

2015 BOULDER VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION May 24, 2016

**OUR LEGACY.
OUR FUTURE.**

BOULDER VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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STUDY SESSION PURPOSE

- 1. Provide BVCP update before preparing scenarios and finalizing policies**
2. Receive feedback on:
 1. Draft core values
 2. Key choices and updates to land use (scenarios)
 3. Plan reorganization and policy integration

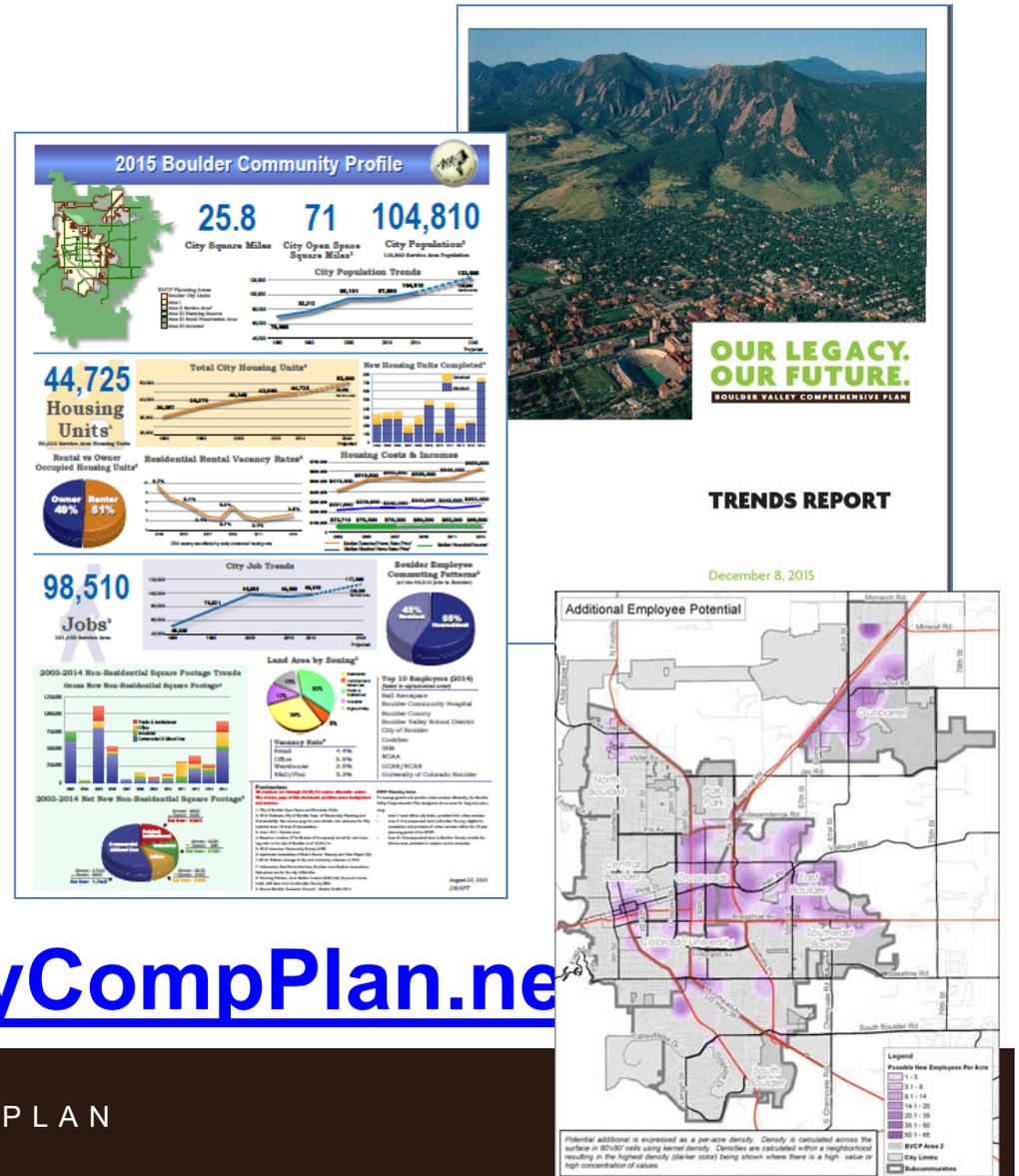
QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does council have feedback on:

1. Draft **core values**?
2. Draft **choices for scenarios** and potential tradeoffs:
 - a. design, housing, jobs/housing balance and evaluation measures?
 - b. Climate, energy and resilience policies?
3. Draft **plan organization and policy integration**?

REMINDER: PREVIOUS WORK

- ❑ Trends Report
- ❑ Projections
- ❑ Profile
- ❑ Fact Sheets
- ❑ 3D Story Maps



AVAILABLE AT

WWW.BoulderValleyCompPlan.net

A LOT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Kickoff Activities – meetings, polls
2. Survey Results – over 1,500 people
3. Local Listening Sessions
4. Meetings – Adv. Bds, Pop-ups, Organizations



SHAPING CHOICES EVENT AND ONLINE



Welcome!

Boulder Public Library
MAY 11
3:30-7:30 P.M.

What if? **Shaping Choices**
for the Boulder Comprehensive Plan Update

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Stay for all or part of the event!

WHAT IS YOUR WHAT?

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Visit the project webpage for all materials and opportunities to offer input!



AREAS OF FOCUS

1. Core values renewal
2. Design, Housing, and Jobs:Housing Balance
3. Diverse and affordable housing
4. Climate, energy, and resilience
5. Boulder Community: Alpine-Balsam
6. CU South
7. Subcommunity planning areas

AREAS OF FOCUS



During each 5-year update, the planning team identifies "Areas of Focus" to respond to changed circumstances, community needs, and pressing issues. These topics are identified through the analysis of trends from the foundations work that kicked off the plan update, a great deal of community input, and direction from the decision-making bodies. Addressing the Areas of Focus will guide policy and potential land use during this plan update.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND DIVERSITY

Explore land use options to better achieve affordable and diverse housing as appropriate in different parts of Boulder.



CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND RESILIENCE

Strengthen policies to reflect city's climate commitment and resilience strategy.



BALANCE OF FUTURE JOBS AND HOUSING

Explore land use options to improve the balance of future housing and jobs and consider important trade-offs.



URBAN DESIGN AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Improve the plan's direction on design, activity centers, height, mixed use, development requirements and the public realm.



TARGETED ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING

for CU South and the Boulder Community Project: Alpine-Balsam



ADDRESSING LOCAL NEEDS

Share information about unique local qualities in subcommunities and identify future needs for planning at the subcommunity or area level.

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Stop by anytime for information, an input session, updates, and more.

RENEW CORE VALUES

Revisions to reflect established sustainability framework

- **Emphasize diversity & inclusion;**
- **Add safety**
- **Add resiliency**



The Boulder Valley values...

A Safe Community

A Healthy and Socially Thriving Community

A Livable Community

An Accessible and Connected Community

An Environmentally Sustainable Community

An Economically Vital Community

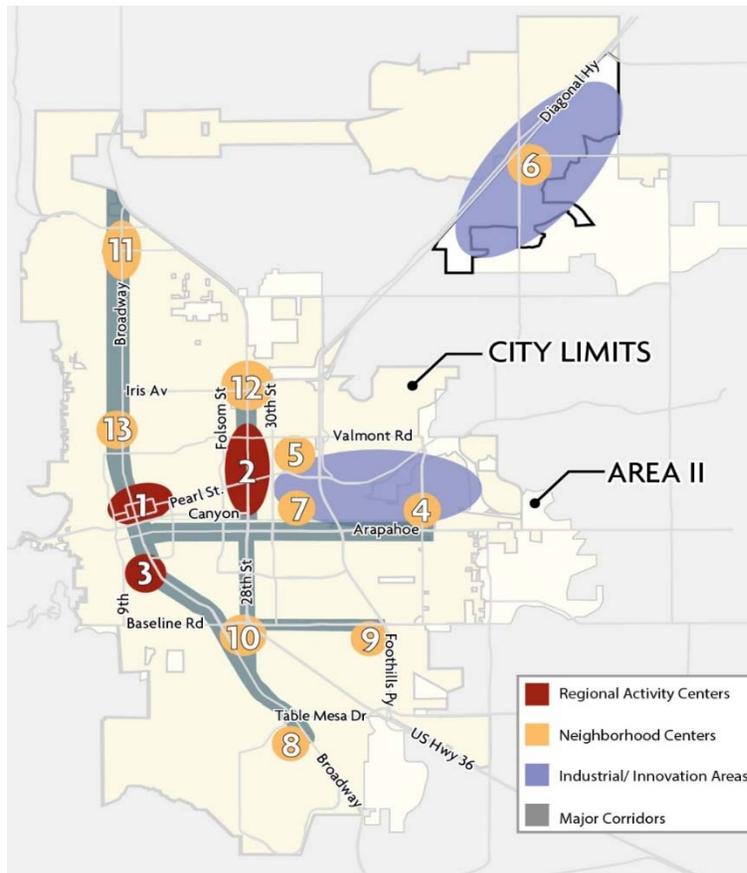
Good Governance

DESIGN, HOUSING, AND LAND USES



LAND USE CHOICES – DISTINCT AREAS

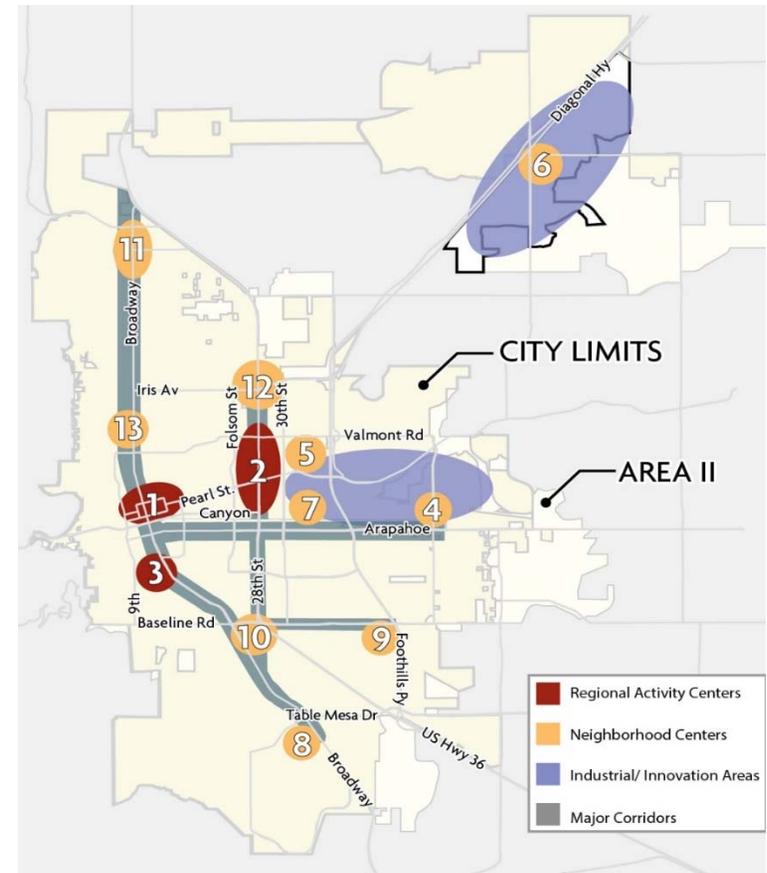
Which opportunity areas are appropriate (or not) for changes to land use?



1. Major Corridors
2. Activity Centers
3. Neighborhood Activity Centers
4. Industrial/Innovation Areas
5. Neighborhoods

CHOICES RELATED TO JOBS/HOUSING BALANCE

- A. Convert some existing commercial and industrial areas to housing
- B. Find opportunities for new, walkable (15-minute) neighborhood centers near transit and jobs
- C. Moderate the pace or change of future commercial and industrial development



CHOICES FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND DIVERSITY

- A. Diverse housing in non-residential areas?
- B. Expand possible housing types?
- C. Community benefits = more intensity?
- D. Residential transitional requirements?
fill” in neighborhoods?

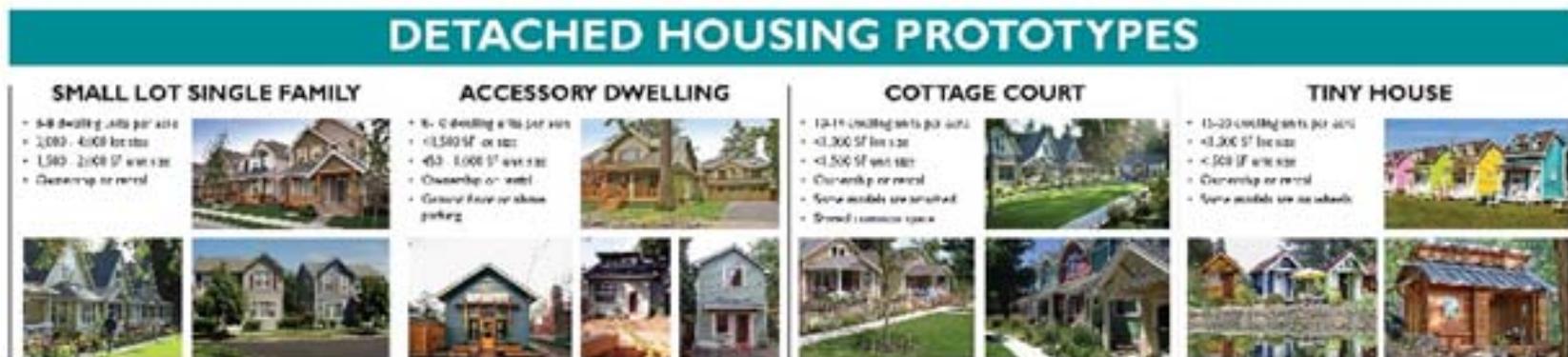


HOUSING TYPES AND LOCATIONS

Which types are currently lacking?
Where?

1. Small lot single family
2. Accessory dwelling
3. Cottage court
4. Tiny house

5. Rowhouse/townhouse
6. Multiplex
7. Apartments/Condos
8. Mixed Use residential
9. Micro-Unit Housing
10. Other



EVALUATION MEASURES/TOOLS

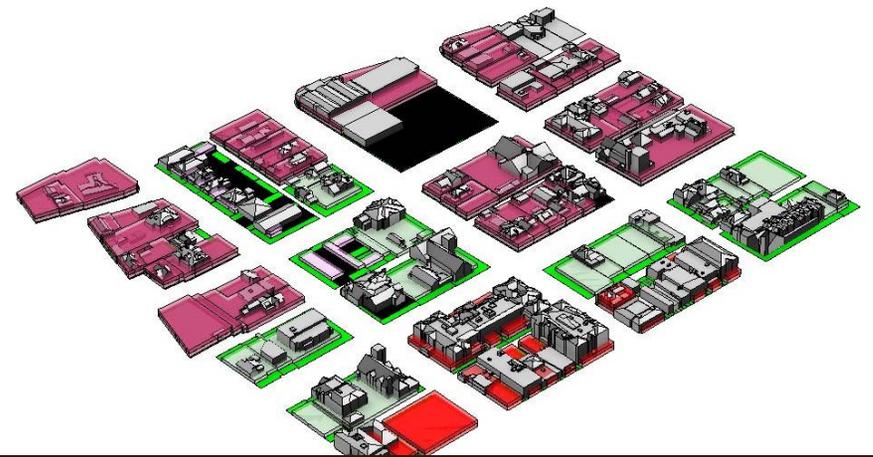
Draft indicators or metrics for evaluation, e.g.:

- Improve housing choices
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Protect biodiversity/open space
- Maintain affordable



KEY CHOICES AND SCENARIOS

To include:
Maps,
visualizations,
land use options,
and analysis



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URBAN DESIGN

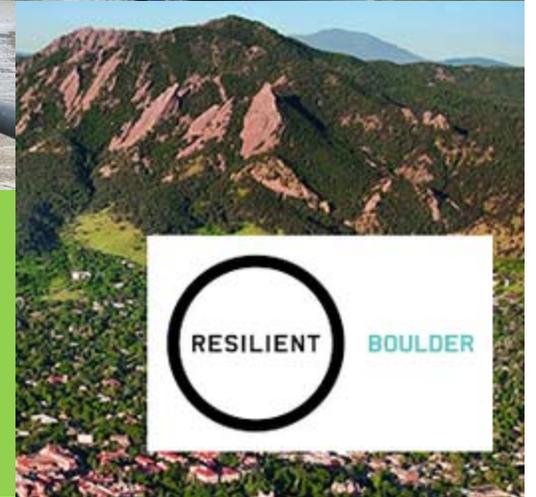
Proposed for the urban design and land use sections of the plan:

- Illustrations
- New ways to convey concepts and principles of design quality
- Add transit corridors, community cultural priorities, etc.



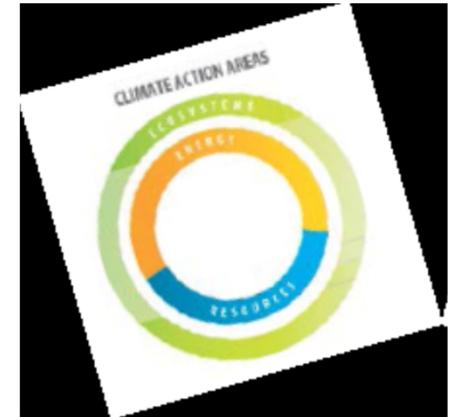


Climate, Energy, and Resilience



CLIMATE AND ENERGY

- Add Climate Commitment goal:
 - **Boulder will reduce its energy-related emissions 80 percent or more below 2005 levels by 2050.**
 - The city will target 100 percent clean, renewable electricity, building on improved energy efficiency and greater energy



RESILIENCE/ADAPTATION

- ✓ Frame as a guiding principle (i.e., **community that is ready to bounce back, responsive and adaptable to uncertainty and disruptions**).
- ✓ Add policies related to risk reduction and preparedness, esp. vulnerable populations
- ✓ Establish measurable goals, implementation strategies
- ✓ Incorporate preferred suggestions



CU SOUTH LAND USE DESIGNATION

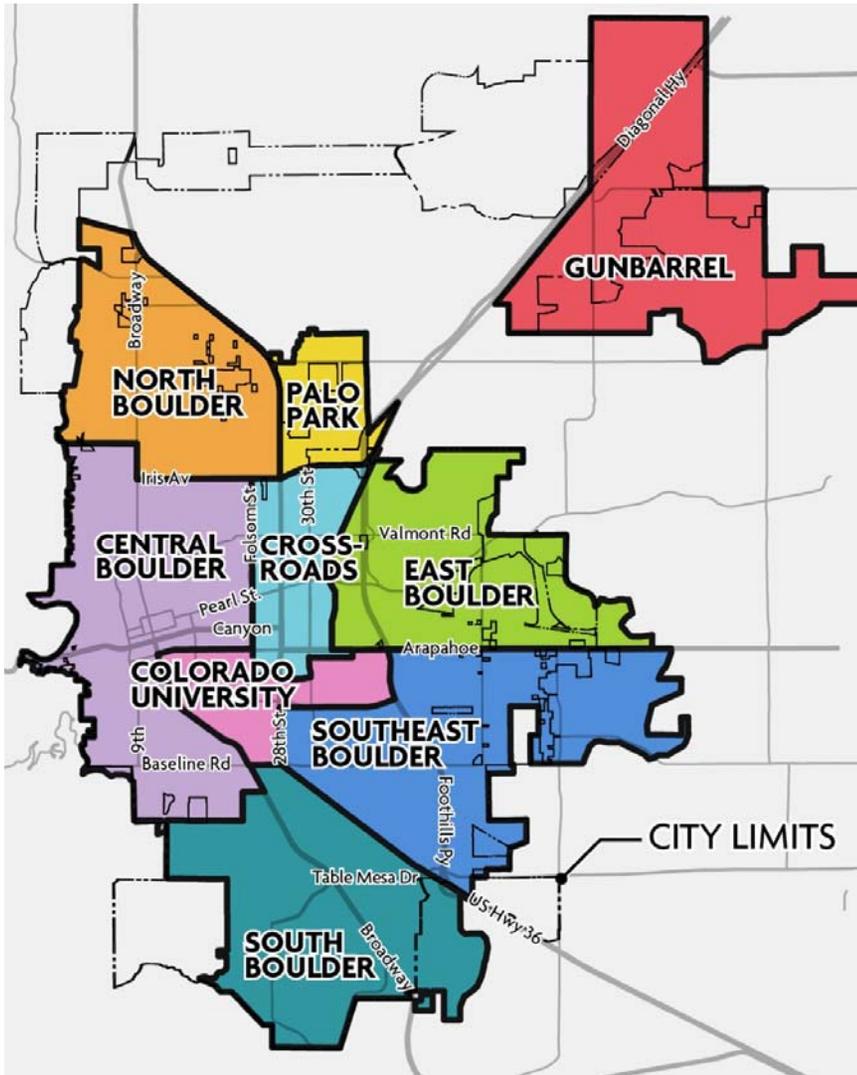
- Changes to land use (before annexation or zoning)
- Parallel with Boulder Creek flood mitigation berm
- Site suitability: Consultants (B and Fox Tuttle)
- Next, analysis to address land utilities, and urban services
- Community engagement in sur



ALPINE-BALSAM (BCH)

- Coordinating plan for redevelopment with BVCP
- Will develop urban design framework, guiding principles, and suggestions for the area in support of future area planning
- Consultant for 2016: Mithun

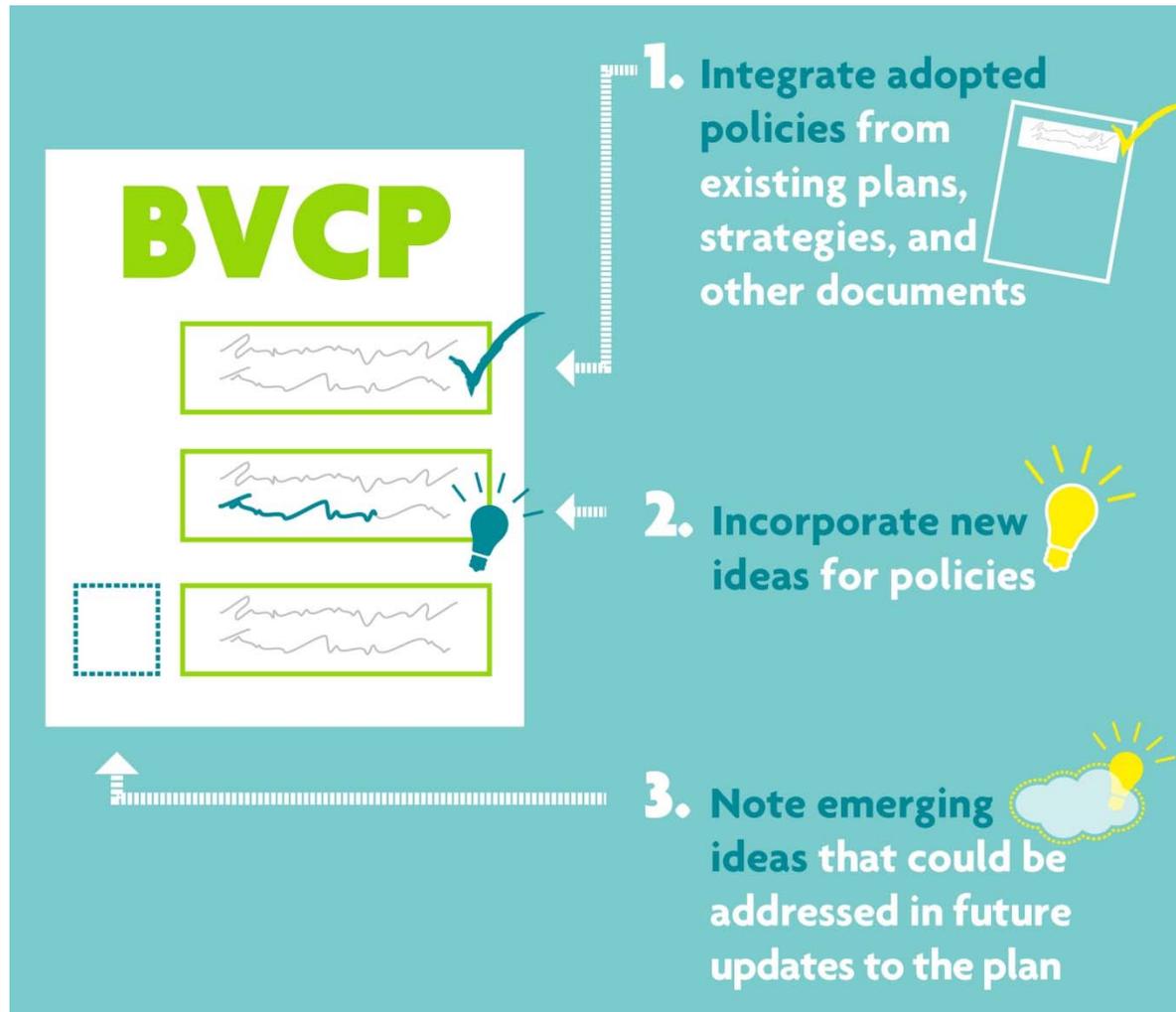




Next up: Subcommunities

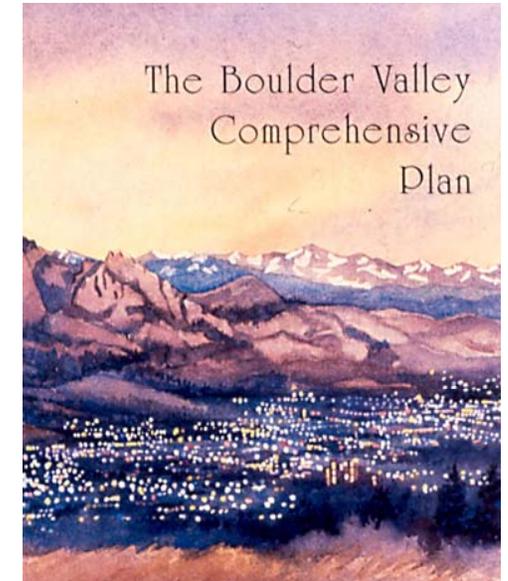
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POLICY UPDATES



PROPOSED PLAN REORGANIZATION

1. Vision and Values
2. How the Plan is Implemented
3. Policies
 1. Safe and Prepared Community
 2. Healthy and Socially Thriving...
 3. etc.
4. Land Use Map Descriptions
5. Subcommunities and Area Planning
6. Implementaiton and Master Plans
7. Amendment Procedures
8. Urban Service Criteria



SUMMER ENGAGEMENT

1. Online Questionnaire (through June 5)
2. Local Area Meetings (July/Aug)
3. Pop-up Meetings
4. Meetings with organizations and neighborhood groups
5. Possible Survey #2



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NEXT STEPS FOR 4-BODIES

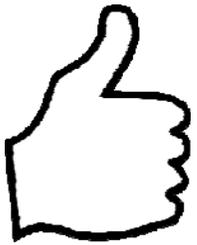
1. June 15 County Planning Commission
2. June (tbd) BOCC
3. Aug/Sept. Board and Commission Check-ins
4. Aug/Sept. Public Request Hearings
5. Oct. 11 (tent.) Council Study Session

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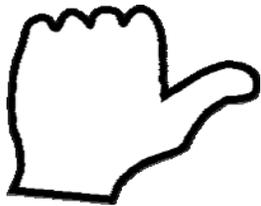
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 - b. Climate, energy and resilience (Att. B. p. 235-237, Att. D, p. 255)
- 3. Draft plan organization and policy integration?** (Att. C, p. 238-254)

**Straw poll:
Are the draft values
heading in the right direction?**



Yes

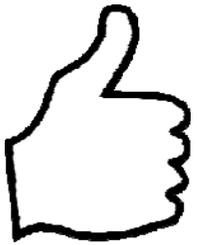


Maybe with refinement



Not yet

Straw poll: Are land use choices for housing and jobs heading in the right direction?



Yes

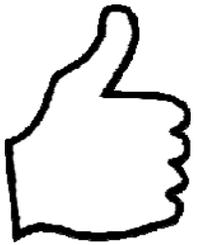


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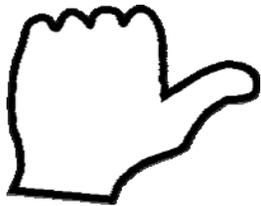


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Straw poll: Are housing prototypes heading in the right direction?



Yes



Maybe with refinement

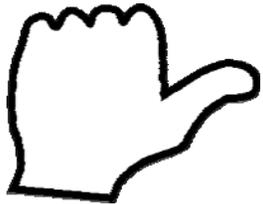


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**Straw poll:
Are climate and resilience
policies heading in the right
direction?**



Yes

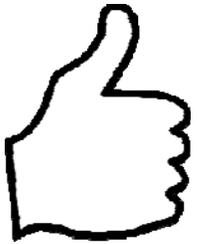


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Not yet

Straw poll: Is the plan organization and policy integration heading in the right direction?



Yes



Maybe with refinement



Not yet