

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Update

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The Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS for short), is a project that will shape the future of our community! The City has embarked on a process of data analysis and public engagement to thoughtfully address the future of Wheat Ridge neighborhoods. The project began during the late summer of 2018 and is expected to conclude in May 2019.

Learn more:

www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/nrs



What's Happened?

Following the **December open house**, the project steering committee was left with a large volume of incredibly rich community input. Making sense of it was no small task! During January and February, the **committee worked on analyzing and synthesizing all community input** to date, and is now organizing it into concepts to inform the substance of the future Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy.



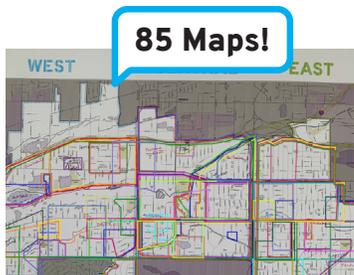
SOME IDEAS TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WHEAT RIDGE

The below issues and possible ideas to address them have surfaced within the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy project. Please take the time to consider the potential of each of these ideas. You are invited to share ideas by posting your ideas on the board for each idea. If you see that there are other issues that need attention, and if there are any possible ideas about proposed solutions that the steering committee could consider, please add those to the board as well.

Emergent Issue	Ideas to Explore	Quick Planning	Identify Concerns	Finalize
Single-family houses converting to rental properties	Expanded code enforcement to rental inspection program			
Diverse impacts of development across diverse neighborhoods	More customized neighborhood planning			
The potential of the city's primary corridor as a "living laboratory"	City-led planning and pilot programs to test, assess, evaluate, and iterate			
Home values have increased and impact affordability for young people and all earning less	City leadership for first-time homebuyer incentives			
Need for apartments for the growing workforce	Active consideration of public ownership and development program for multi-family residential units			



December open house responses gave the committee a lot to think about. A weekend working session in early January was required to discuss and analyze the input



85 residents mapped their neighborhoods and the committee has been working to condense them into one possible set of neighborhood boundaries.

Online Community Survey!



A critical project milestone was achieved in February when the online survey went live. The survey, **open from February 13 to March 1**, will aid the committee in gathering additional input on the work done to date as well as **preliminary ideas for actions** that are emerging through the process.

What's Next?

An intense **week of public events is coming up in March**, starting on Monday, March 18. The committee is calling it **NRS Blitz Week!** It will be a chance to share survey findings and preliminary concepts that are emerging from the process.



Presentations and discussions will take place in a study session format at City Council on **Monday, March 18** and Planning Commission on **Thursday, March 21**. There will also be opportunities to learn and engage at community open houses as follows:

March 19, 9-11 AM at the Active Adult Center (6363 W. 35th Avenue)

March 19, 4-6 PM at Wheat Ridge High School (9595 W. 32nd Avenue)

March 20, 7:30-9:30 AM at Wheat Ridge Recreation Center (4005 Kipling Street)

March 20, 5-7 PM at Colorado Plus (6995 W. 38th Avenue)



Following this week of public events, the committee and consultant team will begin working to craft an updated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy which is expected to be publicly available for review in early May.



Visit www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/nrs to stay up to date with the latest information and events.

If you would like to receive periodic **email updates** about the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, please email Planning Manager Lauren Mikulak at lmikulak@ci.wheatridge.co.us