Envision LITTLETON

Our Community. Our Future.

An innovative community engagement effort to define a vision for our future

Today's Agenda

- **Transportation Master Plan**
  - Visioning process recap
  - Strategic framework
  - Draft mission statement
  - Draft goals
- Next steps

- **Comprehensive Plan**
  - Another character factor
  - Start of future land use map
  - Policy considerations
  - Areas for discussion
- Next steps

What is Envision Littleton?

TRANSPORATION MASTER PLAN

HELPS ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF FACILITATING MOBILITY AND ACCESS IN A STRATEGIC MANNER

- GUIDING PRINCIPLES
- INFORMING POLICY
- PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY'S VALUES
- ENSURING LITTLETON NEVER LOSES ITS HEART AND SOUL

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A MUNICIPALITY'S ROAD MAP FOR THE FUTURE

When will decisions be made?

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TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives

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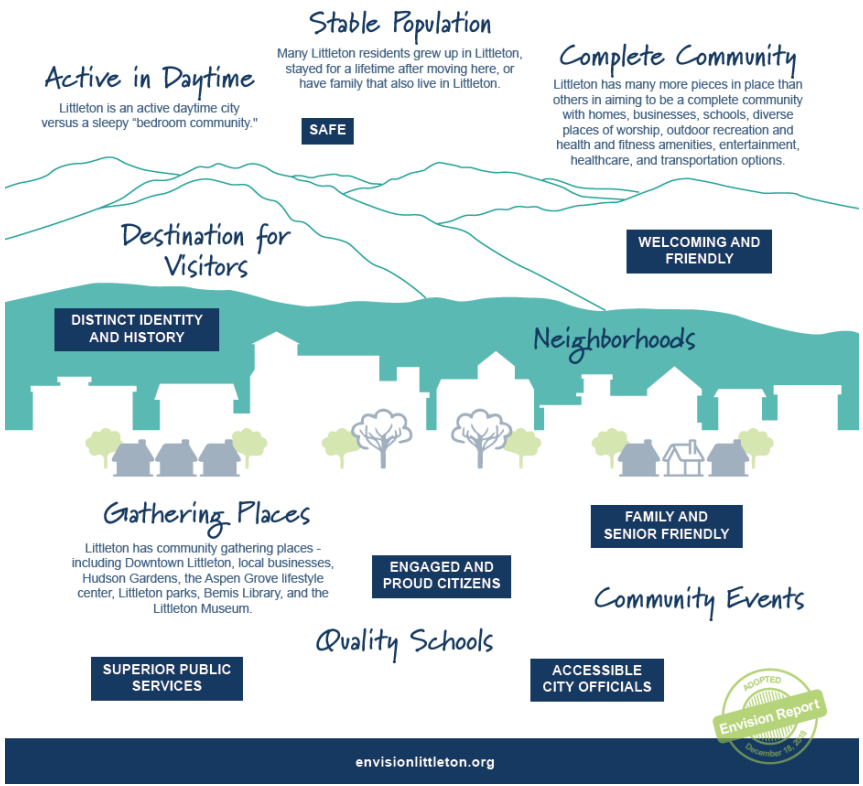

- Maintain integrity
- Protect cherished natural setting
- Ensure reinvestment meets local expectations
- Safer and more accessible for everyone
- Achieve a higher standard
- Secure the long-term financial sustainability

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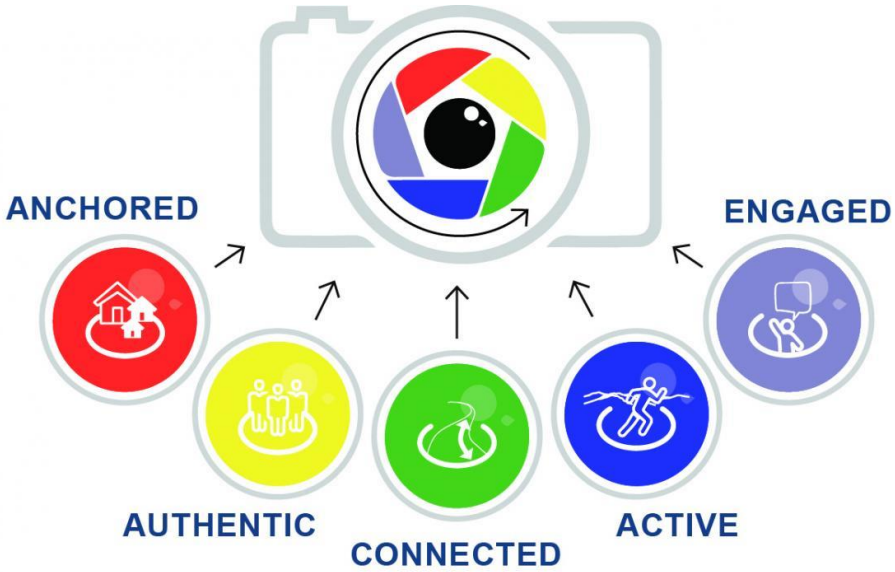
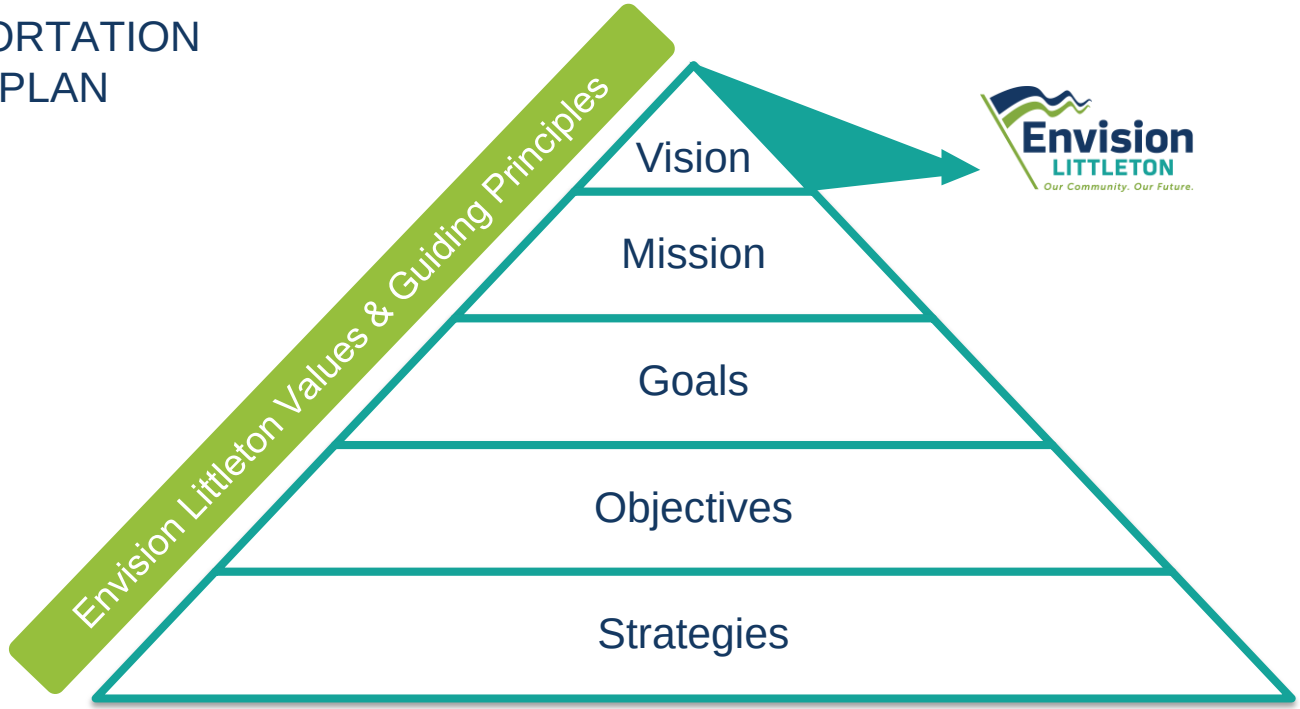


Strategic Framework

TRANSPORTATION
MASTER PLAN



Strategic Framework: Defining the Terms

VISION	The unique future state we hope to create. How the public will be better off because of our plans. [COMPLETE]
MISSION	What we are doing, for whom and why? The purpose of the plan.
GOAL	Broad qualitative statements regarding what you are trying to achieve. They bring more definition to the Vision.
OBJECTIVES	Specific, time limited, quantifiable desired achievements in support of the goals.
STRATEGIES	Actions we will be taking.

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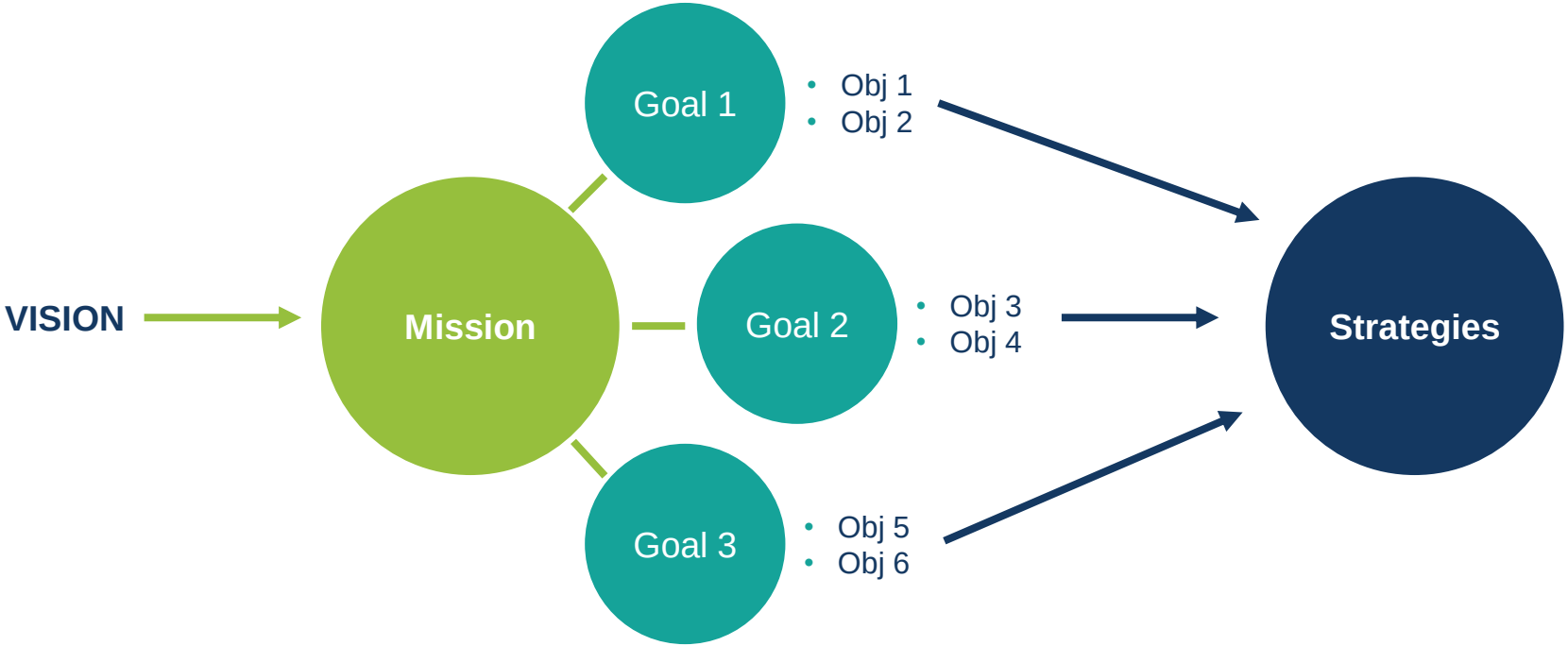
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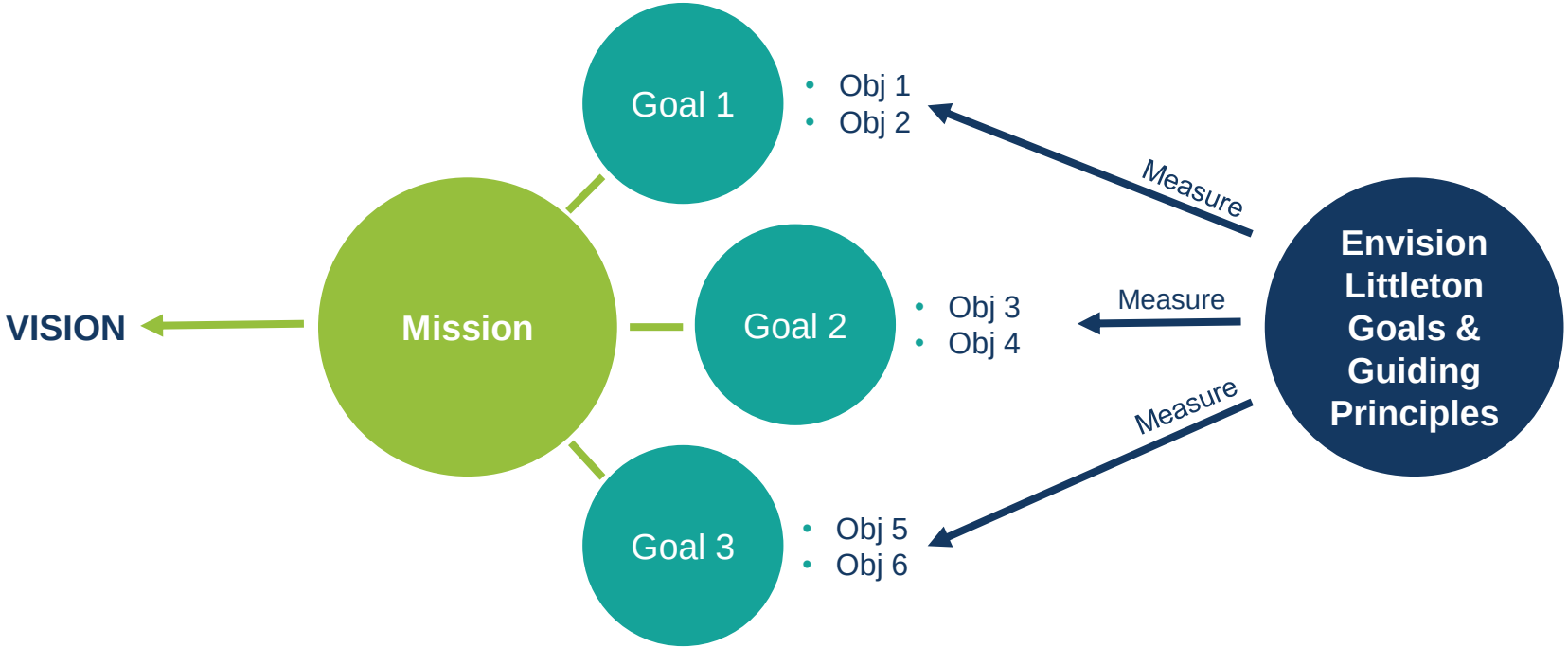


Visioning Process

- Department interviews
  - Finance
  - Police
  - Community Development
  - Economic Development
  - Communications
  - Information Technology (IT)
- Public Works Workshop

Draft Mission Statement

Littleton will create a transportation system that supports its vision of the future through regional leadership and responsible stewardship of its transportation systems, policies, programs and services.

Goals

GOALS

Connected
Connect people conveniently to the community, resources, and opportunities.

Healthy
Promote safety and support efforts to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

Inclusive
Allocate services and facilities so that all people have transportation options that are best suited for their needs and lifestyle.

Prosperous
Contribute to our economic prosperity while maintaining and enhancing our community's character

Sustainable
Build and operate a financially and environmentally sustainable transportation system.

Sampling of Objective Categories

- Delay/traffic
- Reliability
- Parking
- Regional leadership
- User cost
- Pressures from regional growth
- Information sharing and communication
- Safety
- Air quality
- Comfort
- Revenue
- Budget
- Completeness of networks
- Flexibility

What We've Heard

"I would like people to be nice when they're going someplace."

"We know we're going to have big expenses coming up, and we don't have the funding sources for those."

"The traffic, as is, is unsustainable, in 20 years it will be worse. It has to be addressed."

"The goal is a transportation system that supports a community where people want to live, work, and play. That's an enabler for quality of life and it's an enabler of job creation in the city."

"Change is going on around us. Do we want it to happen to us, or do we want to participate? It's about time -- we need to be proactive and not reactive"

"I'm pretty patient, but sometimes I get a little crazy when I'm sitting in traffic."

"I could think of no other city I would wish to live."

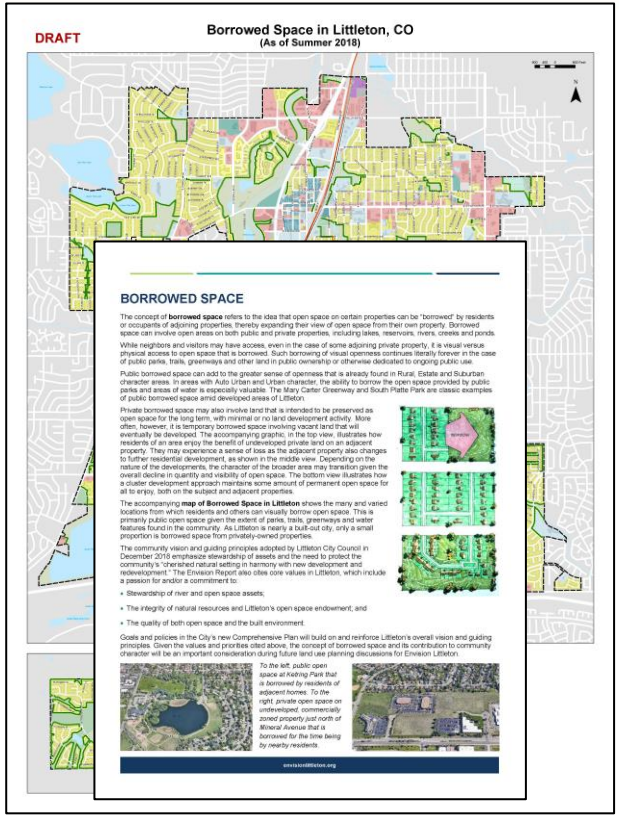
"Happier drivers."

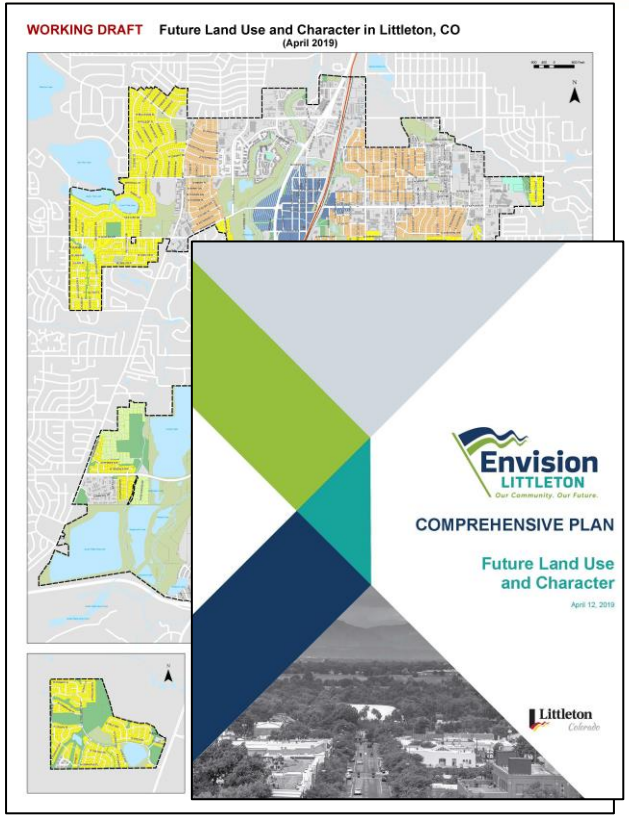
"We can't just solve today's problems - we have to solve tomorrow's problems."

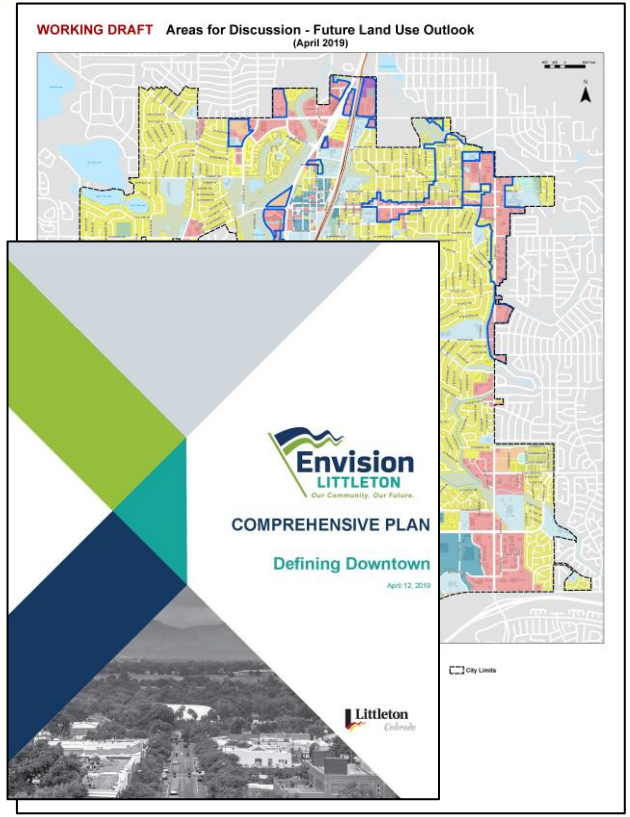
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Future Land Use and Character

KKC Maps and Handouts

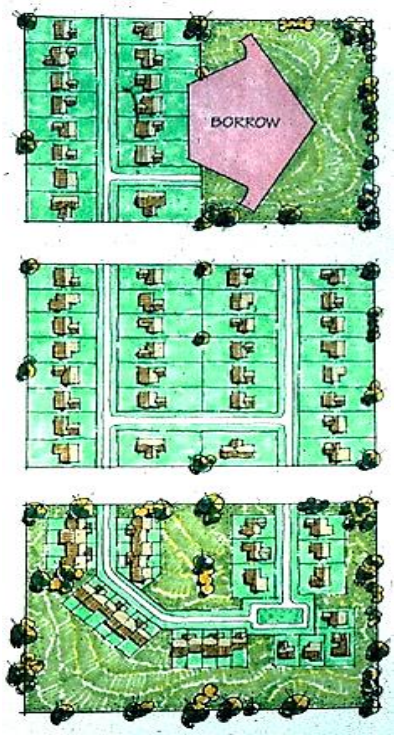






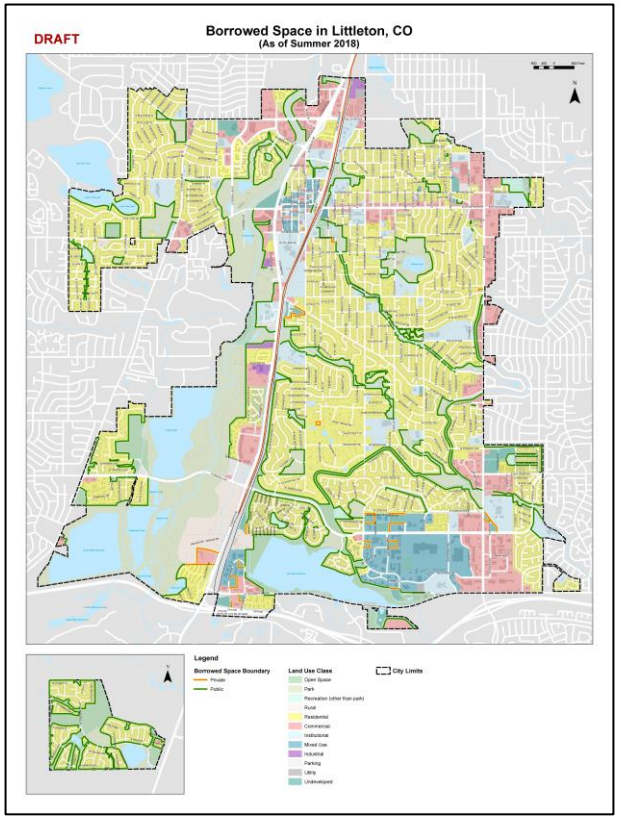
“Borrowed” Space

- Visual borrowing of open space on adjacent property
- Take “ownership” of it, both public and private
- Sense of loss when private space later developed



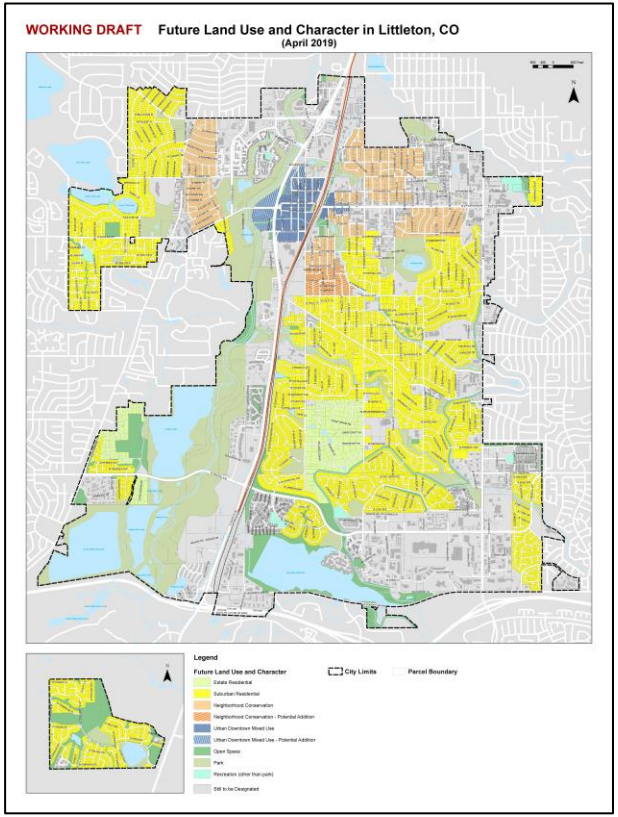
“Borrowed” Space

- Substantial public space edges in Littleton:
  - South Platte River corridor
  - Greenways, trail corridors and linear parks
  - Also views (borrowed air space)
- Reason clustered development in “Suburban”

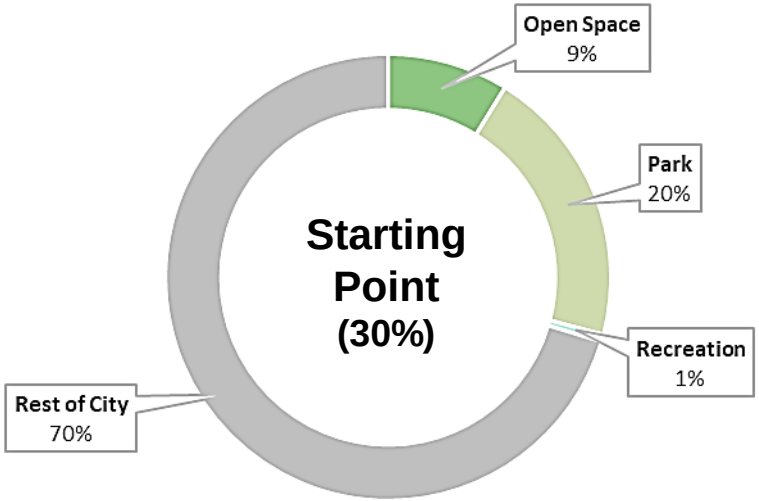


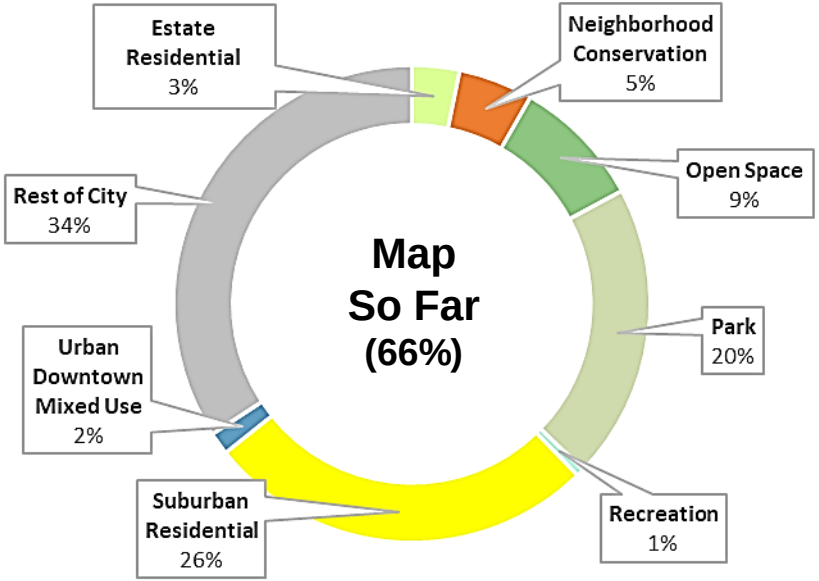
Future Land Use and Character

- Start with four categories on preliminary map:
  - Estate Residential
  - Suburban Residential (only single-family detached for now)
  - Urban Downtown Mixed Use
  - Neighborhood Conservation
- Along with Park, Recreation and Open Space, fills in 66% of city limits (plus rights-of-way, utilities)

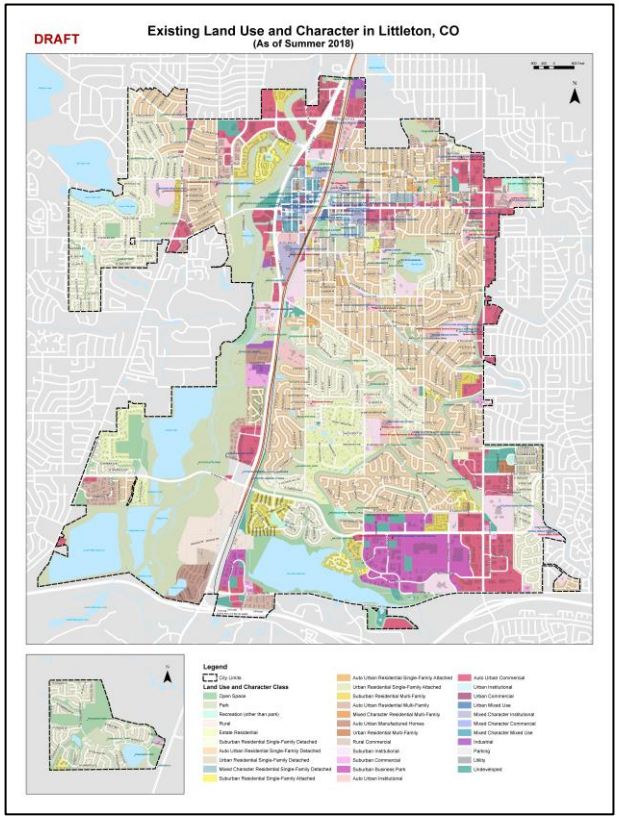


Allocation So Far





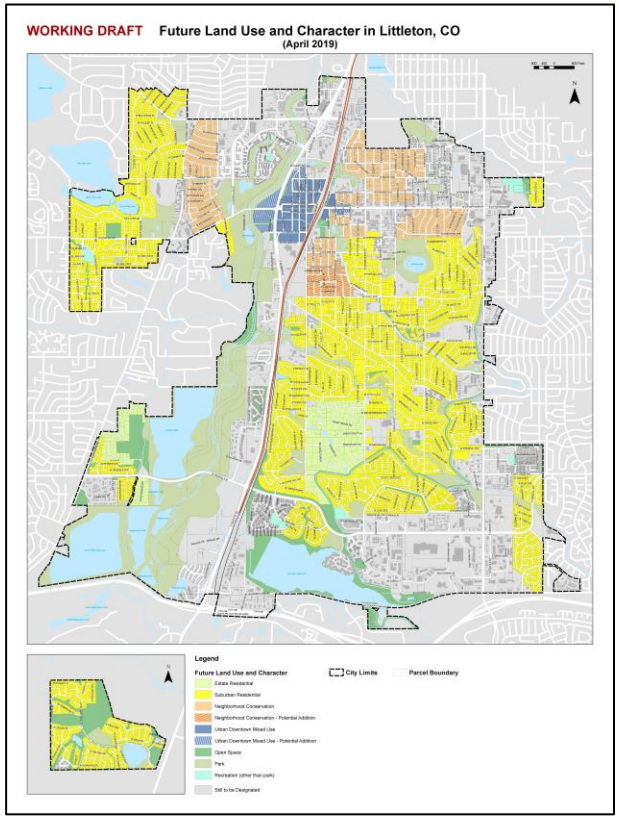
Auto Urban Now Suburban?



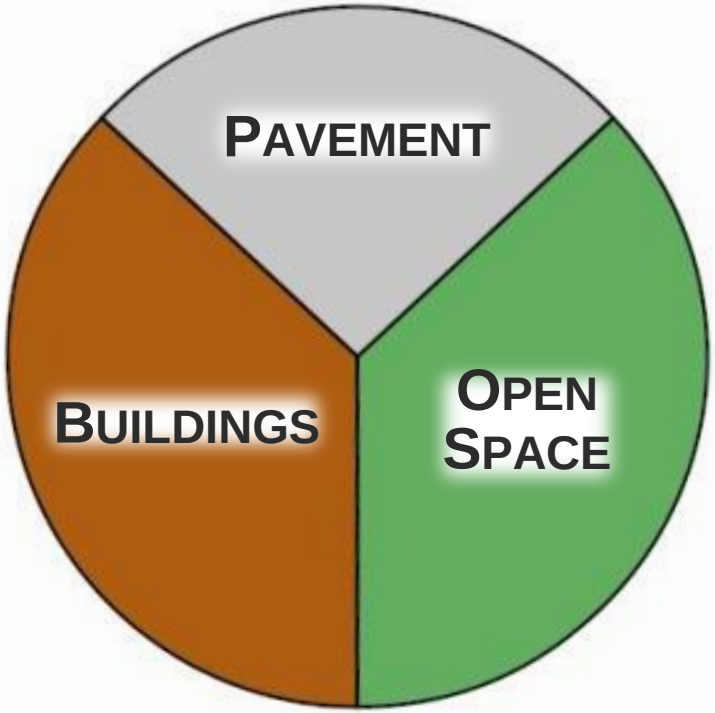
Not "pure" Suburban, but:

- Lot sizes 8,000+ sq. ft.
- Significant area of lot in green versus structures and hard surfaces
- Extent of landscaping and mature tree volume
- Front garages and driveways ubiquitous across city

"Suburban" character within local context



Three Character Elements



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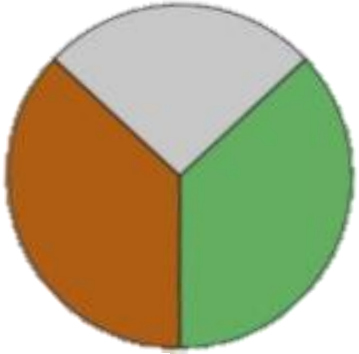

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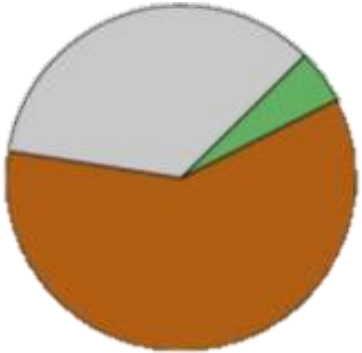
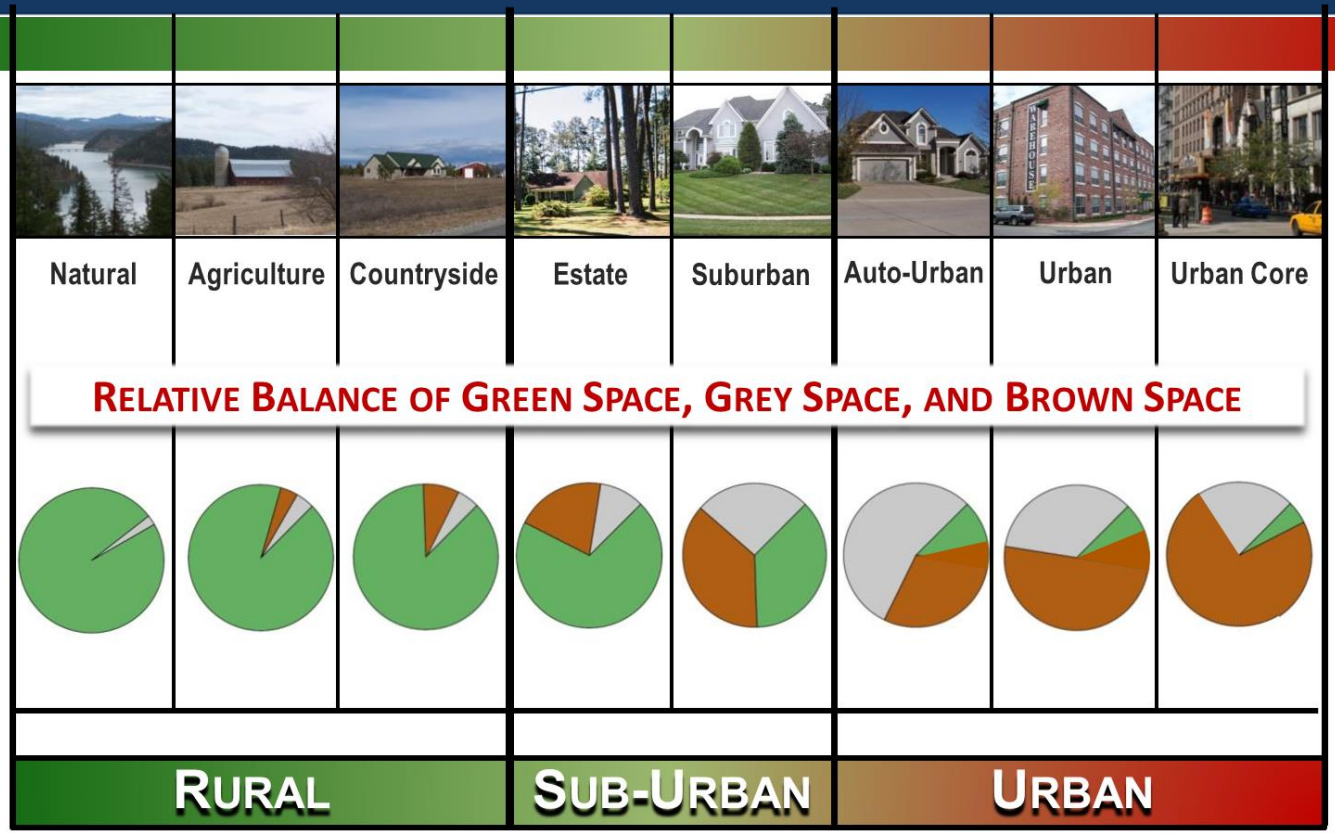


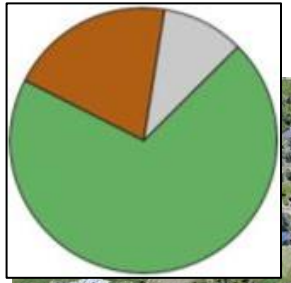
URBAN

Community Character Spectrum



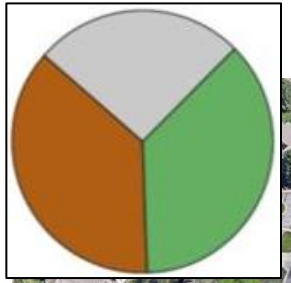
Estate Residential

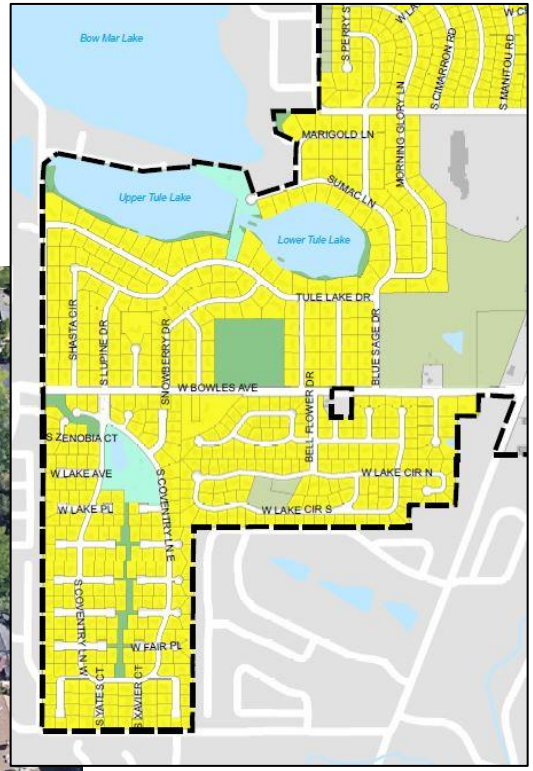
- Single-family detached homes on largest lot sizes in city
- Landscape, openness predominate visually over buildings
  - Majority of lot in open/green space



Suburban Residential *(SF detached only)*

- Single-family detached plus typical neighborhood uses
- Significant area of lot in open/green space, OR …
  - Clustered development for shared open space

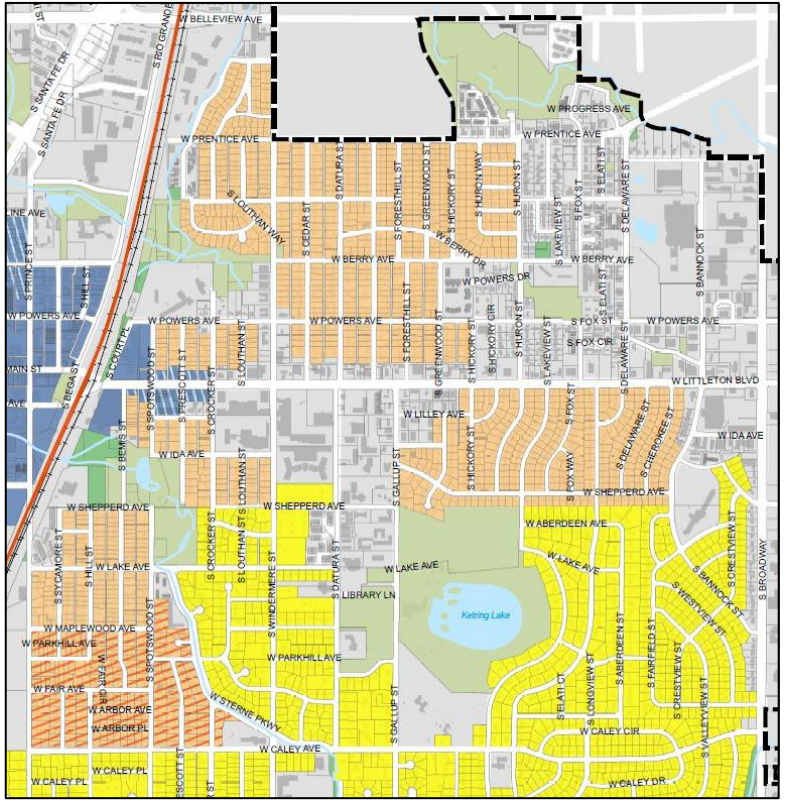




Neighborhood Conservation

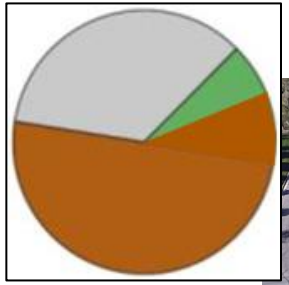
- Usually some of oldest, core neighborhoods
- To ensure stability OR to manage transitions
- To explore more customized zoning strategies

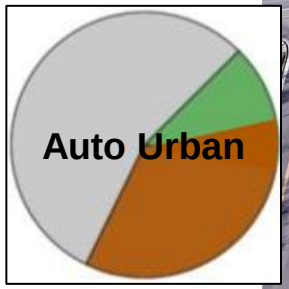
NOT on Character Spectrum



Urban Downtown Mixed Use

- Most intensive land cover, especially by buildings
- Buildings at/near sidewalk create visual “enclosure”
  - Green in public streetscape, pocket parks





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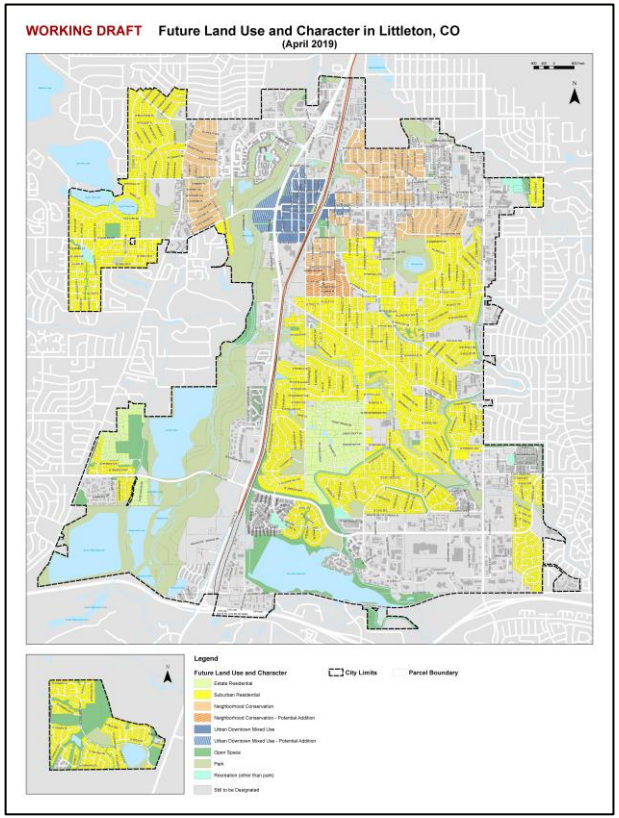
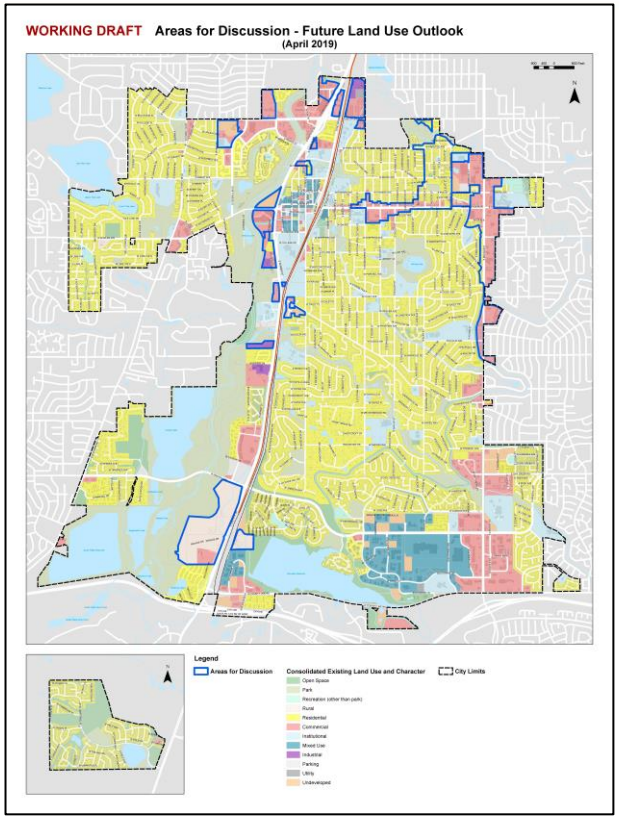


Along with feedback on preliminary mapped areas:

- If ~12,000 more residents?
- Key roadway corridors:
  - Santa Fe
  - Broadway
  - Littleton Blvd
  - Belleview
- South Platte River corridor
- Redevelopment potential
- Economic development and tax base outlook
- Light rail station areas – plus Broadway “BRT”?



Potential Additions

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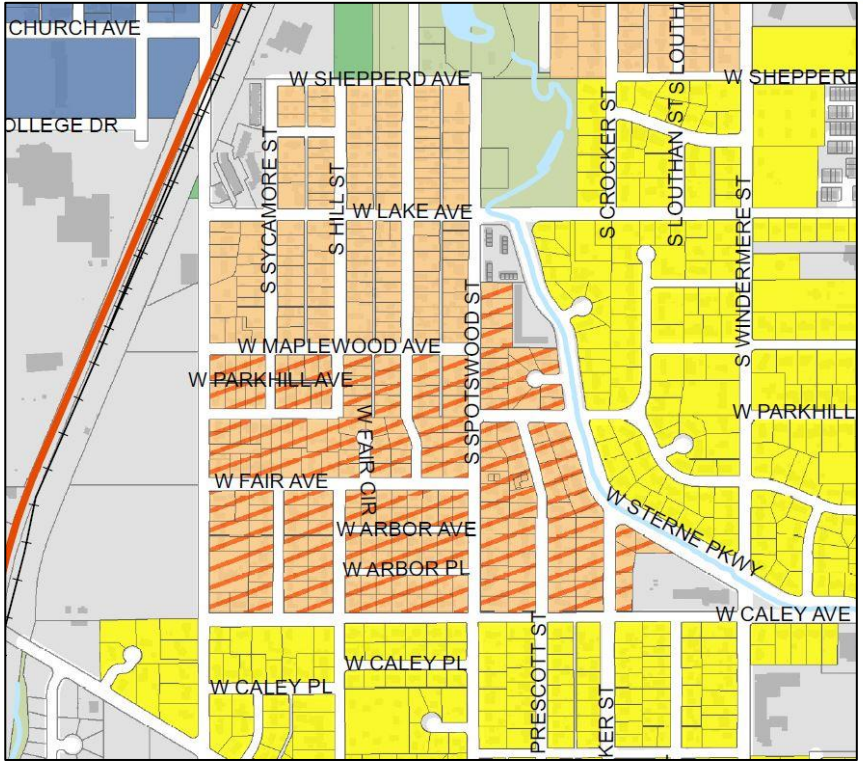

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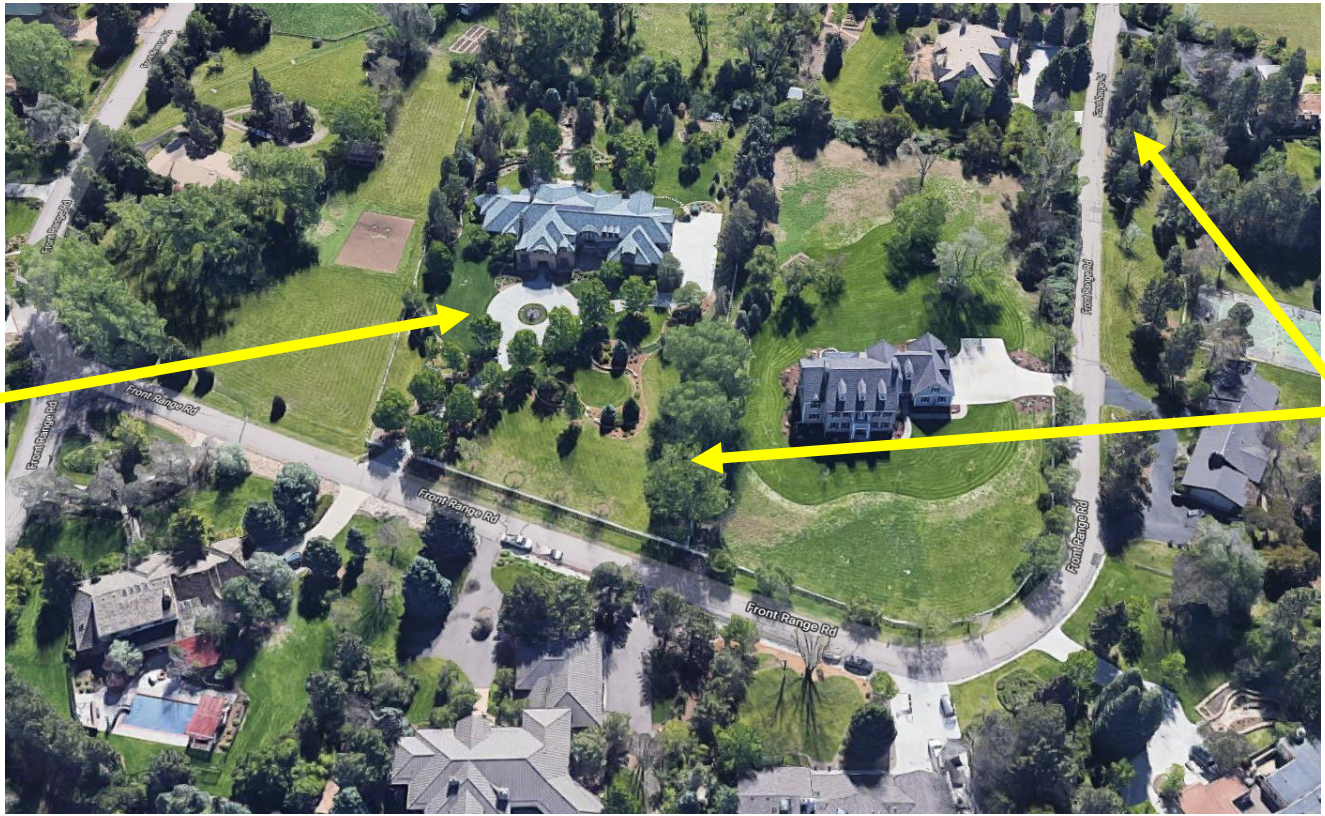

Buffers and screening along property lines and street frontages

Policy Considerations

Estate and Suburban Residential

Minimum front yard depths and side separation between homes

Sufficient landscaping and tree planting / preservation

Maximum lot coverage by buildings <u>and</u> paving

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Residential design standards to address auto-focused house design?

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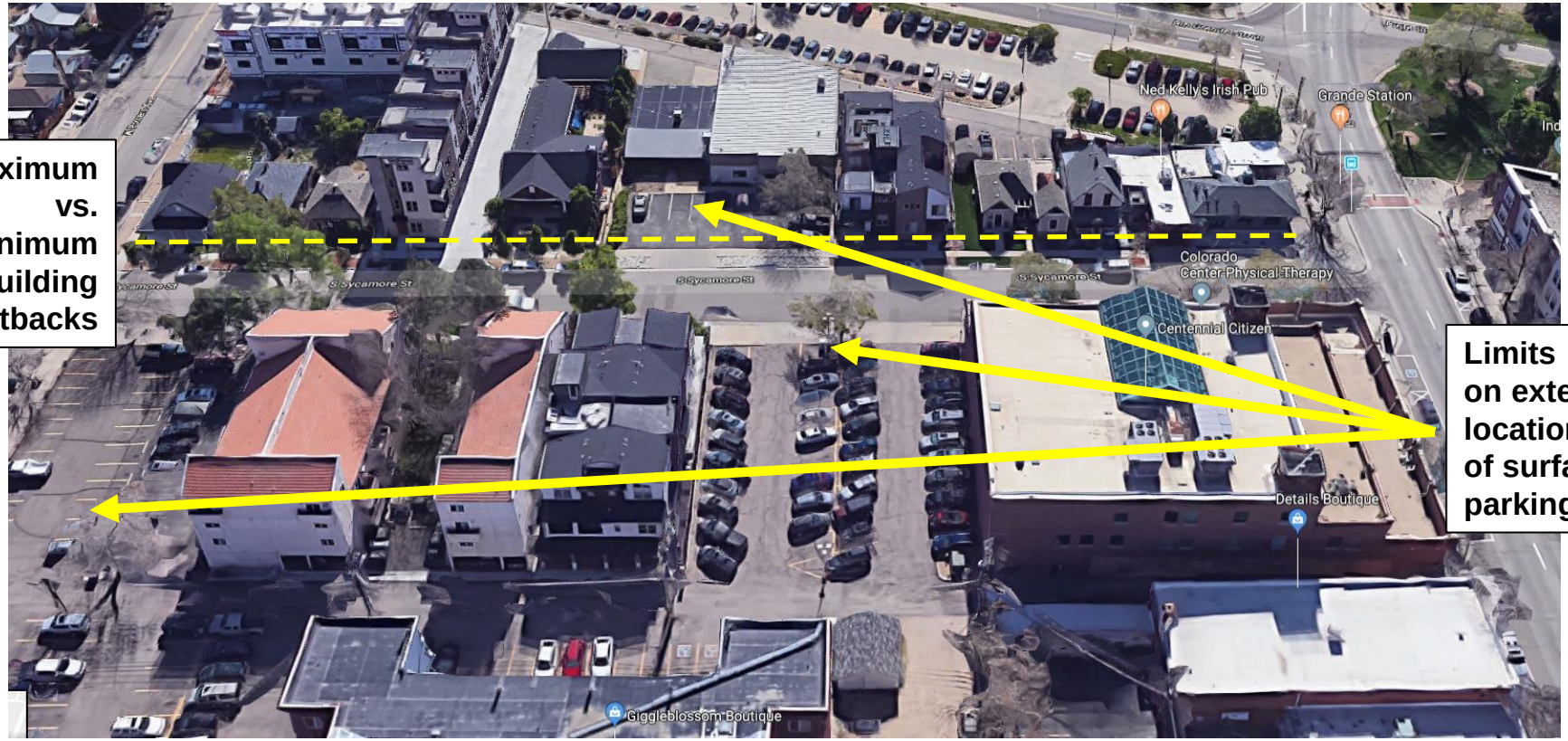

Maximum vs. minimum building setbacks

Limits on extent, location of surface parking

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