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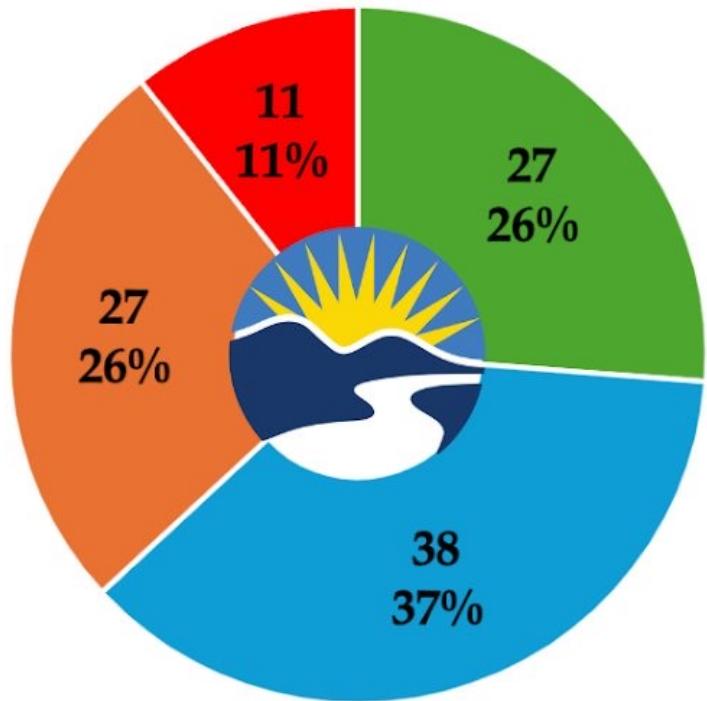
Report on NEXT Plan

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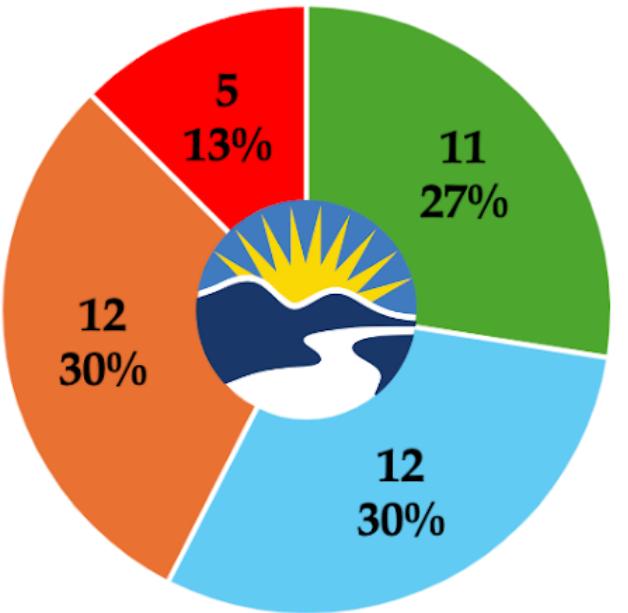
Addressed, but continuing: This strategy has been completed and thoroughly addressed, but will continue to be reviewed and followed.

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Needs attention: This strategy has not been addressed, and there have not been many projects towards its completion.

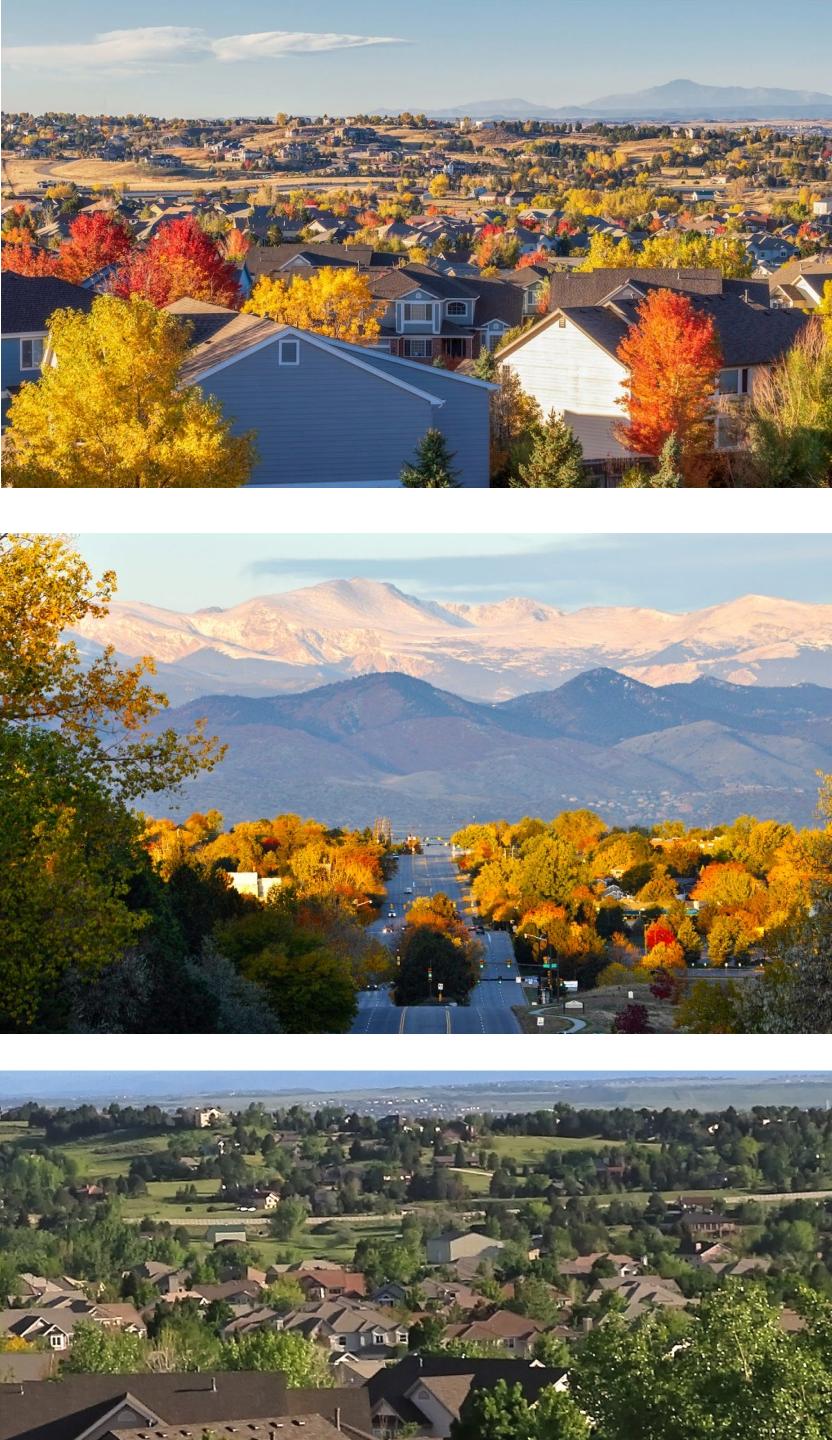
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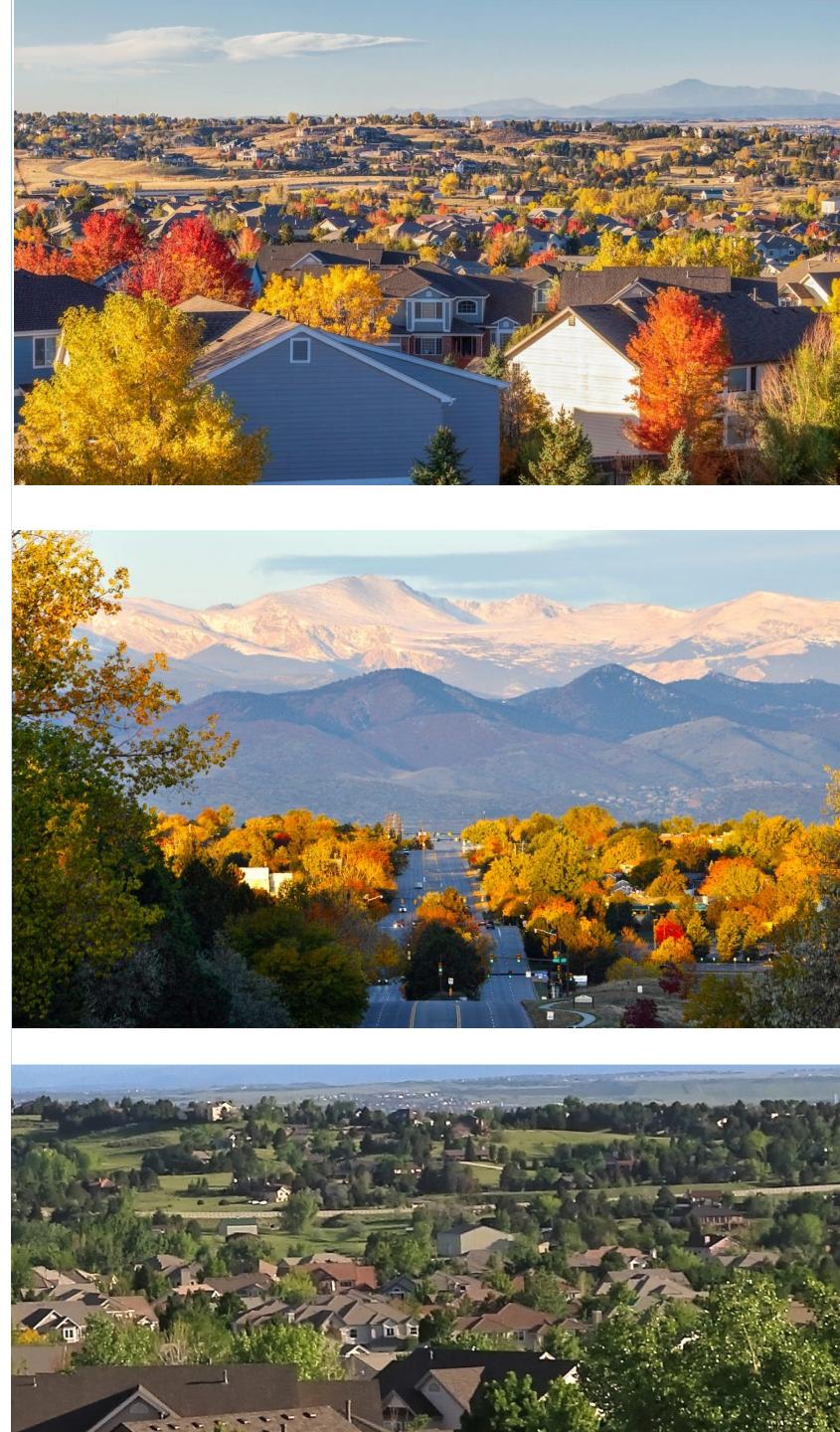
Places-1-0: Enhance established neighborhoods and promote reinvestment in the existing housing stock

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- **Multi-modal connections** enhanced through updates in the LDC (ex. establishing Pedestrian Design Standards within Activity Center zones) [1-a]
- Connection opportunities preserved via **easements/rights-of-way dedications** (ex. Havana & Easter project in Inova development) [1-b]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Formal **transit studies** coordination needed with transportation providers (ex. Denver South microtransit, Arapahoe County Microtransit Study) [1-c]
- **Transportation infrastructure requirement** implemented on case-by-case basis (ex. Festival Center development connections) [1-d]



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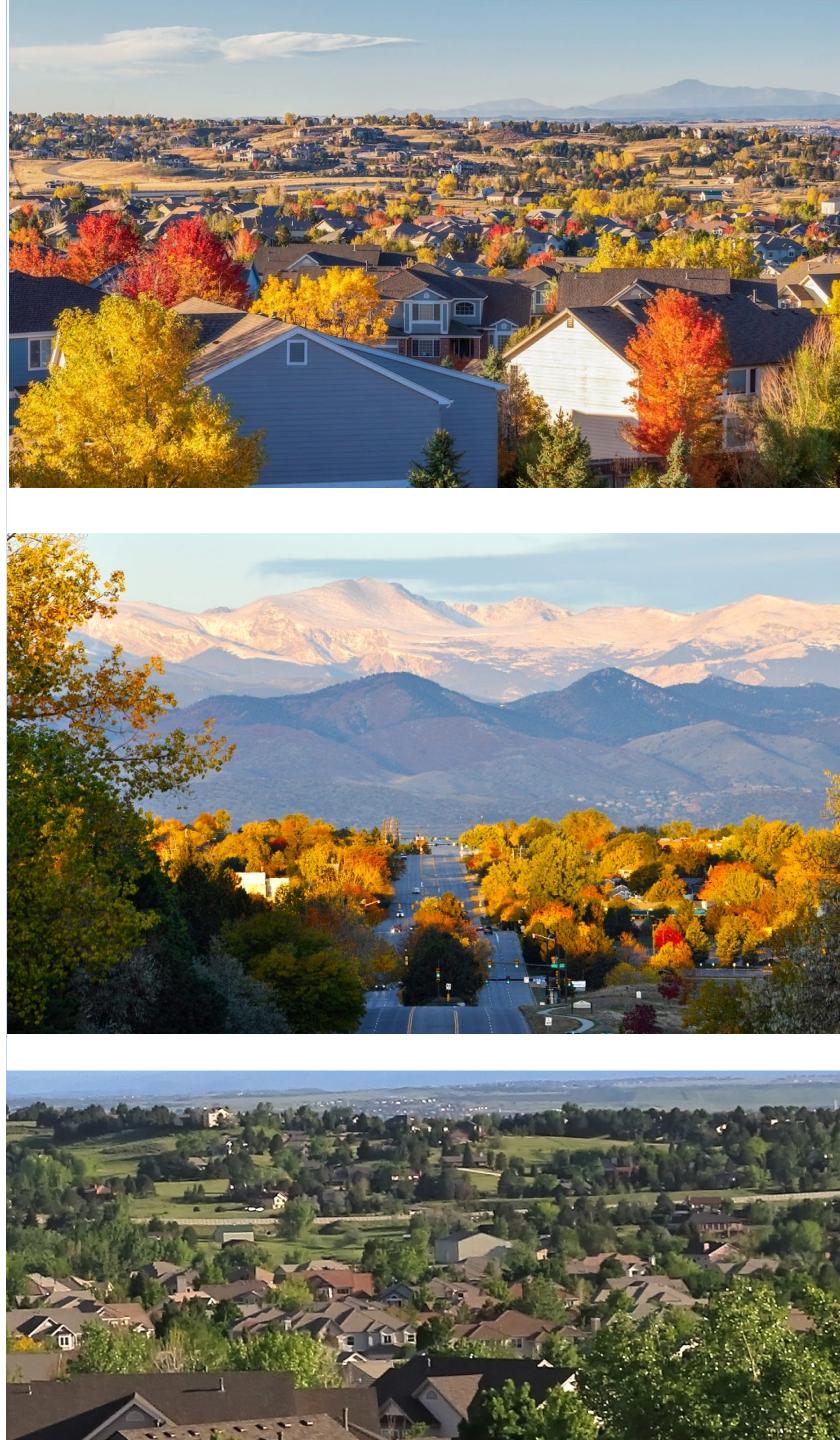
Places-2-0: Create and uphold community character through enhanced design standards and placemaking initiatives.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- City gateways/corridors enhanced (ex. **Signage & Wayfinding Assessment** completed) [2-a]
- High-quality design standards established for new development (ex. University Boulevard, Arapahoe Road **overlay districts**) [2-b]
- LDC enforces **specific design elements** (ex. green field development as seen in Vermilion Creek) [2-c]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- **Priority scenic view corridors** study not initiated, currently treated as suggestion [2-d]
- Creative reuse of **undevelopable lots** not actively pursued (ex. Large Community Improvement Grant available but not for this specific purpose) [2-e]



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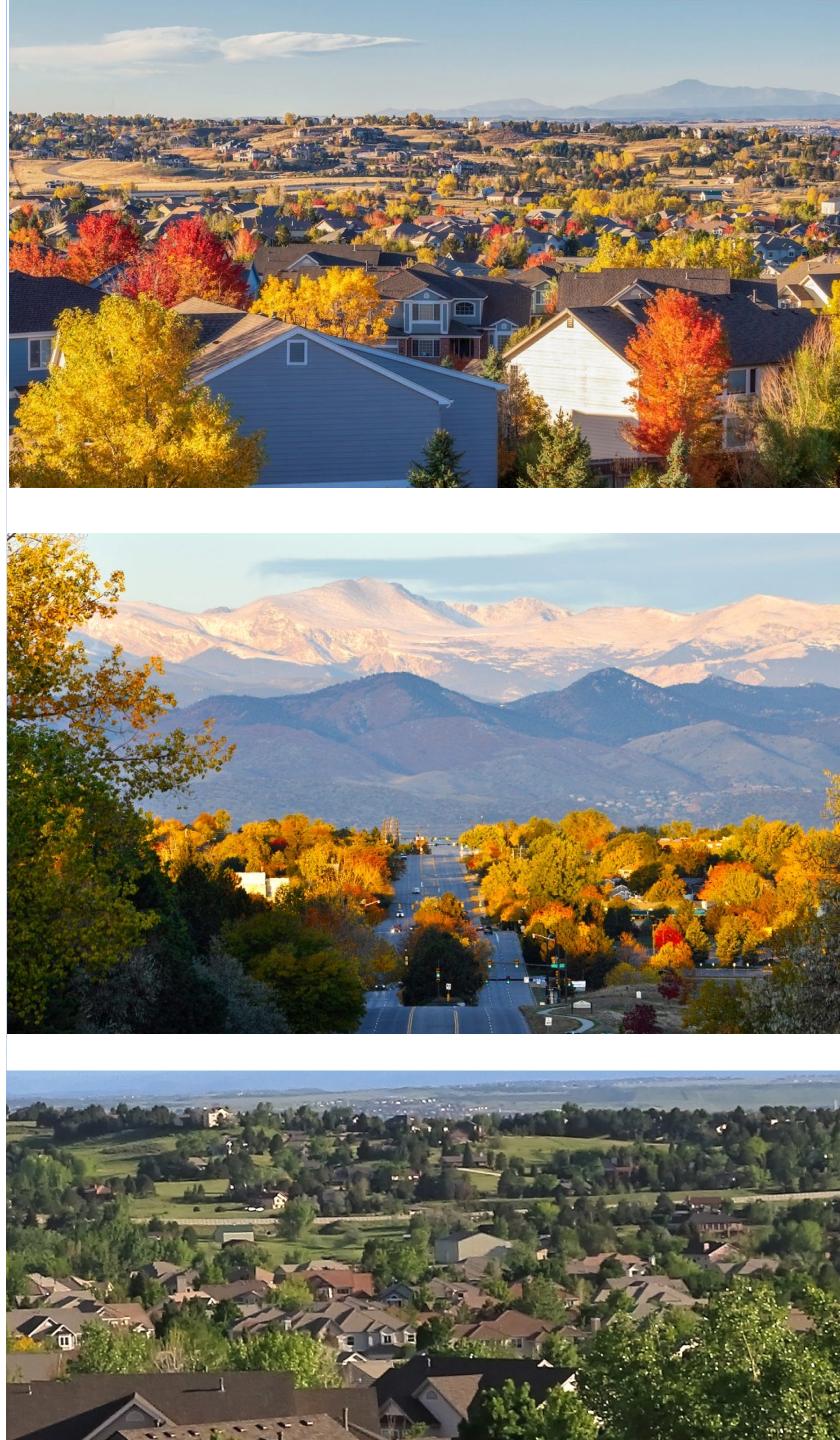
Places-3-0: Promote social, physical, and economic health by allowing an efficient, diverse, and integrated land use mix.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- LDC updated to support mixed-use development (ex. **EC-MU zoning district**) [3-a]
- LDC updated for diverse residential densities (ex. **Neighborhood Infill (NI) subdistricts** for varied housing options) [3-b]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Supporting varied transportation/pedestrian connections in NACs (ex. University Boulevard Corridor Framework Report) [3-c]
- Transit-Oriented Development framework near urban centers (ex. New street **cross-sections** around the Midtown area) [3-d]
- Development around Centennial Airport (ex. ongoing land use discussions influenced by Midtown proximity) [3-e]



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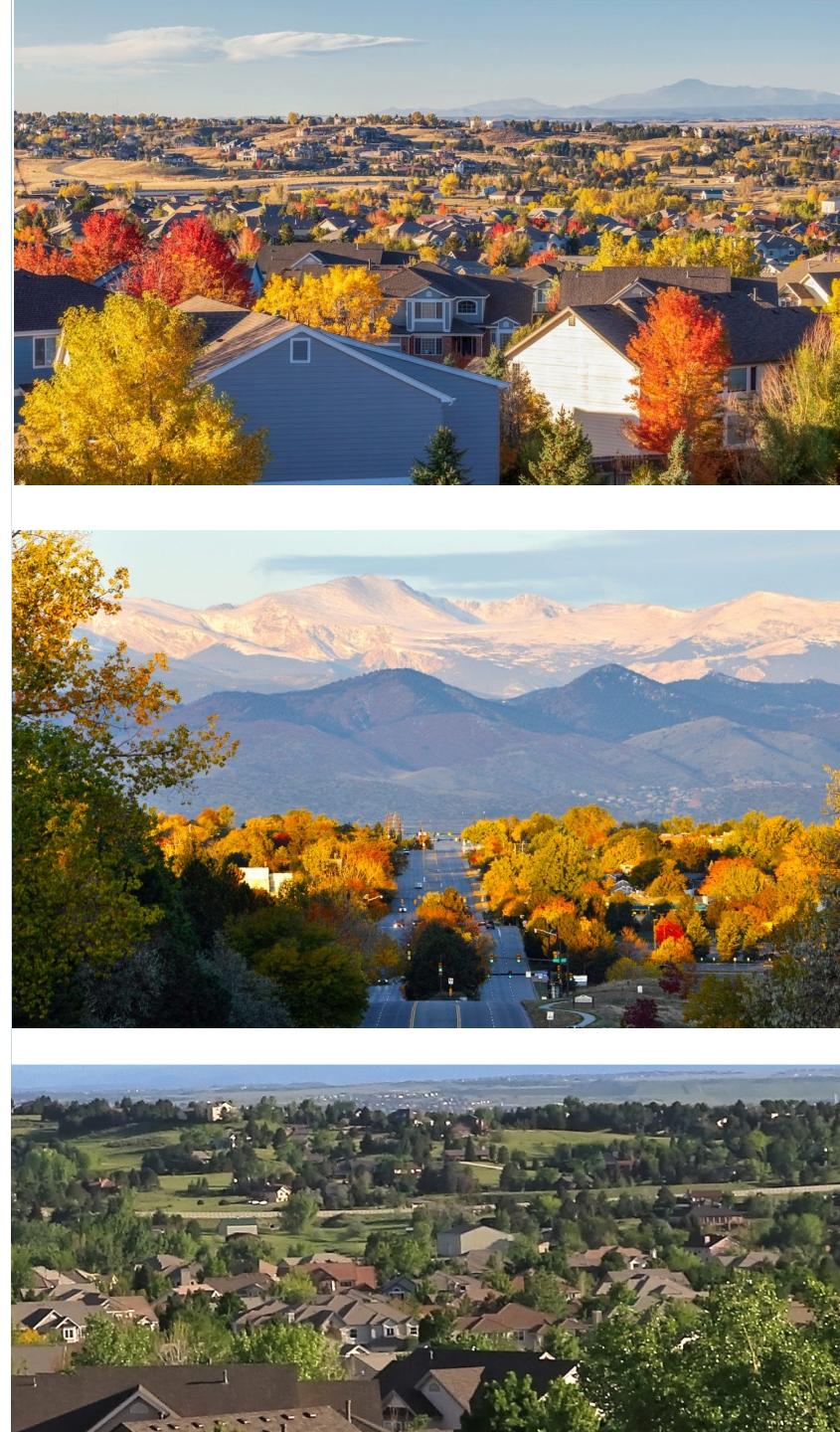
Places-4-0: Provide opportunities for new housing options that meet market trends and the evolving needs of current and future residents.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- LDC updated to regulate residential densities by zone district (ex. Neighborhood Infill (NI) subdistricts for predictable housing types) [4-c]
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)** formally permitted in residential areas [4-e]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Increased residential densities in/near NACs in progress, but $\frac{1}{4}$ mile radius not specified in LDC [4-b]
- LDC updates needed for variety in housing sizes/types/prices (ex. ADU allowance advances goal, but more opportunities needed) [4-d]



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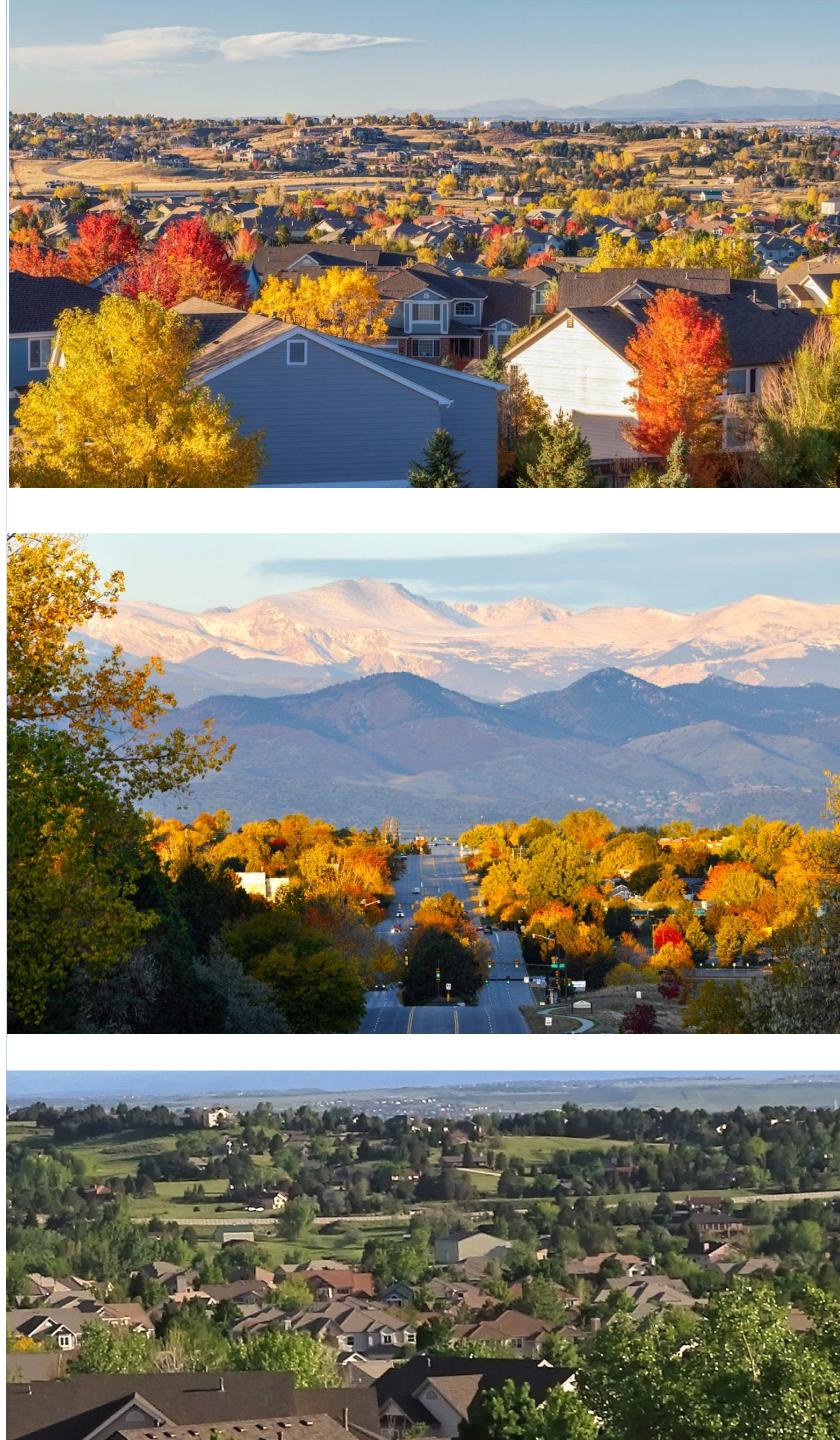
Places-5-0: Enhance established neighborhoods and promote reinvestment in the existing housing stock

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- **Community Engagement Grant** [5-c]
- **Home Improvement Program** to offset the costs of housing repairs, accessibility assistance [5-d]
- A **beautification grant** program to support landscaping, signage, and streetscape enhancements. [5-g]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Adopted new **Residential Design Standards** [5-a]
- Site development plans are examined for adherence to standards following the **updated LDC**. [5-b]



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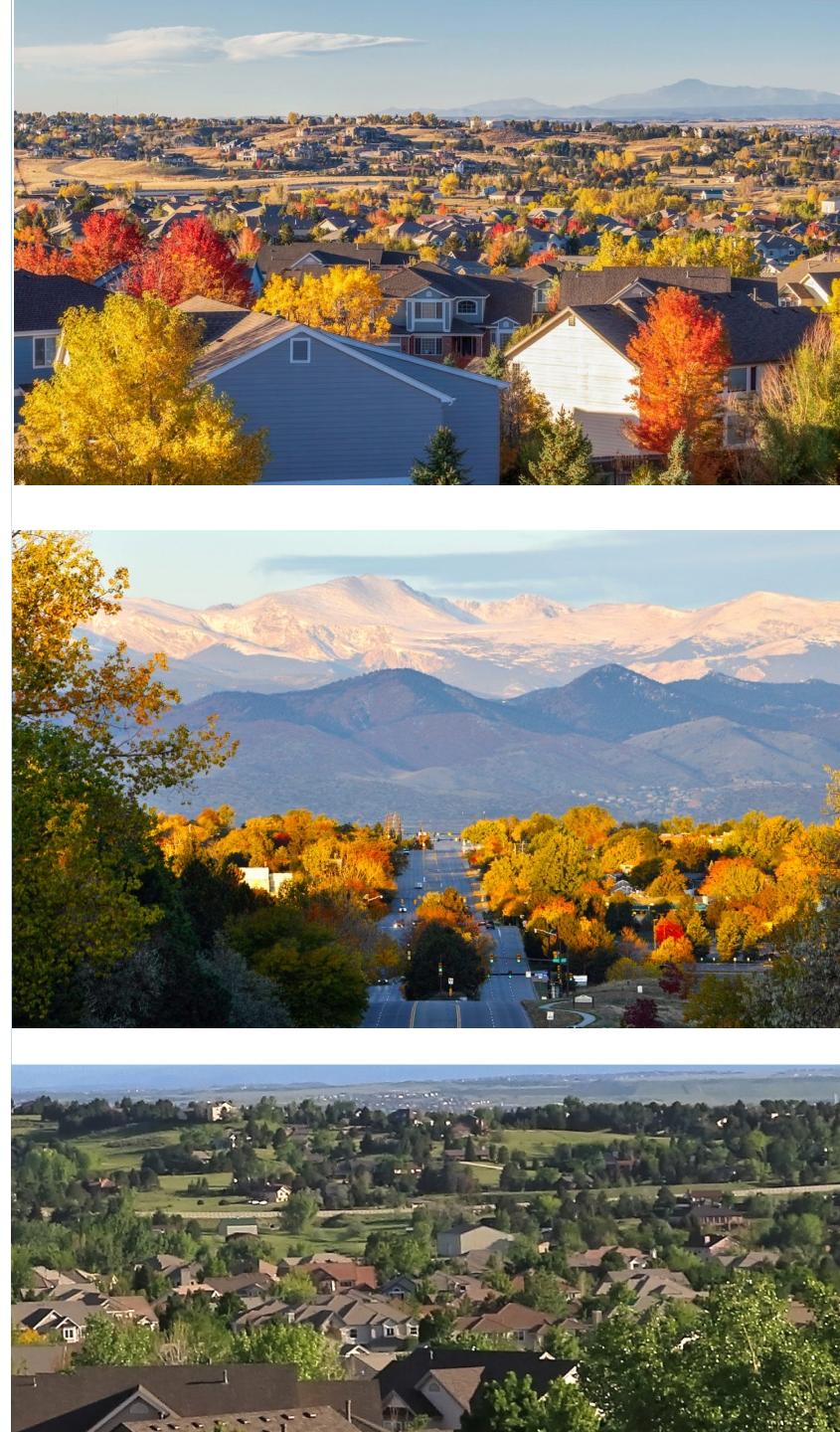
Places-6-0: Promote resiliency, sustainability, and energy-efficiency through planning, development, and building practices and products

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- **Lifelong Homes Program**, which was discontinued because of financial constraints. [6-b]
- The city entered a performance contract with the Colorado Energy Office installing a **solar system** covering 75% of electricity needs [6-d]
- Work has started on the 2025 **five-year Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**, which is federally mandated [6-e]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- **Require stormwater facilities and features** to serve multiple purposes through updating the LDC [6-a]
- Start **investigating sustainability measures** to implement city-wide and rely less on national and regional standards to guide development [6-c]



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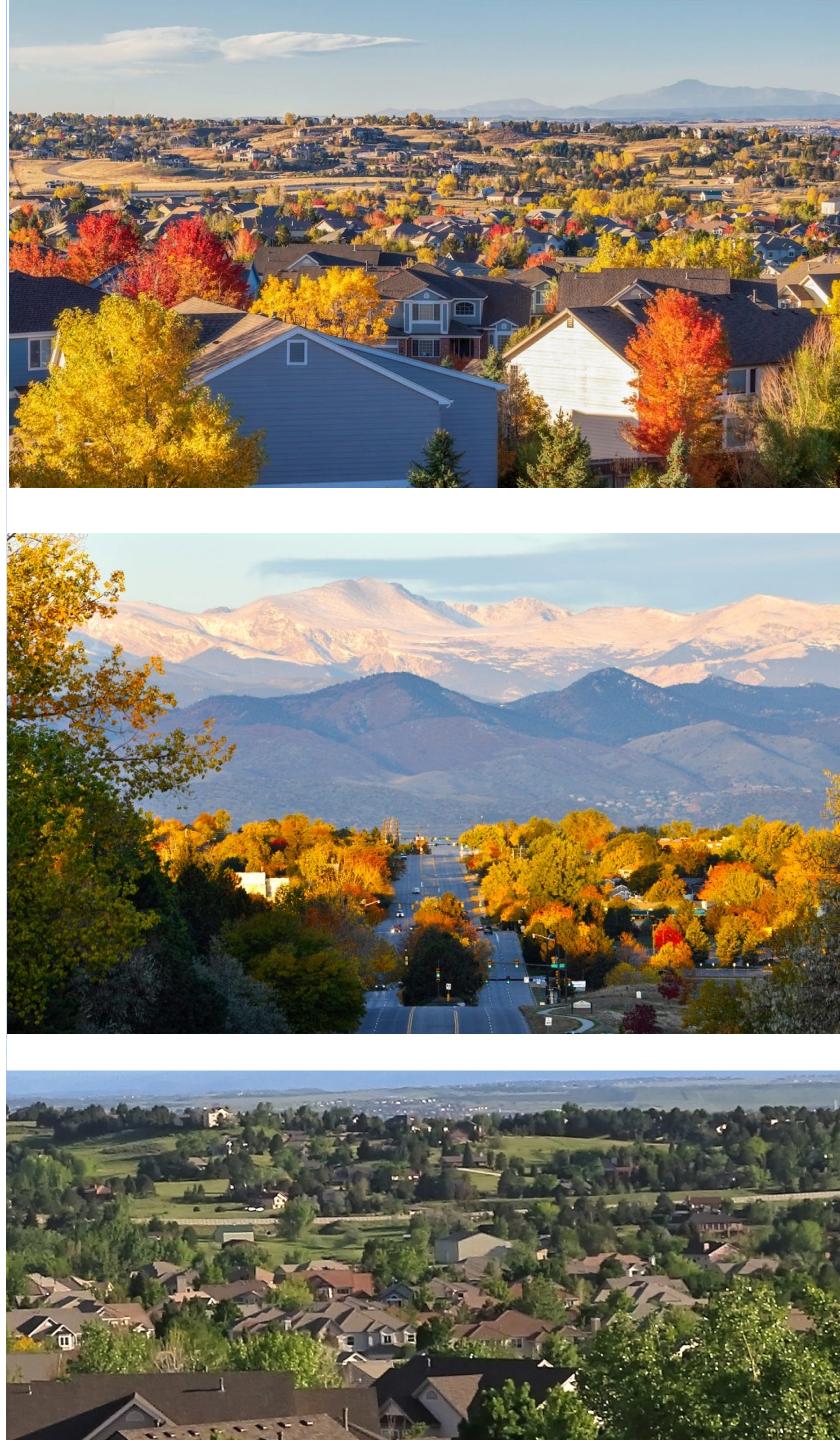
Places-7-0: Advance the provision of utilities and public services in a manner that contributes to a positive image and City identity

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- The LDC requires **equipment screening** and **undergrounding** to maintain public aesthetics [7-a]
- **Corridor improvements** are incorporated into **large-scale developments** (such as Green Acres and Vermilion Creek) [7-b]
- In collaboration with the Centennial Arts and Cultural Foundation, Centennial put up **traffic box art wraps**, more than 30 have been completed in the last 3 years. [7-d]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- All has been completed



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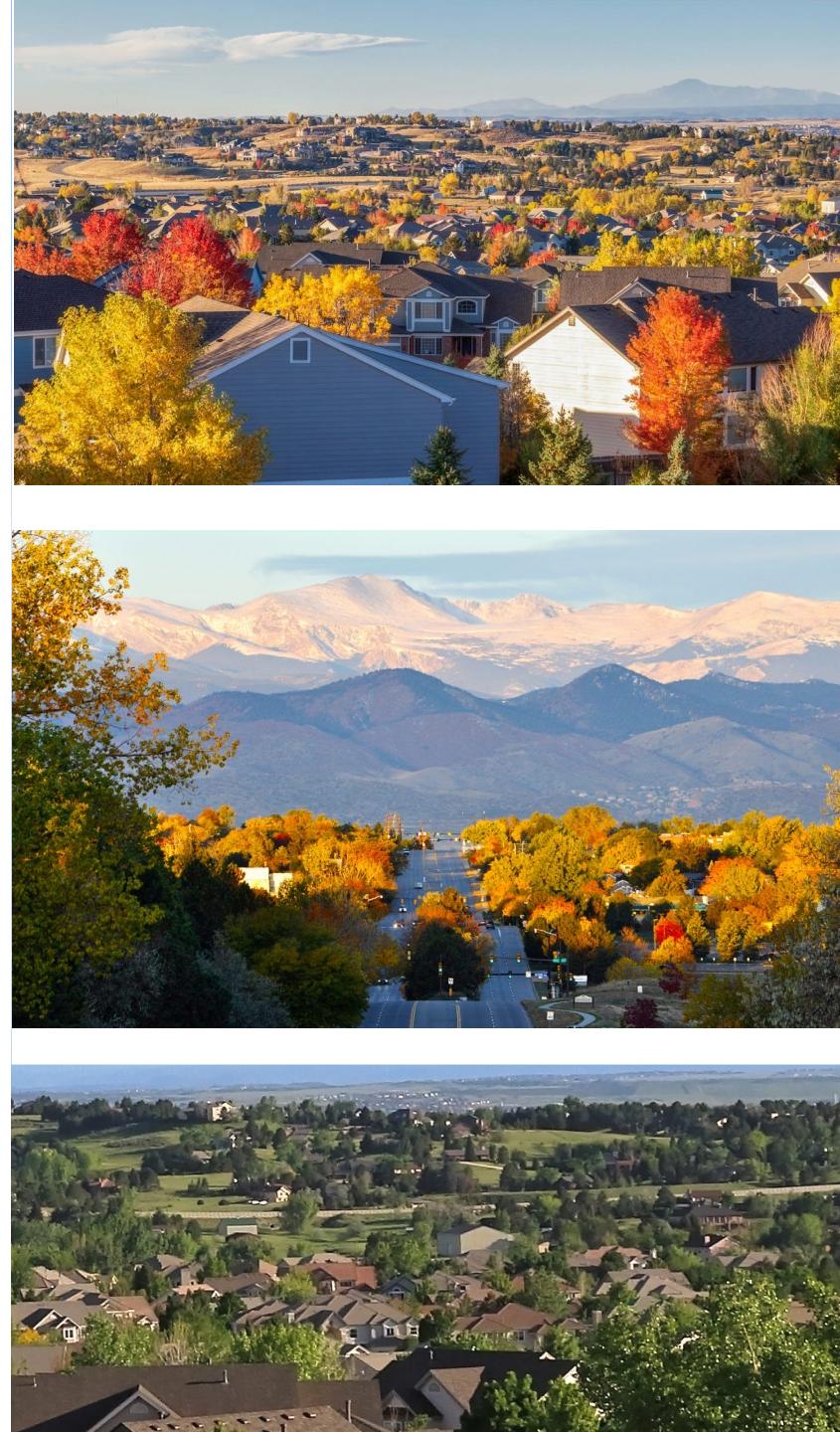
Places-8-0: Consider annexations that meet the future needs and fulfill the long-term goals of the City

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- In accordance with **C.R.S. 31-12-105**, the city releases the **Three-Mile Plan**. Mostly boilerplate, the plan is updated with GIS tools, ensuring legal readiness for **annexation** talks. [8-d]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

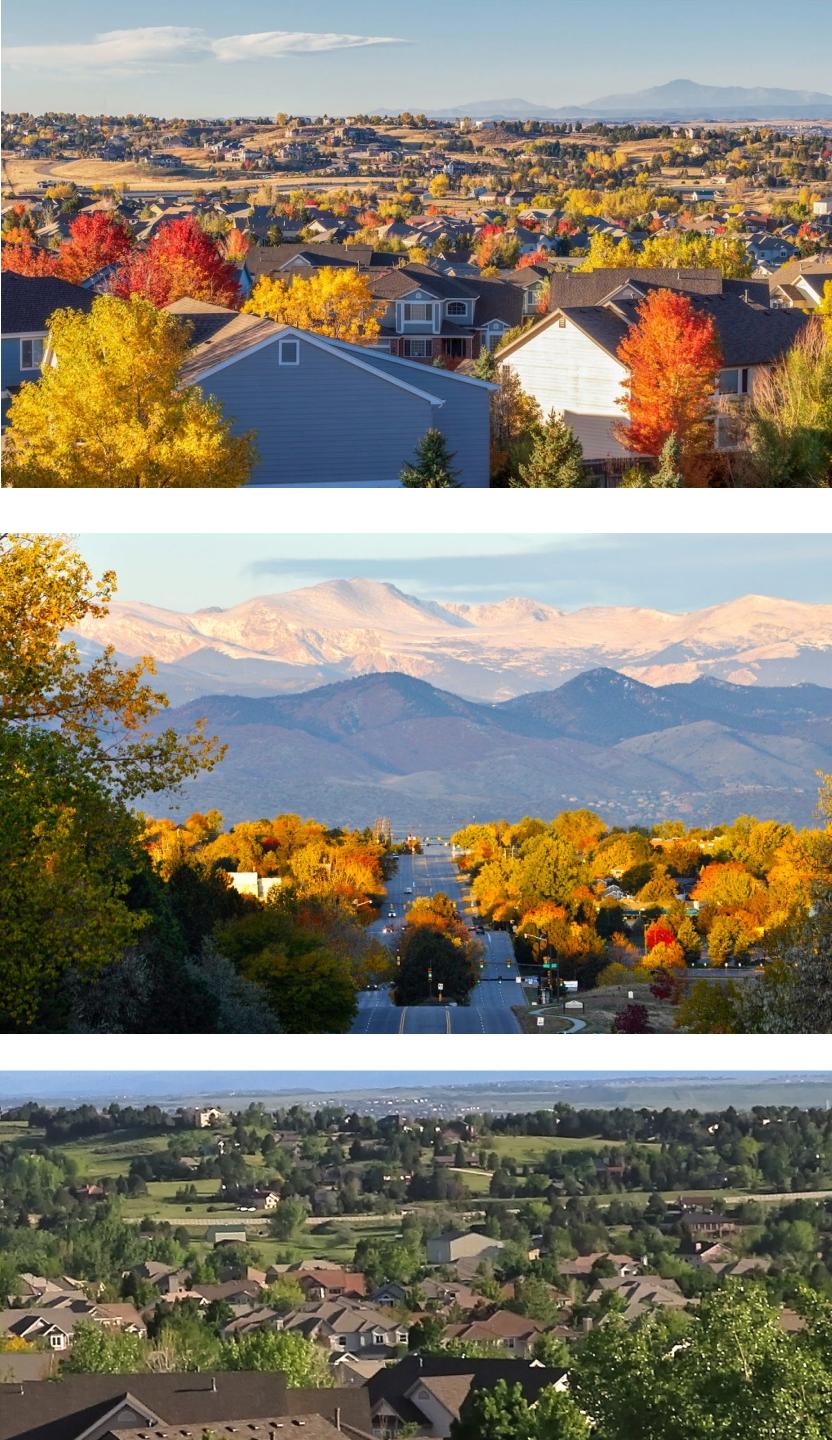
- The city evaluates the **benefits** of governance, infrastructure costs, and land use control through periodical **cost-benefit analyses** [8-a]
- **Annexing enclaves** is a top strategic objective that the city keeps an eye on for any opportunities [8-b]
- **Shared planning resources and tactful negotiation** through coordination is managed by the city. [8-c]



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Future Considerations

- Affordable Housing & home improvement plans
- Enhanced Implementation & Design Standards
- Midtown-Centric Development
- Transit & Inter-Neighborhood Connectivity
- Pursuing sustainable projects to implement city-wide
- Annexation evaluations and continuous updating





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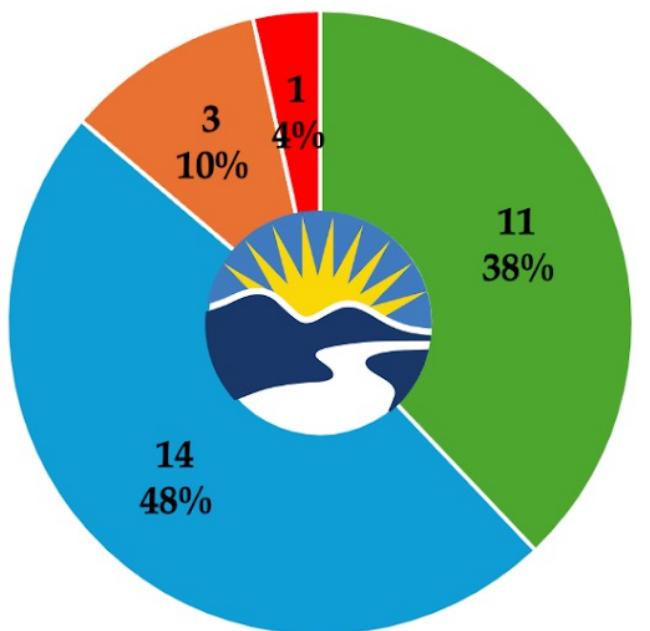


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Economy Summary

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Economy-1-0: Position Centennial's employment centers to participate in the innovation economy

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Attracted **innovation-focused companies** (Boom Supersonic) and expanded smart infrastructure (ITS System) to support modern employment growth [1-a]
- Ongoing updates to the **Activity Center Zone District** enabled mixed-use development along I-25 corridor [1-c]
- New **incentive** policies support sustainable reinvestment in employment centers (e.g. Urban & downtown renewal authority)[1-b]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Redevelopment of aging sites is underway with CDBG grants having limited success, so new incentives are needed
- Move away from “Smart City” goals



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Economy-2-0: Leverage the strengths and interconnectedness of metro Denver's regional economy

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Prioritized **aerospace**, leveraging airport access and regional compliance [2-c]
- Strengthened **ethical** partnerships and avoided business poaching across the metro area [2-b]
- Built regional collaboration with Denver South and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce (e.g. Westray – Peakview Pl)

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Regional **partnerships** are growing and still need investment and evaluation, as done with **trade shows** [2-d]
- Continued focus on high-growth sectors is needed to solidify Centennial's regional role



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Economy-3-0: Further diversify Centennial and Denver South's economy

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Attracted **placemaking businesses** like IKEA and Topgolf while supporting growth through **SPARK Centennial** [3-a]
- Established a strong **aerospace** presence by leveraging Centennial Airport and regional partnerships [3-b]
- Regularly **updated land use** policies to align with tech and industry shifts, including support for flexible workspaces (e.g. SCIF spaces)

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Define “sense of place” with clear metrics
- Continued monitoring of development trends is needed to keep zoning and approvals business-friendly



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Economy-4-0: Attract and develop an exceptional workforce equipped to adapt to a changing economy

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Completed **Housing Needs Assessment** and updated zoning to support middle housing near job centers [4-a]
- Advanced placemaking and reinvestment through projects like **Midtown** and **public art** initiatives [4-b]
- Strengthened workforce training via partnerships with A/D Works, **SPARK Centennial**, and local schools [4-c]

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Ongoing efforts to better align businesses with regional training providers and create new incentives
- Workforce assets like fiber, transit, and housing exist, but a **study of barriers** is still needed for targeted solutions



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Economy-5-0: Attract, retain, and grow a diverse set of high-quality jobs and businesses that thrive in the innovation economy and support residents in the achievement, retention, and growth of wealth

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Supported local businesses through **direct outreach** and **SPARK Centennial's** mentorship and training programs
- Preserved job-supporting land uses through **targeted zoning** in key areas like Midtown and the I-25 corridor
- Invested \$5.7 M in **fiber infrastructure** to support remote and hybrid work across the city (e.g. broadcasting)

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Outreach and business support efforts are ongoing but need stronger alignment with job creation goals
- Hybrid workforce assessment may not be necessary,



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Economy-6-0: Retain and expand the City's tax base and revenue sources by repositioning Centennial's retail centers to respond to the ever-changing retail environment and consumer demands.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Reinvestment tools and updated policies are in place to support **revitalization of aging retail centers** (e.g. *paused* Retail Center Revitalization Program)
- Several shopping centers are being repositioned with mixed-use and **experiential elements** (e.g. Basketball Social House)
- City website home business page provides resources to new businesses (e.g. Home-Based Business Page, New Business Resource Guide)

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Revisiting the goal of annexations to increase tax base
- Hybrid work trends are no longer as relevant



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Future Considerations

- Establishment of a targeted incentive strategy & priority redevelopment sites
- Reactivation of paused & incomplete economic programs
- Leverage zoning to focus on workforce diversity and industry partnerships
- Centennial-specific economic identity within the region





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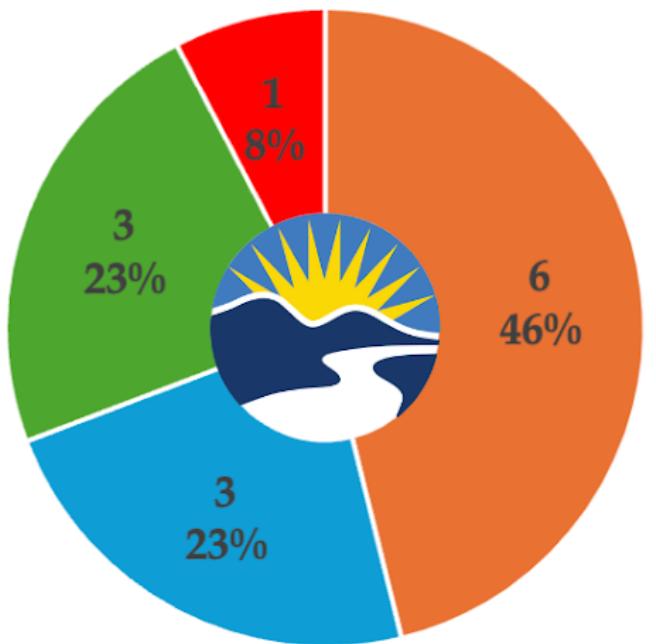


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Innovations Summary

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Innovations-1-0: Establish Centennial as an incubator for innovative ideas and pilot projects that are the topic of public and private sector conversations about governmental efficiency.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Switched to EnerGov for managing building plans, migrated Tyler software data to the cloud, and upgraded data storage infrastructure [1-a]
- Connected all traffic signals to the city's fiber backbone [1-c]
- Installed sensors for construction alerts to protect fiber network and oversized electrical cabinets [1-e]
- Acquired street lights west of Parker Road and currently working to convert them to LED [1-g]
- Installed lightning detection sensor at Centennial Center Park as a result of the Colorado Smart City Alliance [1-b]



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Innovations-2-0: Provide opportunities for citizens to connect with their neighbors, their government, and the information technology required to thrive in the 21st Century.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Launched Centennial app for service requests [2-a]
- Digitized permit processing for remote submissions [2-a]
- Promoted open-access fiber, partnered with ISPs, and connected school districts to fiber [2-b]
- Implemented Centennial 101 citizen academy [2-c]
- Launched the Neighborhood Services Grant Program and hosted City of Centennial Summer Socials [2-c]



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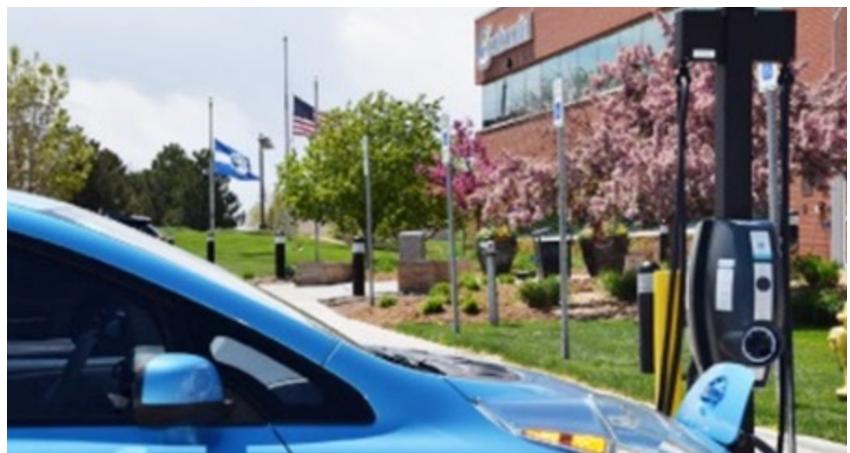
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Innovations-3-0: Ensure Centennial's built environment supports technological changes in transportation.



Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Connected all traffic signals under the ITS Master Plan [3-a]
- Fully integrated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) features [3-a]
- Completed EV Action Plan with CORE Energy [3-c]
- Installed 10 total EV charging ports at the Civic Center and Public Works Buildings [3-c]



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Future Considerations

- Work to electrify public vehicle fleets
- Expand EV charger infrastructure at the Public Works Department
- Explore Centennial Center Park as a potential Smart City innovation hub
- Address potential Smart City infrastructure challenges in Midtown
- Explore uses for newly acquired west side streetlights



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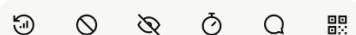
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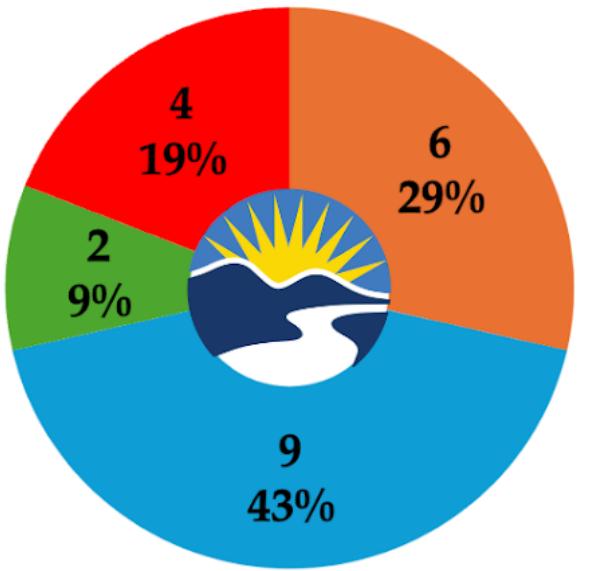


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Community Summary

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Community

Community-1-0: Continue to improve and expand a balanced, connected, and sustainable multi-modal transportation system.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- The Livable Streets Program (1-b)
- Centennial actively participates in DRCOG and the Arapahoe County Transportation Forum (1-e)
- Centennial has participated in the Broadway BRT Corridor study and the Arapahoe Road Corrido study (1-f)
- Centennial is actively working on sidewalk connectivity (1-f)



Community

Community-2-0: Incorporate additional open space and recreational opportunities within the City.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- The city has **expanded** Centennial Center Park, and created **additional trails** through the park.
- Centennial has been actively working with new developers to **connect trails to open spaces**.
 - Ex: Working with the ACWAA to connect the Lone Tree Creek Trail to the East Fremont Trail.

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- To better encourage the use of the City's parks for health and wellness (2-a), the city should **prioritize more education** surrounding health and wellness, and create more programming that involves the city's parks.



Community

Community-3-0: Implement non-infrastructure methods of reducing traffic congestion in partnership with regional transportation management organizations or associations.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Centennial participates in the Denver South Transportation Management Association (3-a)

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- To promote education and information about alternative transportation options (3-b), centennial needs to **create more education** and information surrounding the options available to citizens of Centennial.



Community

Community-4-0: Pursue recreational, civic, art, culture, wellness, and tourism opportunities that enhance quality of life within the City.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Centennial created the City Arts and Cultural Foundation (4-b and 4-c)
- Centennial has allowed for **murals** on public buildings, bridges, and in parks. (4-d)
- Centennial has incorporated art at traffic intersections via the painting of traffic signal boxes. (4-d)
- Centennial has encouraged art in private development via the allowance of murals and the **unique design element requirement** for AC buildings. (4-e)



Community

Community-5-0: Support the local food system and increase access to and availability of locally grown food.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Centennial allows for seasonal sales and farmers markets.

Projects In Progress/Needing Attention:

- Explore potential partners, strategies, and funding options to support agricultural destinations. (5-b)
- Support the development of school gardens to encourage education in health and wellness.



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Community-6-0: Ensure that Centennial is accessible to people from all walks of life through implementation of Universal Design elements within the built environment.

Accomplished/Continuing Projects:

- Centennial encourages the use of the Home Improvement Grant to modify homes to fit Universal Design standards.
- The grant was updated to specifically **support accessibility projects**.

Projects in progress/need attention

- Centennial needs to incorporate accessibility requirements into **regulation and policy**.



Community Future Considerations

- Education surrounding alternative transportation
- Universal Design integration into regulating documents
- Creation of agricultural destinations
- School garden initiatives



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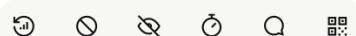
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