

JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

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Updates on River Mile and Stadium District Development

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID:
899 545 6713
Password: jefferson
Call-In: 312-626-6799

Tuesday, November 10
6:30–8:00pm

Tuesday, December 8,
6:30–8:00pm

All are welcome

LAND-USE VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545
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Thursday, November 5,
6:30–8:00pm

Thursday, December 3,
6:30–8:00pm

All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, Nov 6, 8:00am–10:00am
Friday, Nov 20, 11:00am–1:00pm
Reserve a spot at:
bit.ly/CD1OFFICEHOURS

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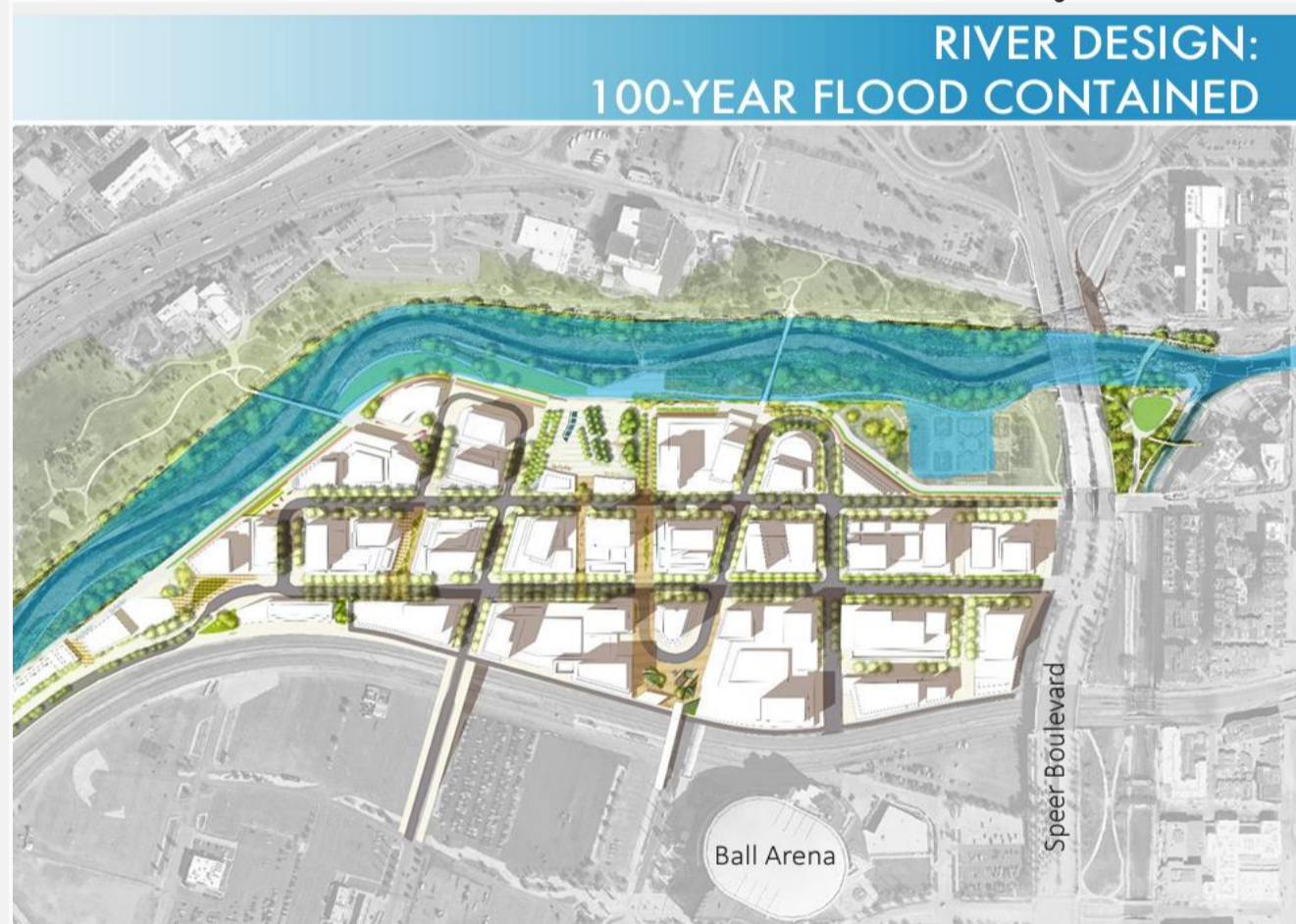
Both River Mile and Stadium District Developments provided updates at recently held public Zoom meetings. While both are years from development completion, the River Mile property was rezoned in 2018 while the Stadium District Development is still working through the process. Project highlight can be found below.

The River Mile

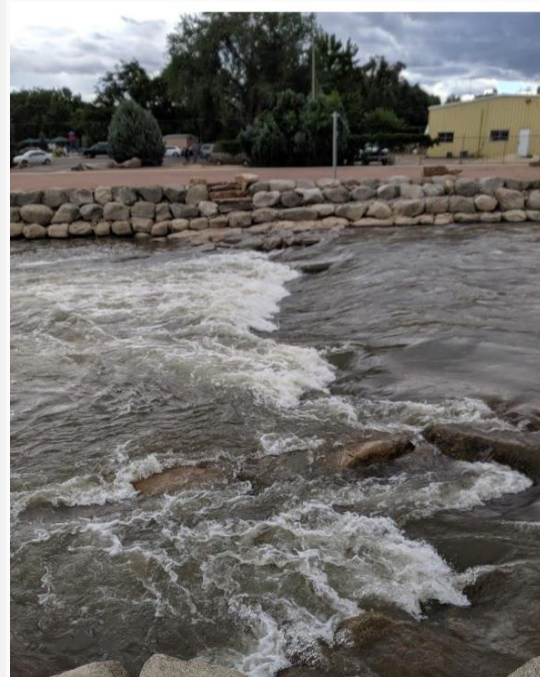
Provided development plans are approved by city, state and Federal agencies, Phase 1 consisting of river rehabilitation and construction is projected to begin sometime around the Fall/Winter of 2021.

The River Mile development looks to:

Create a site that would be able to sustain 100-year flood



Create in-stream recreation

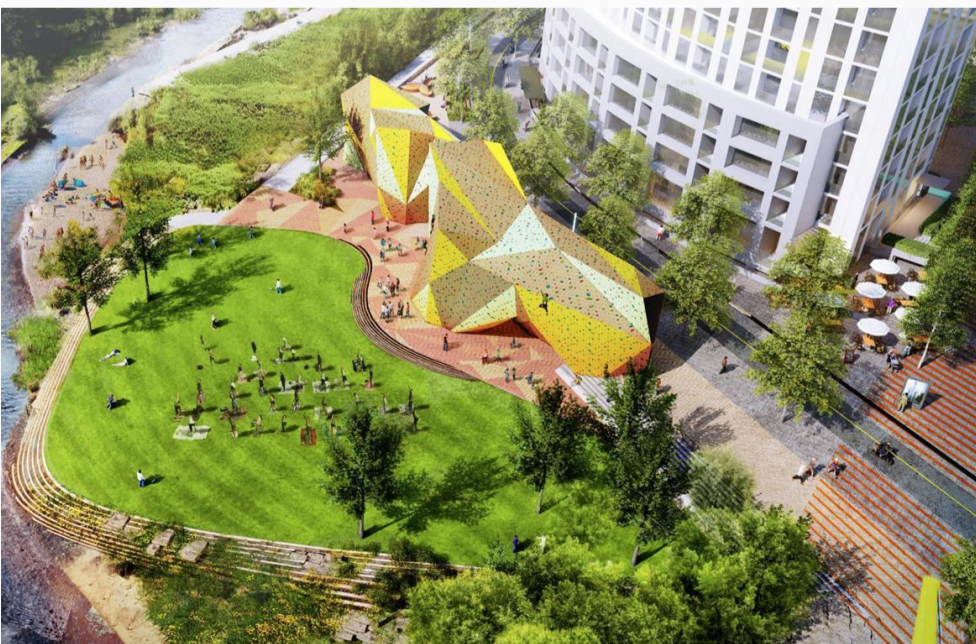
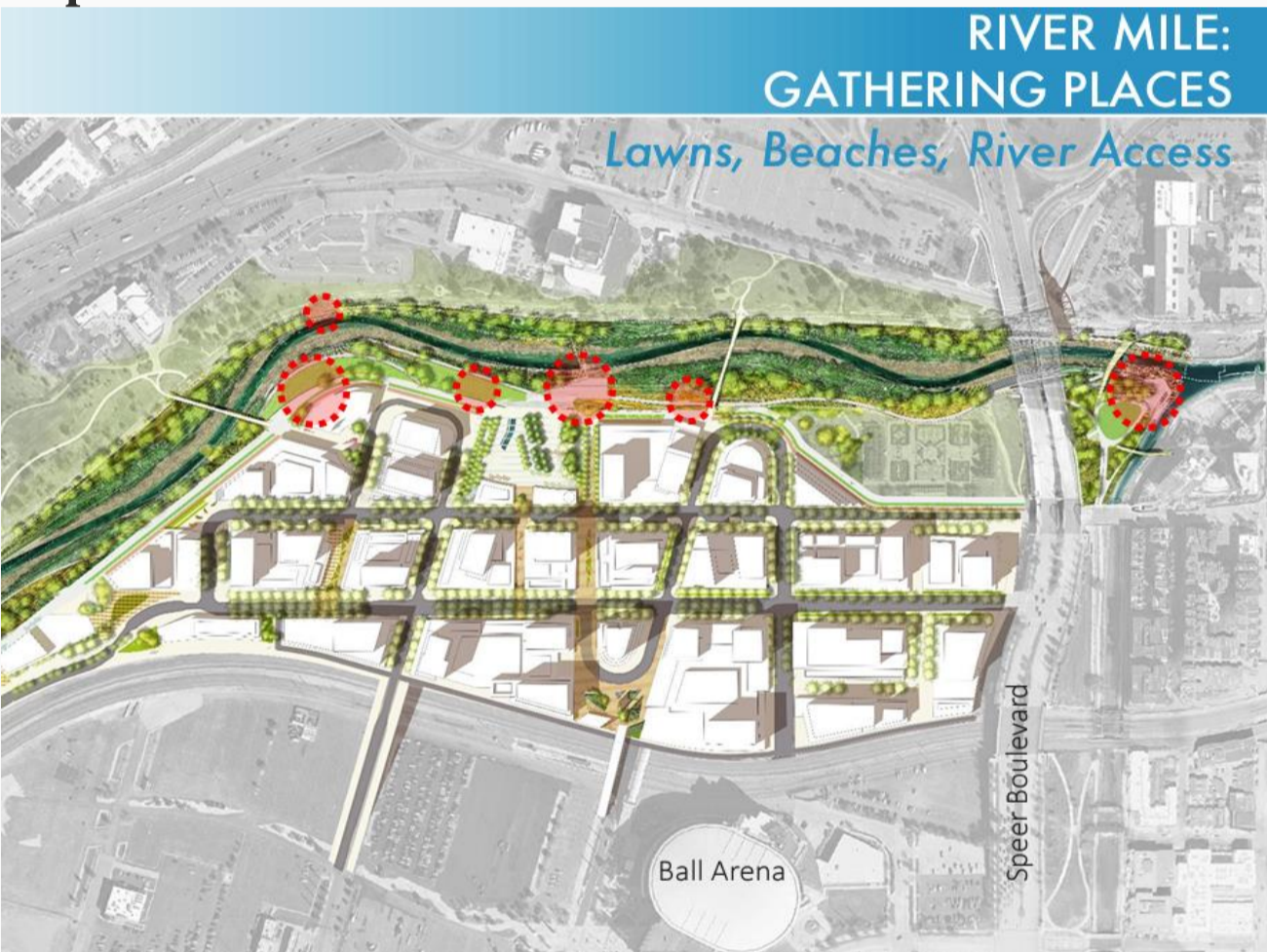


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Improve in-stream habitat and fish passage



Improve land-use activation



Create floodplain benches to support native plant communities

**RIVER MILE:
PLANTING & HABITAT**

Willow Shrublands



Riparian Forest



Riparian Shrublands



Wetlands



The Stadium District Development

Denver’s Community Planning and Development presented an update on the zoning and design standards and guidelines that could apply to the area just south of the football stadium. Currently the city is establishing new or updated Rules and Regulations to apply to the master plan area. Once the is completed a developer/property owner can apply for a rezoning of the area. Agreements such as commitments for affordable housing and other neighborhood benefits would have to be worked out before a developer/property owner could submit plans for construction.



The plan calls for:



- allowing a diverse mix of uses
- encouraging development that supports Sun Valley and provides opportunities
- integrating affordable housing
- promoting a variety of building heights and intensities, including taller buildings up to 20- 30 stories that are slender and provide affordable housing
- and promoting a pedestrian-oriented and active street level

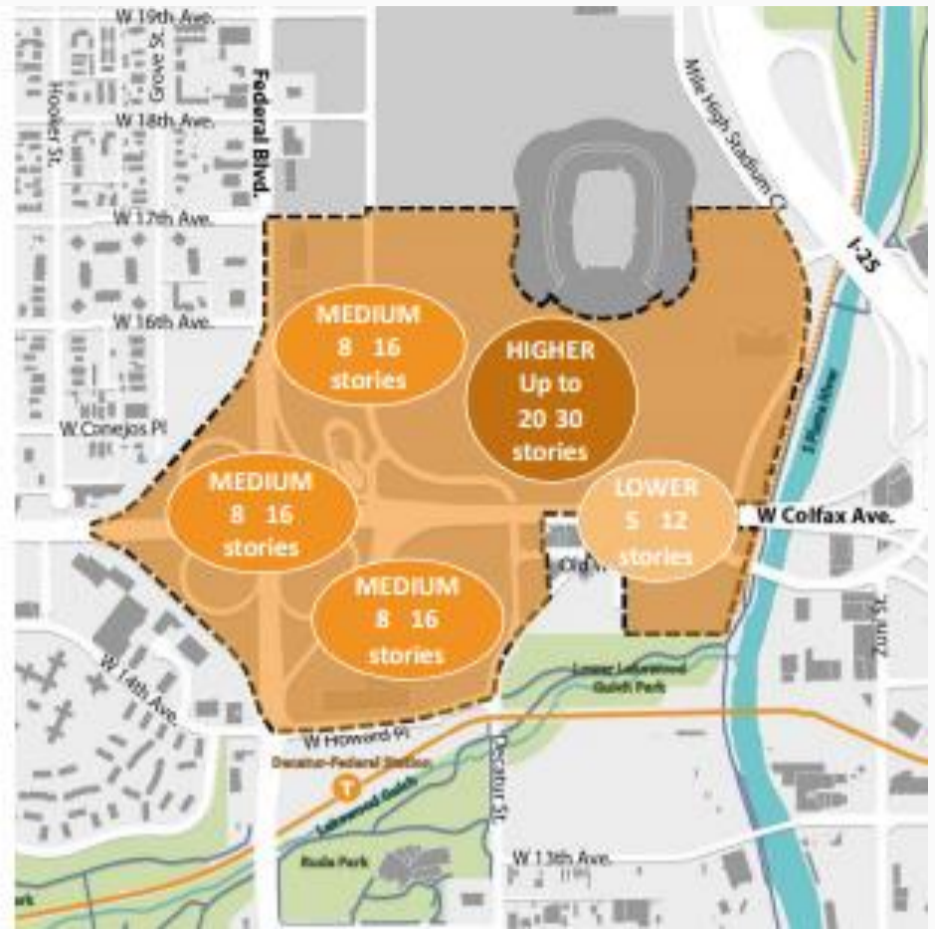
Specific zoning strategies would encourage a combination of mixed-use zone districts with different maximums, and create a new zone district that allows taller more slender buildings.

Zoning can achieve:

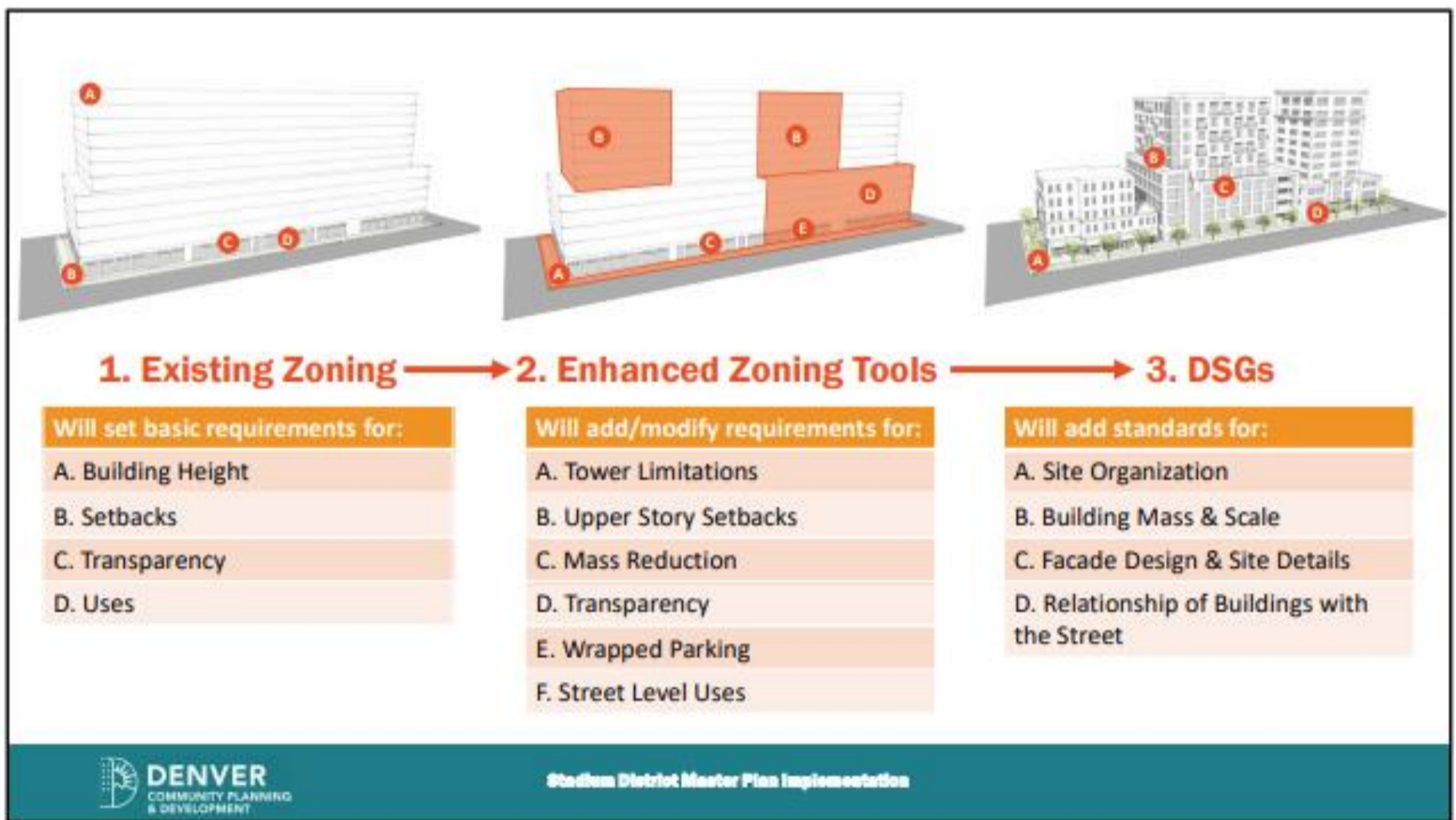
A diverse mix of uses within a variety of building heights and intensities

Zoning strategies:

-  Encourage a combination of mixed-use zone districts
-  Create a new zone district that allows taller, slender buildings



This diagram shows the combination of tools to help guide future development in the area.



You can find more information and presentations at www.denvergov.org/stadiumdistrict

Additionally, you can take the survey available on the project website!

<https://www.menti.com/uuhfxz4bev>

Group Living Text Amendment Project

While Zoning issues can be somewhat dry reading, they play a significant role in determining the value of your home. It can also be a bit confusing on what the zoning change entails and how it could affect your neighborhood. Denver's Group Living Text Amendment Project (GLTAP) is a Denver zoning change that we recommend you review as it opens up the ability to have community corrections facilities, shelters for the homeless, residential care homes, new uses like tiny home villages within formerly protected neighborhood zoning areas.

ATTEND OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING AND VOICE YOUR OPINION

Here are a couple of resources related to GLTAP

Denver's Community Planning and Development Website

https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/community-planning-and-development/zoning/text-amendments/Group_Living.html

Summary of Preliminary Feedback

<https://www.denverinc.org/community-feedback-on-group-living-and-next-steps/>

Information Summary from Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (Umbrella Organization for Denver's RNOs)

<https://www.denverinc.org/inc-zoning-planning-letter-re-aug-19-2020-hearing/>

INC states, "We have lots of specific concerns with the amendment itself, including the definitions, lack of specificity, and difficulty of finding the removed portions of 11.2 (which became new sections of the code) when reviewing, and provisions for bicycle parking. We hope to have the time to address the countless unresolved issues before this moves forward."

Group Living Text Amendment Project

Upcoming LUTI committee dates for ongoing review of group living proposal

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/LUTI-review-continues-throughout-fall.html?soid=1109942844524&aid=UBFnf-nFI90>

Members of City Council's Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee have created a schedule to discuss topics addressed in the proposed changes to Denver's group living rules. The meetings will be held virtually on Zoom and will be broadcast live on Denver 8.

Upcoming topics

- [October 6](#): Household regulations: alternatives and revisions ([Watch recording](#))
- [November 3](#): Residential care introduction
- [November 10](#): Residential care regulations, community corrections and proposed "type 2" size, lot minimums and locations
- [November 17](#): Former chapter 59 ("old zoning code") and enforcement
- [December 1](#): Wrap up and final committee action

How to watch

- [Register to join meetings on Zoom](#) (Password: Denver)
- Watch live on Denver Channel 8 or online at [Denver8.tv](#)
- Watch past meetings on the [Denver 8 online archive](#)

[Frequently asked questions \(PDF\)](#)

[Responding to misconceptions \(PDF\)](#)

Community office hours appointments still available

City planners have been answering questions and taking comments on the proposed group living rules update at community office hours the last few weeks. Spots are still available for the small group sessions scheduled for

- Thursday, November 5
- Thursday, November 12
- Thursday, November 19
- Thursday, December 3

Use the link below to make your appointment.

[Sign up for an appointment](#)

Mobile Food Pantry at Empower Field



Everyone is welcome, no one is turned away, and there is free food for all people in need.

The Next Distribution Date: November 23, 2020 at Empower Field

[VISIT FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES FOR MORE INFO](#)

Help Change Denver Parks and Recreations System!

Denver Park and Recreation needs your help with the design and construction projects in progress to maintain, improve and expand Denver's park system. Voice your opinion on the 38 projects that include nearby Sloan's Lake Park, Weir Gulch Trail, Paco Sanchez Park and Skyline Park.

Please take this public survey and share it with others who utilize Denver parks, trails, open space, and facilities.

The survey closes November 20, 2020.

[Parks & Rec Growth Survey Link](#)

Visit www.denvergov.org/parkprojects and scroll down to "Strategic Acquisition Plan" for more information.



SLOAN'S LAKE SOUTH PLAYGROUND
PRECEDENT IMAGES FOR ROCKET SHIP PLAYGROUND

Northwest Denver Community Transportation Networks



There is Still Time to Provide Your Input!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

We had a great conversation last week, Wednesday, September 23rd, at our third Virtual Public Open House. If you were not able to attend the meeting, a recording of the meeting can be found [here](#). You can also visit bit.ly/DenverMovesNetworks for more information on the project

Do you still have questions or comments to share? Here's how to contact us.

Project Hotline: 303-223-6575
Email: DenverMoves@denvergov.org Please include "Northwest" or a specific street in the subject line.

For public accommodation requests/concerns, please contact: DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org.

You can access all of the information in this email and more by visiting the [project homepage](#).

Rezoning Request To be discussed at JPUN Land Use and General Membership Meetings

Steve Ferris from The Real Estate Garage will propose rezoning property at 2429-2437 Eliot Street from G-MU-3 and G-MS-3 to G-MS-3. The land encompasses 2 vacant lots totaling 10,520 square feet.

The property is adjacent to Jefferson Park's Business Improvement District. In the past to promote development catering to retail and street activation, JPUN has supported these type of rezoning requests as long as they are willing to work with our Business Improvement District and create a MOU and Restrictive Covenant.

An example of this is the current construction along both sides of 25th and Eliot. Both have commercial use on the first floor and residential on subsequent floors.



Denver LeafDrop 2020 DROP OFF YOUR LEAVES FOR FREE!

WEEKDAY 2020 DROP SITES

MONDAY – FRIDAY

OCT. 5 – DEC. 4 | 8 AM TO 2 PM

- CENTRAL PLATTE CAMPUS (1271 W BAYAUD AVE)
- CHERRY CREEK TRANSFER STATION (7301 E Jewell Ave)
- HAVANA NURSERY (10450 Smith Rd)

WEEKEND 2020 DROP SITES

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

OCT. 31 – NOV. 15 | 11 AM TO 3 PM

- BRUCE RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL (3955 Steele St)
- CHERRY CREEK TRANSFER STATION (7301 E. Jewell Ave)
- KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL (2855 S. Lamar St)
- SLOAN'S LAKE PARK (1700 N. Sheridan Blvd)
- VETERANS PARK (2100 E. Iowa Ave)

FOR MORE INFO:

bit.ly/leafdrop2020



Denver is Now Home to Three New Pieces of Public Art

Denver Arts & Venues is pleased to announce the completion of three new pieces in the Denver Public Art collection – [“Leaf”](#) at the Denver Botanic Gardens, [“Bows”](#) in Cranmer Park and [“Community Nature Dance”](#) in Westwood Park.

“Despite our difficult economy, Denver Public Art is not slowing down,” said Denver Public Art manager Michael Chavez. “Our three recently completed projects were started long before we started to see the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the city has reiterated its commitment to continuing capital improvements, and many of those new projects will also have public art components.”

Established in 1988, the Denver Public Art ordinance dedicates 1% of all City and County of Denver capital improvement projects to the creation of new public art. With nearly \$1B in construction and improvements tied to the Elevate Denver Bond, Denver Public Art expects to continue to commission new works, recently opening calls for qualifications for the [Denver Art Museum/Denver Public Library campus project](#) and [Congress Park pool and playground project](#).

“We have approximately 60 public art projects in the works right now, in various stages from early design all the way to fabrication and installation,” continued Chavez. “We are so excited to see ‘Leaf,’ ‘Bows’ and ‘Community Nature Dance’ completed.”

Leaf

In celebration of the art and science collections housed in the Denver Botanic Gardens’ Freyer-Newman Center, this back-lit steel sculpture created by Jason Klimoski and Lesley Chang blends the beauty of nature with the rigor of scientific inquiry. Each of its 251 cells contain a silhouette of a Colorado native plant specimen held by Denver Botanic Gardens’ Kathryn Kalmbach Herbarium. Included is the identification number of that specimen, which allows anyone in the world access to information about the plant, including its scientific name and where it was collected. Each specimen is a snapshot in time, capturing the biodiversity of a particular place and creating a permanent record of the past that serves as a resource to help protect our future.

Bows

Artist Patrick Marold used stone and steel to create arching lines of light and space, complementing and enhancing how the public sees and engages with the landscape. With additional funding from The Park People, this artwork at Cranmer Park was created to enhance the panoramic perspectives of the front range and sky. Located on the eastern edge of the park, trees line public passageway from the neighborhood and frame the artwork for visitors.

Community Nature Dance

In 2018, The Trust for Public Land with support from the Gates Family Foundation collaborated with Denver Arts & Venues and the community to commission unique artwork for Westwood Park that reflects and celebrates the diversity and culture of the Westwood community. The stainless-steel sculpture created by Lisa Cameron Russell features mariachi, flamenco and butterfly elements.

To learn more about these and other works in the Denver Public Art collection, please visit [DenverPublicArt.org](#).

