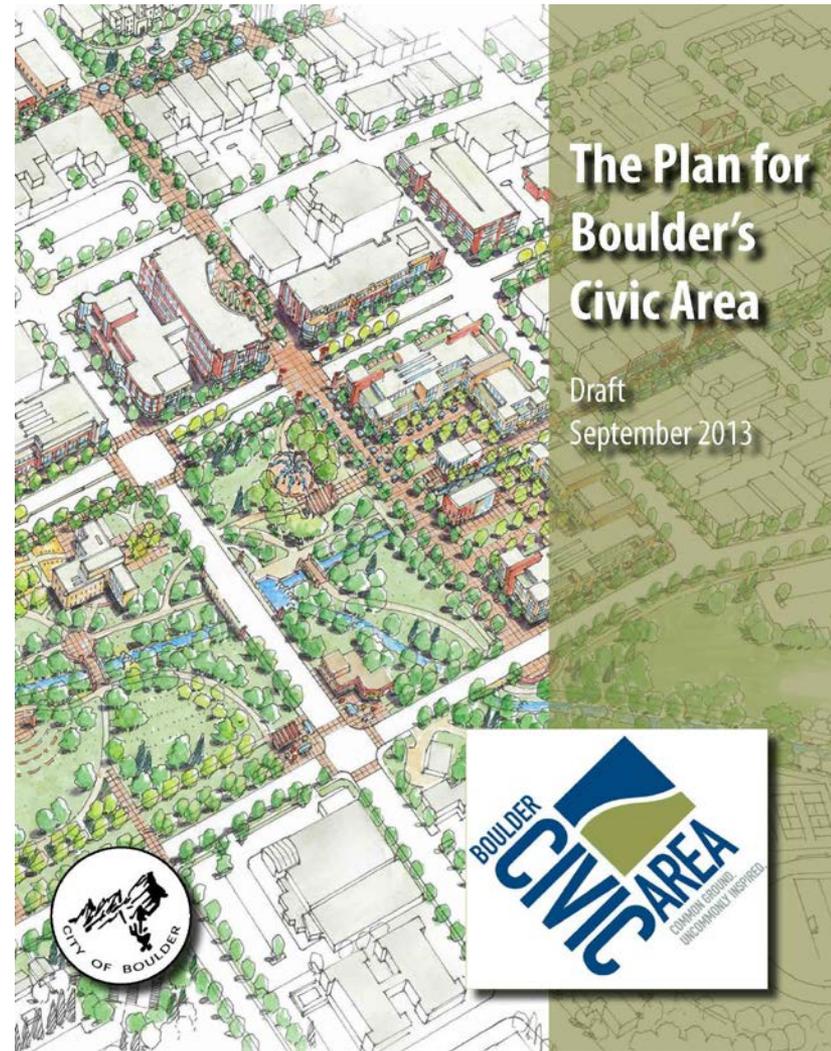
City Council Meeting

Sep. 3, 2013

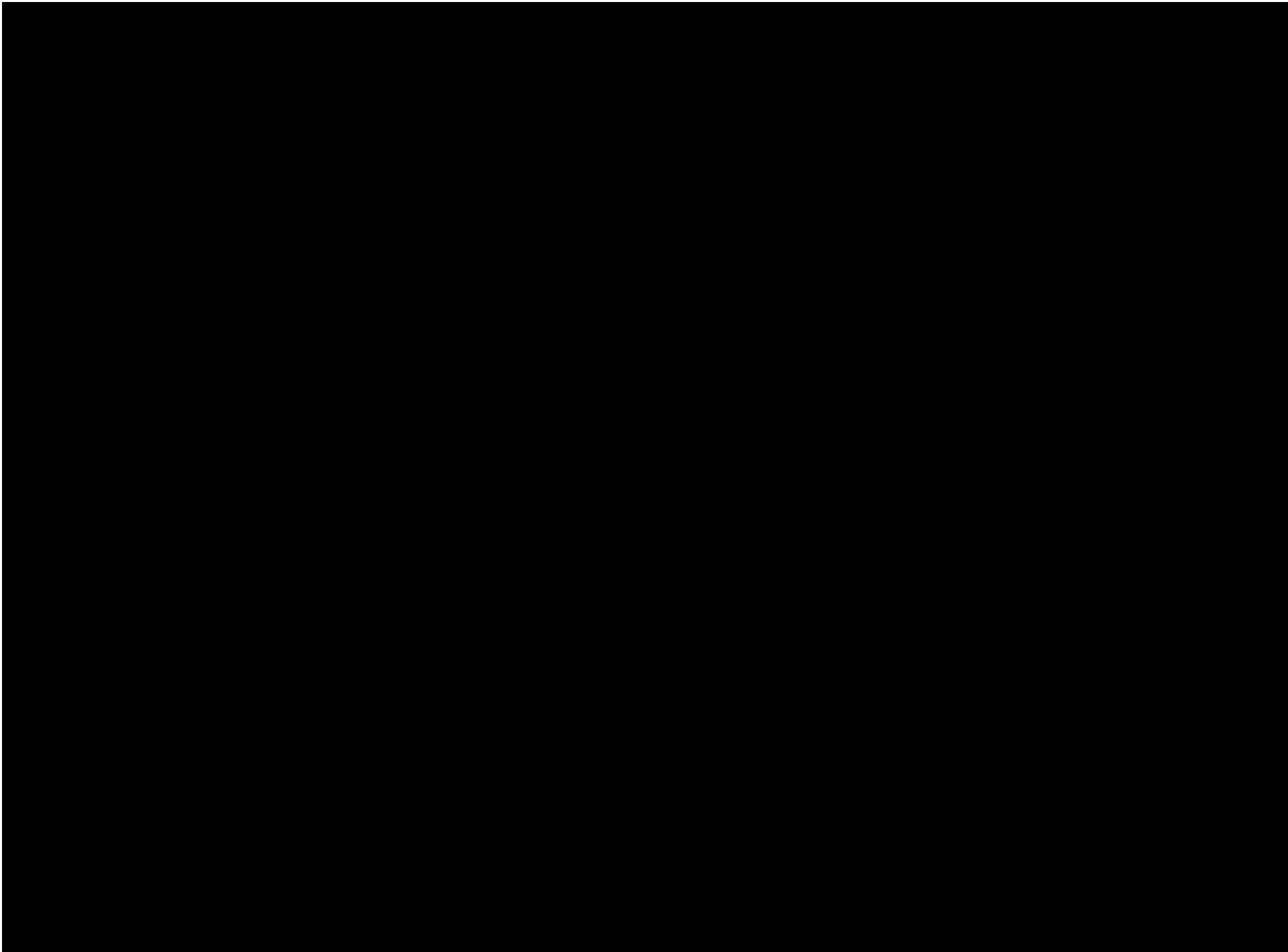


Purpose

For City Council
to Consider to
approval of the
draft **Plan for
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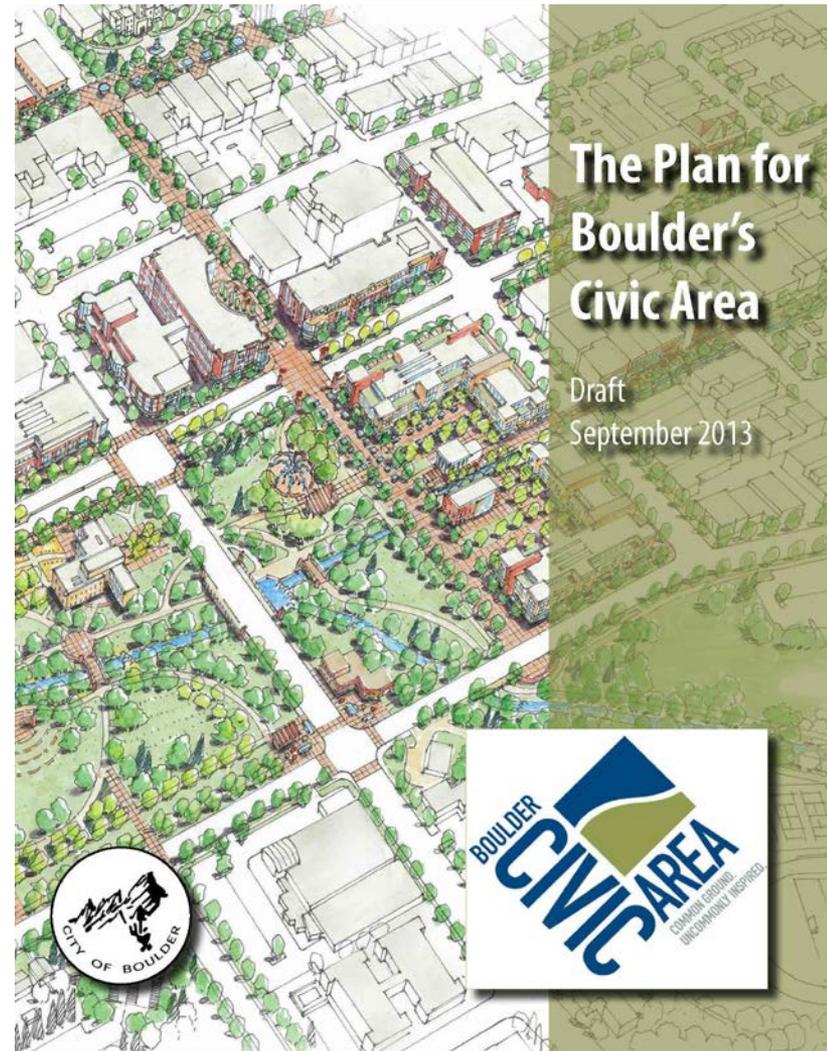


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What's in the Plan?

- Vision & Illustrative Examples
- Guiding Principles
- Desired Mix of Uses
- Performance Criteria
- Implementation

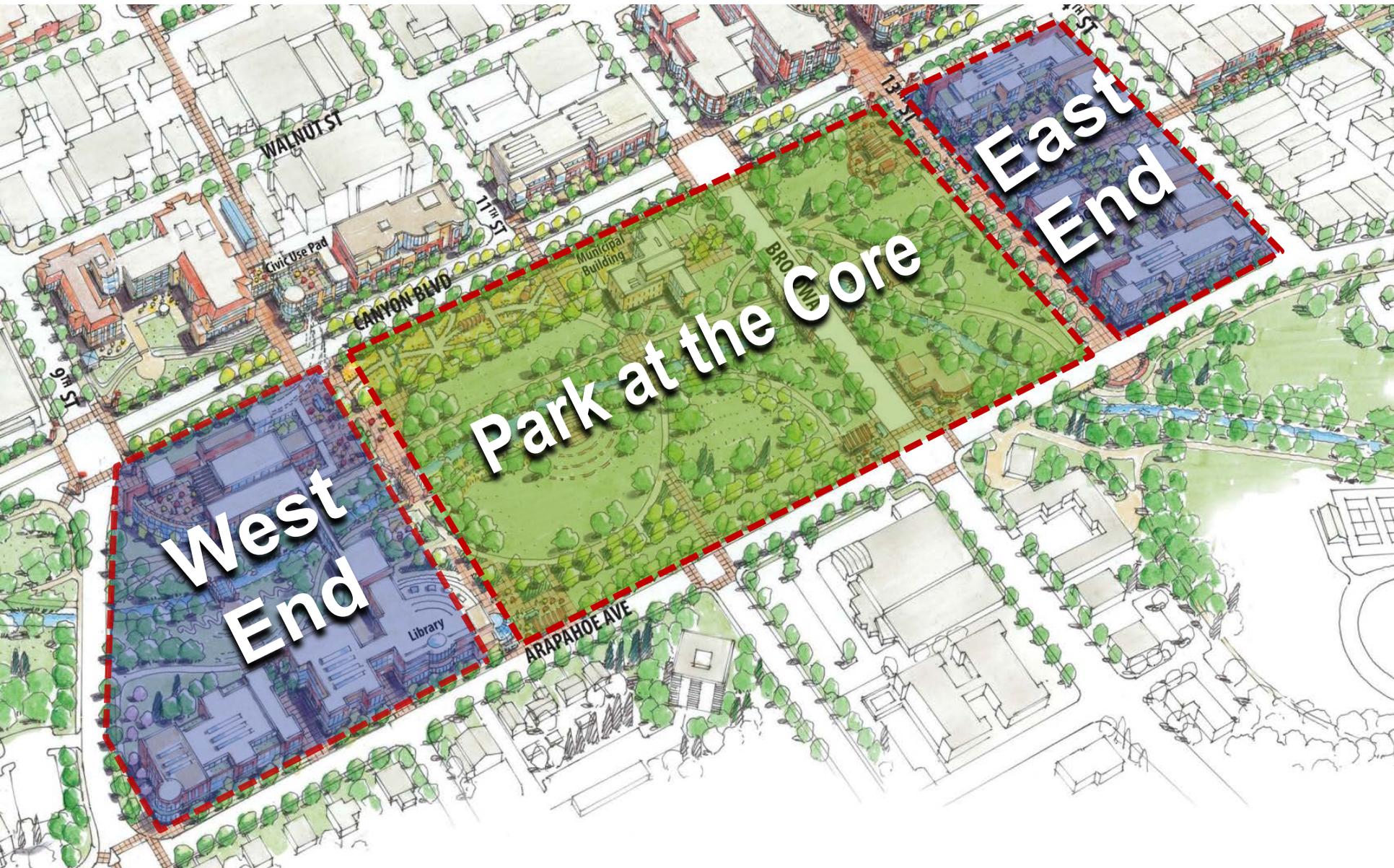


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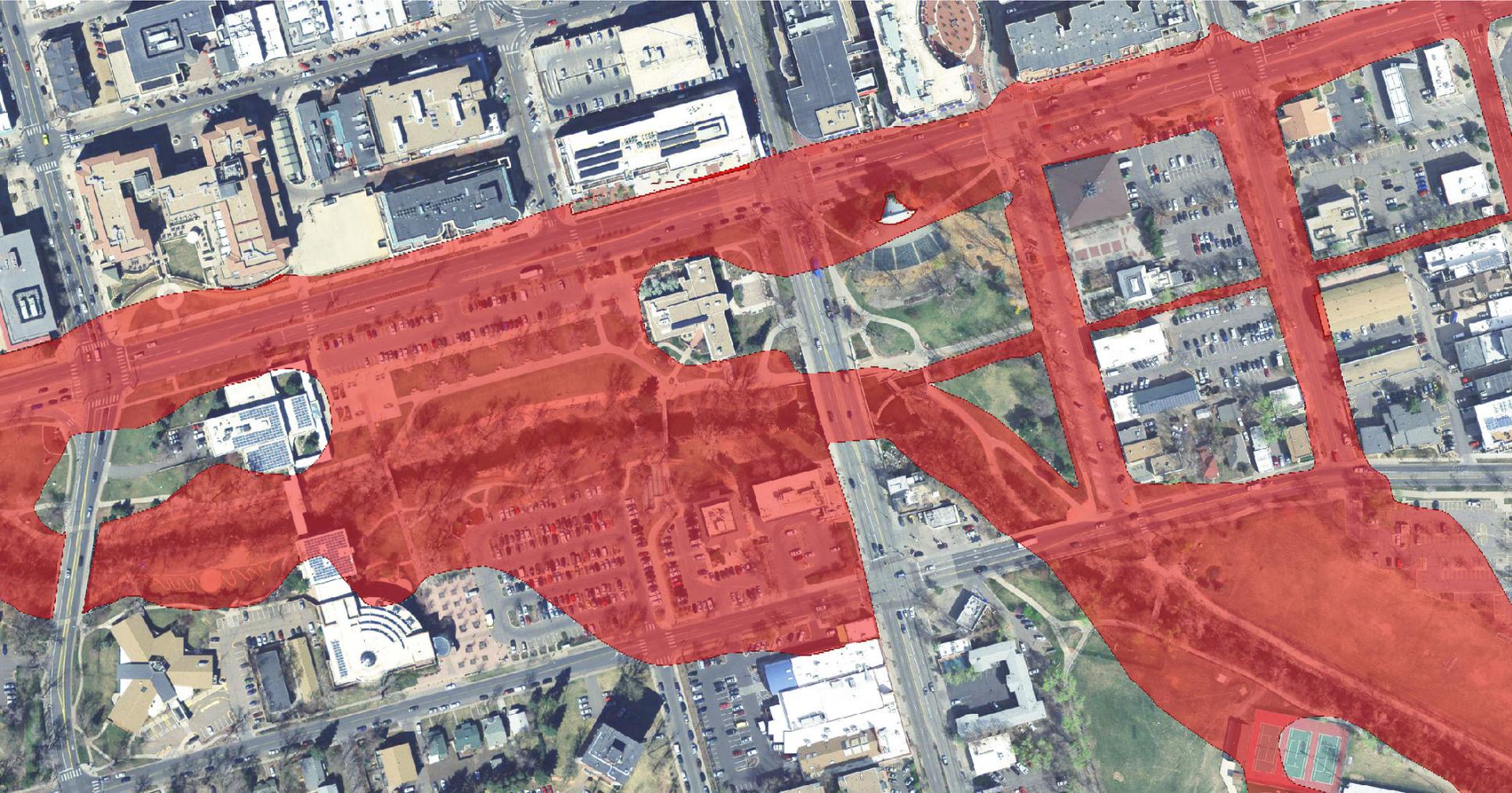
Boulder Civic Area's Future



Plan's Main Features



Life & Property Safety





Park at the Core



Just imagine what it could become

Park at the Core: Improving It

Over half of the 27 acres—and the heart—of the Civic Area is Civic and Central parks with Boulder Creek flowing through, a green spine that unifies spaces and provides natural beauty, ecological richness, shade, recreation, art and places to gather. Park amenities and activities, such as kiosks, food and seating, lighting, and cohesive signage will be added throughout for a consistent look and feel, and green space will expand through the relocation of parking and structures from the High Hazard Zone (HHZ) to other places. Adjacent buildings will create “eyes on the park” and make the area feel more inclusive, safe and family-friendly.

CENTRAL PARK

Music - Performances - Market

Central Park includes the bandshell, grassy seating for the Farmers' Market and large, mature trees. Bandshell programming will be introduced, and the Farmers' Market will expand into the park. If the bandshell is relocated later, in its place could be a new park pavilion or year-round market tent.



CIVIC FRONT DOOR

Eat - Relax - Gather

Civic Park north of the creek will remain an open, sunny Great Lawn for gathering and unattached sport, but it will also be newly activated with a new library cafe with outdoor seating, food trucks and carts, performances, classes and other events, demonstration gardens and sculpture displays.



THE CREEK

Splash - Contemplate - Float

Boulder Creek will be enhanced by creating opportunities for access, designing viewpoints along the side, maintaining the riparian planting in a manner compatible with safety concerns, and varying the shoreline treatment with vegetation in some areas and terraced rock shores in others.



NATURE IN THE CITY

Nature - Play - Water

Civic Park south of the creek will be a soft, naturalistic, shady refuge that relates to the library and be designed with children and families in mind. Features may include public art, a nature play lot, a children's reading garden, a water play sculpture and more seating and picnic.



East End Possible Programs



- Farmers' Market
- Market Hall
- Service/Innovation Center
- Events Center



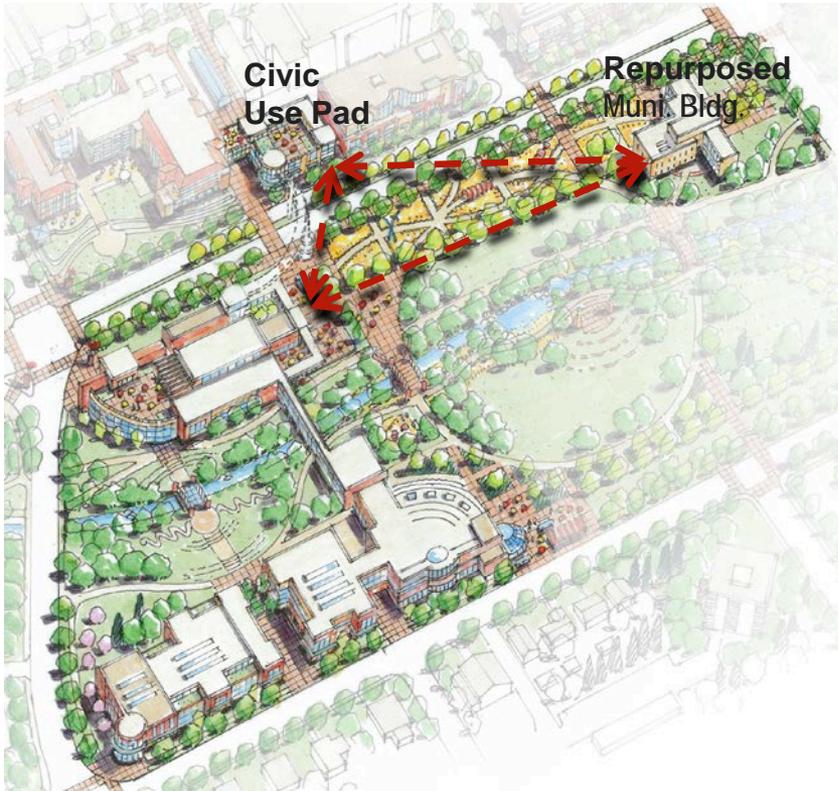
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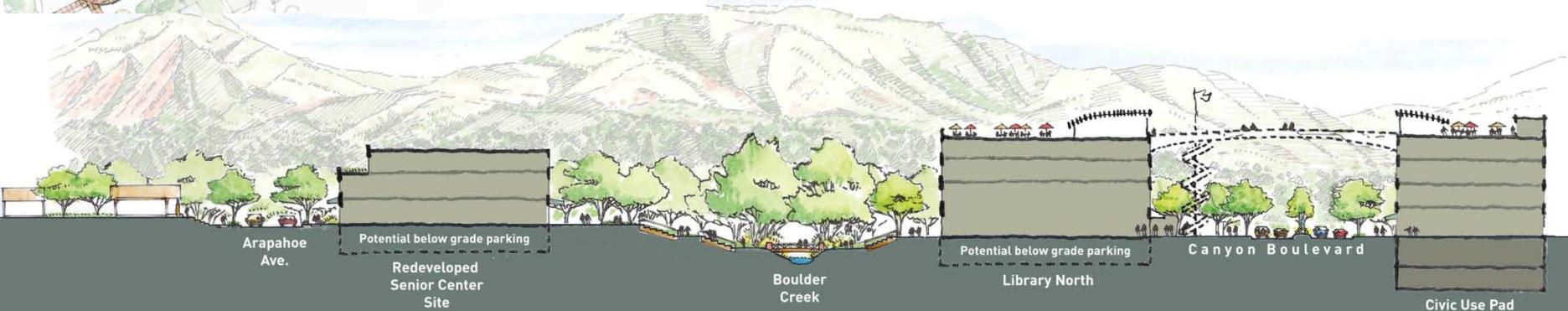
- Performing Arts
- Night time uses
- Structured Parking
- Outdoor Plaza



West End Possible Programs



- Muni. Building
- Library Café
- Civic Use Pad
- Arts/Performance Space
- Structured Parking



West End Possible Programs



- Multi-purpose Senior Center
- Library Café
- Outdoor Space/ Parks



Implementation Chapter

Addresses:

- ✓ Strategies
- ✓ Phasing
- ✓ Coordination and Partnerships

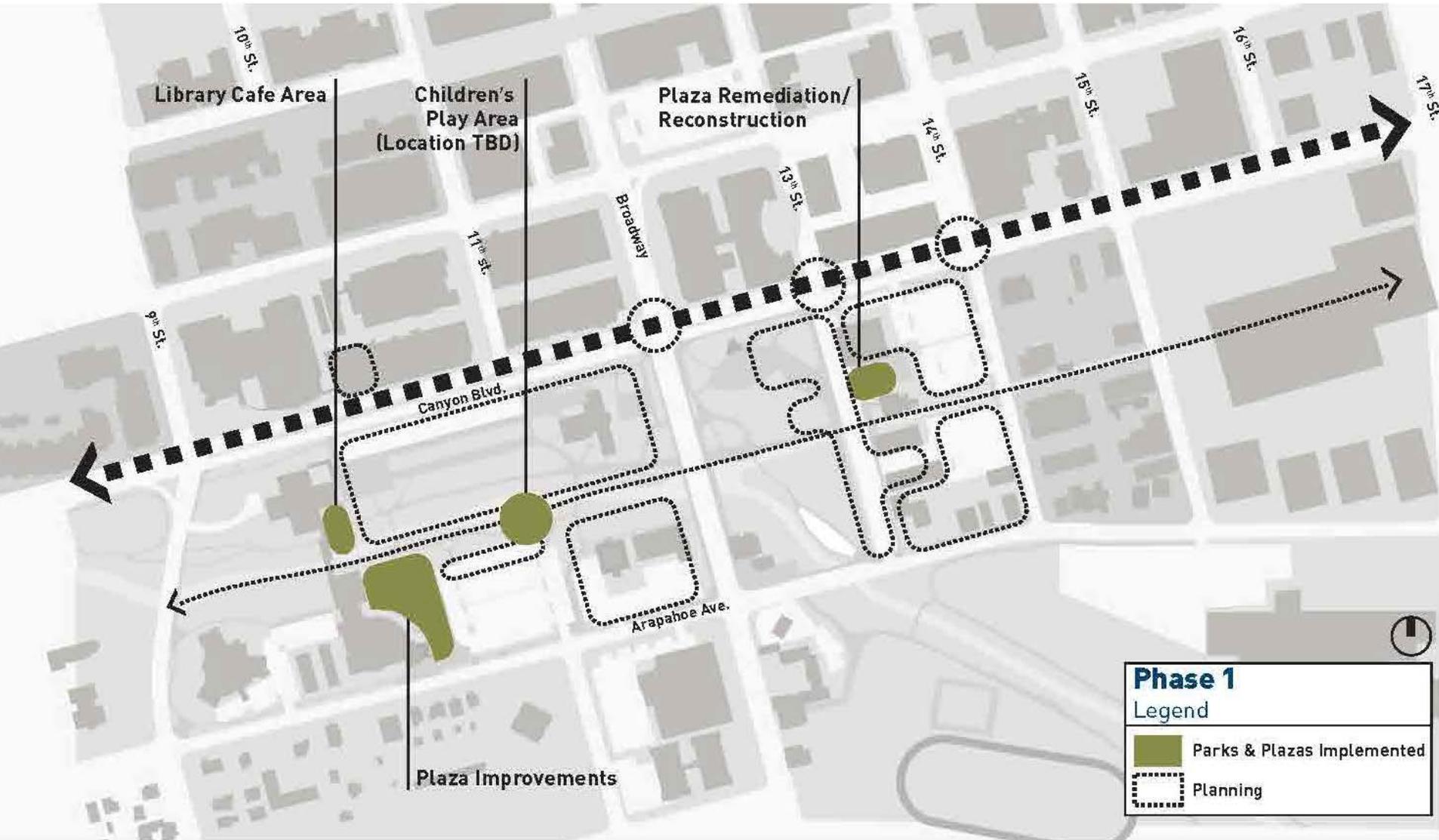
Implementation – What's Next?

- Planning, Coordination, and Feasibility (through Spring 2014):
 - ✓ Flood Safety
 - ✓ Farmers' Market
 - ✓ Arts and Culture (Performing Arts, Civic Use Pad)
 - ✓ Coord. on private properties
- Detailed design for parks
- Comprehensive Investment Strategy

Adjacent Properties



Phase 1: *Parks, Plazas, and Planning...*





Staff Recommendation

Action in the form of the following motion:

Motion to approve the draft Plan for Boulder's Civic Area and initiate implementation

