

Two Areas of Focus:

- Long Range Planning
- Development Review



Work closely with:

- Development Review departments & outside agencies
 - Utilities, Engineering, Zoning, Historic Preservation, Poudre Fire Authority
- Neighborhood Services
- Community groups & organizations





Comprehensive Plan:



Subarea Plans:



Comprehensive Plan:

- A plan for the future (20+ years)
- Articulates our vision and goals for the entire community
- Provides policy guidance and recommended actions
- High Level

Neighborhood / Corridor Plans

- A plan for the future (10-20 years)
- Vision for a particular area/neighborhood
- Describes how policies from Comprehensive Plan should be implemented in a specific place OR
- Addresses unique, neighborhoodspecific needs & issues
- More detailed

What do we want our community/neighborhood to look and feel like in the future? How should we accomplish that?





EAST MULBERRY PLAN

Topics / Focus:

- Annexation
- Providing services
- Protecting important source of industrial employment / land
- Transportation / stormwater improvements







Structure Plan Map







Mixed-Neighborhood | MIX OF HOUSING TYPES





Long Range Planning – Before & After 8



Prospect / Shields (1930s)



Prospect / College (1960s/1970s)



Prospect / Shields (Now)



Prospect / College (Now)



Long Range Planning – Before & After ⁹



North College (1970s)

Downtown Alleyways



Development review is an important City regulatory function

- Ensure proposals meet development standards
 - Land Use Code
 - Stormwater Criteria Manual
 - Zoning
 - Building Codes
- Address / mitigate compatibility concerns
- Meet community and neighborhood policy goals
- Balance tensions of private property rights & community input







Development standards

- Protect health and safety
- Implement vision and goals of long-range plans
- Determine what types of land-uses can locate in different parts of the City (zoning)
- Determine what buildings look like
- Ongoing balance between predictability & flexibility

Land Use Code Example:

Purpose. The Harmony Corridor District is intended to implement the design concepts and land use vision of the Harmony Corridor Plan - that of creating an attractive and complete mixed-use area with a major employment base.



Basic Development Review

- No public hearing ("use-by-right")
- Staff level approval

Minor Amendment

- Existing site plan in place; minor changes sought
- No public hearing staff level approval

Administrative Review (Type 1)

- Common for Project Development Plans (PDP), Major Amendments
- Hearing Officer is decision maker at public hearing

Planning and Zoning Board Review (Type 2)

Planning & Zoning Commission is decision maker at public hearing



It's Complicated – The Review Process

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- Facilitator of the process (for public, applicant, decision-makers)
- Reviews & provides recommendation on compliance with codes/standards
- Informer and communicator with stakeholders
- Most often is <u>not</u> a decision-maker



Staff roles





By Patrick O'Driscoll

boost the local economy.

USA TODAY

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a semisleepy college town and farm

"The Choice City" in a campaign to

hub, sloganeers dubbed Fort Collins

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erinary medicine. The cities are part of a



new growth plan By Alan Katz FORT COLLINS - A placid city with a thriving, century-old downtown and an agricultural tradition, Fort Collins isn't known as a haven for radicals. But a raging development boom accompanied by cookie-cut-ter subdivisions and traffic snarls has so shaken up the city that it recently scrapped its zoning code

mercial or residential projects

Developments now earn base

points based on their location: Are

they near a shopping center, a

day-care center, a grocery store, a

Any proposed development also

can earn bonus points: Will some

living units accommodate low-

income residents? Will the design

entail energy conservation? Wil

bus stop or a park?

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City Population (2020): ~ **170,000**





Growth Management ¹⁷

City Growth Management Policies

- Fixed Growth Management Area (GMA)
- Community Separators (Loveland + Wellington)
- Protect and preserve sensitive natural features & open space
- Promote mixed-use development & multi-modal transportation
- Encourage redevelopment & infill in commercial and transportation corridors









Older Multifamily Projects

- Garden-style apartments
- Vacant, greenfield locations
- Park-like settings
- Surface parking or detached garages









Development Pattern Shifts - 20

Newer Multifamily Projects

- Garden-style & urban-oriented
- Infill & redevelopment sites
- Taller (3 5 stories)
- Structured / tuck-under parking









Housing Unit Composition



Compared to Colorado & Nation

- More multifamily units
- Fewer small-scale multifamily options
- Fewer mobile or manufactured homes
- Much younger housing stock



- All types of units in Fort Collins are increasing in size
- Nationally, unit sizes are stable / decreasing
- Reflects a lack of entry-level housing products and student-oriented apartments





Demographic Trend

- Smaller & fewer families
- More people living alone

Housing Trend

- Unit sizes increasing
- Student-focused multifamily units (3-5 bedrooms / rent by bedroom)

 Aging-in-place; multigenerational living

 Slow or delayed wage growth & buying power

- Inflexibility to change existing housing / accommodate accessory units
- Lack of more affordable entrylevel and attached units