

# The Vision

*Boulder's Civic Area is envisioned to transform into a place for community inclusiveness and activity—a cohesive and expanded central “green” at the core, bookended by vibrant “built” mixed-use blocks on the west and east ends. Boulder Creek serves as the defining feature that establishes much of the natural beauty of the Civic Area and captures the beauty of Downtown Boulder.*

**The West End** (the area west of Broadway between Canyon and Arapahoe) will include the existing library on both sides of the creek; a cafe; the Senior Center; the landmarked Municipal Building; a new multi-use building on the St. Julien Civic Use Pad, as well as structured parking. The north and/or south library may redevelop to accommodate a small performing arts facility and meeting space (possibly connected by a pedestrian bridge over Canyon Boulevard to a future use at the Civic Use Pad). There is the possibility of mixing private and public development to generate 24/7 vitality. A new pedestrian bridge across Boulder Creek west of the existing covered library bridge will better connect the west park area, as well as any future new activities and uses if the Senior Center and the north library are redeveloped. The Municipal Building may be repurposed for a hands-on arts center or museum.



**The East End** (from 13th Street to 14th Street between Canyon Boulevard and Arapahoe Avenue) will include an expanded Farmers' Market and plaza space, the Dushanbe Teahouse, the BMoCA building, possibly a public market hall, a mixed-use community services /innovation center and performing arts space, and structured parking to support these functions. Additionally, small restaurants, cafes, incubator offices, hotel and/or residential units will be mixed in with city services and civic functions, such as event and meeting space. This will ensure activity and interest throughout the day and night, all week long and all year.



## THE PLAN FOR **BOULDER'S CIVIC AREA** OVERVIEW

For more information on the Plan for Boulder's Civic Area, visit

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# The Civic Area's Future

Boulder's Civic Area will be a place for everyone—a lively and distinct destination that reflects our community's values, where people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds and incomes feel welcome to recreate, socialize, deliberate, learn and access city services. The green space and beauty along Boulder Creek will provide significant open space and parkland and will be the spine of a unifying design that weaves existing and new facilities with a rich diversity of civic, commercial, recreational, artistic, cultural and educational amenities and programs. The Civic Area also will continue to be the service center for Boulder municipal government and a new center for innovation, where community members, officials, and partners can meet, interact, and deliberate, and innovate. All together, these elements create a true civic heart for the Boulder community.

The plan graphics and drawings shown here are intended to illustrate the concepts and principles contained in the plan. They are not meant to prescribe the exact location, type or size of future buildings or amenities. The actual physical form of the area will evolve over 10 or more years and will likely be different from these illustrations.

## CANYON BOULEVARD

Canyon Boulevard will be transformed into a true boulevard, with enhanced biking and walking environments and more attractive landscaping.

## BOULDER LIBRARY

The Boulder Public Library is a popular community asset that contributes to the vitality of the area. It is and will continue to be accessible and welcoming to a diverse population of all ages, incomes, ethnicities and interests.

## PLACE FOR ARTS

Additional outdoor art—sculpture, plazas and gathering spaces—will complement existing art to bring more beauty and interest to the area.



## LIFE SAFETY

Life and property safety will be improved by removing existing buildings (New Britain and Park Central) and surface parking from the High Hazard Flood Zone (HHZ). The underlying land will be developed as park space.

## BOULDER CREEK

Boulder Creek will remain a unifying focal feature for Civic Park and the entire area. It will continue to be a natural corridor with trees and creekside vegetation, interspersed with access points to the water.

## PARK

Civic Park and Central Park are downtown's most expansive public open spaces and provide ample room to gather, recreate and enjoy being outdoors in the middle of the city.

## CIVIC HEART

City services embody the civic nature of the area and will continue to be housed within the Civic Area or nearby. New community meeting space and gathering places will engender even more civic involvement.

## FARMER'S DITCH

Farmer's Ditch provides a linear water amenity to walk, bike and relax along and continues into the Goss/Grove neighborhood.

## FARMERS' MARKET

The tradition and exuberance of the outdoor Farmers' Market along 13th Street will be maintained and expanded to keep pace with the market's popularity. It may be supplemented by a new public market hall, a year-round venue for local food and goods.

## RICH HISTORY

Designated and eligible landmarks—the Municipal Building, the City Storage and Transfer Building (now BMoCA), the Teahouse and the Bandshell—enrich the area and reflect its history.

