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A Message from City Manager Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde

If you've been tuning into City Council lately, you've probably heard a thing or two about the state of our city facilities, along with significant community feedback asking us to do more with one recreation center, in particular.

In short, we're facing a serious challenge. Our buildings are, on average, 47 years old and carry \$55 million in deferred maintenance today. On this path, it will cost us \$372 million between now and 2050 just to keep them open.

These buildings are critical to services you rely upon. They include our public safety center, fire stations, recreation centers and other city facilities.

As any property owner or renter knows, buildings require regular upkeep and repairs. The city historically managed building operations through the budgets of the departments that occupied them. This decentralized approach led to inconsistent prioritization and a historic investment of roughly 0.5% of replacement value annually. Industry standards call for 2–4%. The result is a backlog that cannot be ignored.

We changed our approach in 2021 – bringing all our buildings under one department and creating a Facilities Strategic Plan that will ensure we account for ongoing maintenance in the future. A central hallmark is consolidation, and we're about to reach our first major milestone.

In 2027, we'll move a significant portion of our workforce to a new customer service and staffing hub at Broadway and Alpine Avenue on the former Boulder Community Hospital site. The city purchased this land in 2015 for several uses, including housing, flood mitigation and more efficient public service.

We'll consolidate staff from 10 other city buildings. Two of the facilities left behind are within the high hazard floodplain and need to be torn down. We'll sell others to help cover costs.

I want to be transparent: this is the biggest facility investment in city history, and given supply chain issues, inflation and tariffs that are impacting construction everywhere, it's not inexpensive. The \$140 million budget includes renovations to the main city facility and the parking garage across the street, as well as floodway and transportation improvements across the site.

We've re-used a portion of the old structure and taken care to comply with our own building codes and community's environmental values. Our cost of about \$980/sf compares reasonably to recent public construction. Examples include the Fort Lupton City Hall (\$750/sf) and Golden Police & Municipal Facility (\$1,017/sf), both completed in 2026.



*Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde,
City Manager*

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We'll recoup these expenses over time. By closing failing buildings, reducing leasing, running energy efficient systems and budgeting appropriately for ongoing maintenance, this building will reduce our total cost of ownership and serve as a valuable community fixture for decades.

But, you may ask, what about recreation centers and safety buildings? We agree these also demand attention – and investment.

In June, City Council directed us to work on a possible ballot item in support of a \$400 million bond to fund a comprehensive, strategic approach to the city's portfolio. Asking voters to increase property taxes – approximately \$400 yearly on a \$1 million home – is never easy, but costs will only rise the longer we wait. We'd focus on 15 priority buildings, including the North and South Boulder Recreation Centers, West Age Well Center, fire stations and the Public Safety Building.

I invite you to learn more about our facilities story and plan, as well as the pending ballot measure, at bouldercolorado.gov. This challenge calls for careful planning, responsible governance and informed decision-making. We're committed to each of these as we partner with you to navigate our needs and economic circumstances. Let's build a sustainable future together!

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The Boulder Arts Blueprint

Walk through Boulder on any given day, and you'll find creativity everywhere: a mural in an underpass, sounds of a rehearsal spilling out an open door, plein air painters, sculptures on a front lawn. For generations, creatives have helped make Boulder a destination for innovation, expression and connection. Today, strong public support, bustling galleries and stages, and continued investment reflect the important role arts and culture play in the city's future.

Creativity enriches daily life and is also a strong driver of the local economy. Boulder County has one of the nation's highest concentrations of artists per capita, and Boulder consistently ranks among the country's most arts-vibrant midsize cities. In 2022, the nonprofit arts and culture sector generated more than \$115 million in local economic activity, and the arrival of the Sundance Film Festival presents new opportunities for creative and economic growth.

At the same time, Boulder's creative community faces challenges. Research conducted for the Boulder Arts Blueprint identified declining creative employment; limited affordable work space; and increasing barriers to rehearsal, performance and exhibition space. Without intentional action, these pressures threaten the long-term health of Boulder's creative ecosystem.

Developed over 18 months — with extensive research and input from nearly 2,000 community members — the Arts Blueprint provides a shared vision for the next decade. It outlines strategies, partnerships and investments designed to support artists, creative businesses, cultural organizations and vibrant neighborhoods, ensuring Boulder remains a place where creativity thrives.



Credit: Future Arts Foundation

The seven guiding goals of the Arts Blueprint are:

- **Accessibility and Inclusion:** Ensure cultural amenities and creative experiences are widely available and accessible to all Boulder communities.
- **Entrepreneurship and Workforce:** Provide resources, programs and training to build pathways for creative enterprises and entrepreneurship.
- **Reputation and Identity:** Celebrate arts, culture and creativity as central to Boulder's identity, reputation and attractiveness.
- **Public Art and Public Space:** Expand public art and creative expression across public spaces.
- **Nonprofits and Institutions:** Amplify the impact of the nonprofit cultural sector to strengthen partnerships and collaboration.
- **Experimentation and Innovation:** Incentivize cutting-edge, innovative and experimental practices.
- **Scenes and Affinities:** Recognize and nurture organic creative communities and "scenes."

Explore more of the Boulder Arts Blueprint by visiting bldr.fyi/blueprint or by scanning the QR code here.



THE CITY OF BOULDER WELCOMES
SUNDANCE
FILM FESTIVAL 2027

The 2027 Sundance Film Festival

The City of Boulder will welcome the 2027 Sundance Film Festival to our community from Jan. 21 to Jan. 31, 2027.

Creativity is central to Boulder's identity, shaping its quality of life, economic vitality and ability to evolve. For generations, the city has drawn artists, culture-makers and independent thinkers whose contributions continue to define Boulder's creative spirit. The Sundance Film Festival represents a unique opportunity to build upon our community's commitment to arts and culture; drive commerce to local businesses; and strengthen the visitor economy. Our core values of equity, sustainability, resilience and inclusion are deeply aligned with the Sundance Institute's values. We believe this Festival will grow roots in Boulder and contribute to a vibrant future in our community.

Explore the economic impact of Boulder's arts and culture industry: bldr.fyi/aep6

What you need to know

We are working to prepare our community for the Festival, collaborating with our partners on safety, infrastructure, lodging and more to create an affordable, sustainable experience that supports independent film and community access. bldr.fyi/sundance

Renting your home

The city has worked closely with its partners to design a lodging program for the Festival, helping expand local housing opportunities

outside of the many hotels in the city. Learn more about the city's Festival Lodging Rental License and ways to rent out your home during the Festival. bldr.fyi/festivalrentals

Getting around

The Festival will bring a large number of visitors to our community. Efficient and accessible transportation — both within Boulder and regionally — is essential. We are embracing Colorado's multimodal ethos, and working closely with our local and regional transit partners to design a seamless Festival experience, connecting attendees through a blend of walkability, public transit, bike networks and regional access. During the Festival, community members may notice more people out and about, which may affect travel times to and around town, as well as parking and transit access.

Prioritizing safety

The city is working to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. The Boulder Police and Boulder Fire-Rescue departments are coordinating with partners such as the Boulder Office of Disaster Management, the University of Colorado Boulder Police Department and Colorado State Patrol on robust safety initiatives before January 2027.

Taking part

There are many opportunities to take part in the Festival. More information about participating, attending a film or volunteering can be found at festival.sundance.org.

Explore, Shop and Dine

Boulder's businesses do more than provide goods and services — they help create the vibrant, welcoming community we call home. From independent retailers and neighborhood cafés to innovative startups, farm-to-table restaurants and nationally recognized research labs, businesses shape the character of our city.

Supporting our businesses is one of the most direct ways community members can invest in Boulder. Every purchase helps support local jobs, entrepreneurs and the people who bring energy and creativity to our commercial districts and neighborhoods.

Boulder's restaurant community is especially important to our city's identity. With more than 400 eating and drinking establishments citywide, including more than 100 downtown, there is no shortage of opportunities to discover something new. More than 90% of downtown restaurants are independently owned and operated, offering unique experiences that reflect the spirit of Boulder.

The city's culinary scene continues to earn national recognition. This year, 10 Boulder restaurants were added to the MICHELIN Guide, highlighting the talent and innovation found across our local dining community.

Whether you're trying a new restaurant, shopping locally or exploring a neighborhood business district, your support helps keep Boulder vibrant.



Explore local dining options through Visit Boulder by visiting bldr.fyi/boulderrestaurants or by scanning the QR code.

Small Business Success Story

Boulder's entrepreneurial spirit is also supported through organizations like the Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Serving Boulder County. One recent success story is Full Stop. Bakery, founded by Sadie Stutzman, which specializes in artisanal sourdough crackers. After participating in the Boulder SBDC's Leading Edge program, Stutzman gained valuable business knowledge, mentorship and networking opportunities that helped grow the company.

Read the full story and look for Full Stop. Bakery crackers in Sprouts Farmers Market stores through September.

bldr.fyi/sbdcstory

Planning a visit to downtown Boulder this summer? Save time and money by parking in one of the city's five BoulderPark garages. The Metropolis gateless parking system makes parking easy - simply register your vehicle at app.metropolis.io, drive in and drive out.



\$3 flat rate when entering and exiting between 3 p.m. and 3 a.m.



Free parking every Saturday, Sunday and city holiday

 **metropolis**



BoulderPark

To learn more, visit BoulderParking.com





BoulderMOD: Unlocking Homeownership Opportunities

Earlier this summer, after years of planning and hours of sweat equity, two families opened the door to their next chapter when they received the keys to their new BoulderMOD-built homes.

“Thank you for making it so easy for us to buy our new home,” one owner said. “It is a huge milestone for our family. Thanks to each and every person involved in the process.”

The completion of these homes goes far beyond the effect on these families; it’s the first step toward building more affordable homeownership opportunities in our community.

Since 2000, the city has increased the affordable housing available to community members, but developing affordable homeownership opportunities has been more challenging. Of Boulder’s 4,140 affordable homes, the majority are rentals with 823 (20%) of these being affordable ownership for Boulder community members who are low- and middle-income.

However, with the addition of BoulderMOD, the city and our partners are set to increase the available affordable homeownership opportunities in Boulder and in neighboring communities.

About BoulderMOD

BoulderMOD, a modular factory producing energy-efficient, permanently affordable homes, was created through a partnership among the City of Boulder, Flatirons Habitat for Humanity and the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD).

The City of Boulder constructed and equipped the factory, and Flatirons Habitat serves as the certified manufacturer, overseeing operations, materials procurement and coordination of volunteers, homeowners and professional staff. BVSD contributed land for the factory and integrated its Technical Education Center (TEC) Construction program, giving students hands-on experience building homes.

Inside the factory, volunteers, Flatirons Habitat staff and BVSD students work side by side across nine workstations doing everything from framing and electrical to cabinetry and final finishes. The model reduces construction waste, shortens build timelines and lowers costs, all while training the next generation of construction professionals right here in Boulder.

Building Homeownership Opportunities

Boulder has long been a desirable place to live, but it has become increasingly difficult for the average person or household to afford to buy a home in or around Boulder.

Over the past two decades, home prices have climbed far beyond the reach of teachers, healthcare workers, tradespeople and service workers who make our community function. When working families can't afford to buy homes in Boulder, they commute longer distances or leave the region entirely.

The availability of affordable homes for community members across the economic spectrum is essential to the health of our community and building homes at BoulderMOD is one way the city is addressing housing affordability in our region. Through homeownership, our neighbors can build equity, provide their families stability and have an asset that can support future generations.

Homes built at BoulderMOD are priced to remain permanently affordable to low-, moderate- and middle-income households. This is a critical distinction from market-rate housing, which is dictated by local trends and has no restrictions.

BoulderMOD homes are designed to serve community members across the Boulder Valley and will create homeownership opportunities for the individuals and families working hard to make our community what it is.

How BoulderMOD Works

BoulderMOD operates out of a 31,375-square-foot facility where homes are fully constructed and finished inside before being transported to their permanent sites. Each home moves through nine workstations floor framing, wall setting, ceiling setting, electrical, plumbing, painting and sheathing, siding, trim and cabinetry, and final appliances and finishes. The process is designed to minimize waste, reduce costs and maintain consistent quality.



Not only does the factory produce energy-efficient, net-zero homes, but it's also powered by the sun. A 333.54 kW rooftop solar array offsets the factory's total expected electricity consumption, and every dollar saved on energy can be reinvested into expanding affordable housing. By powering the all-electric factory with solar energy, BoulderMOD also supports the city's comprehensive Climate Action Plan and Boulder's goal of a 70% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

BVSD's TEC Construction students work alongside Flatirons Habitat staff and volunteers while gaining hands-on training in construction and green building practices. The program, which has become increasingly popular with BVSD students and is already at capacity for the 2026-'27 school year, is also growing our local trade workforce, an industry with an aging pool of qualified professionals.

"It's nice to know what we're doing isn't just gonna be thrown away and graded," said BVSD student Gabriel. "It's actually going to be put out in the world for someone who needs it."

A Regional Strategy

The first homes built at BoulderMOD are being placed at the Ponderosa Community in North Boulder, and more BoulderMOD homes will be placed at a Habitat for Humanity development on Violet Avenue in Boulder. Another will be in Louisville. BoulderMOD will also supply homes to our affordable housing partners including Thistle Community Housing in Louisville and other local Habitat for Humanity affiliates.

With capacity to produce up to 25 homes per year, BoulderMOD is a long-term, scalable answer to our regional housing affordability challenges.

Get Involved

Community members like you will help BoulderMOD continue to expand. Factory tours and volunteer opportunities are available through Flatirons Habitat for Humanity, and financial contributions can be made at flatironshabitat.org.

To learn more about BoulderMOD, visit bldr.fyi/BoulderMod.



Credit: BVSD

Nature Programs and Events

Something for everyone outside. Enjoy free group-led programs, hikes, events, older adults and kids programs from Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks:

Wildflower Walks | Wildlife Programs | History of Boulder | Outdoor Storytime | Queer Nature Experiences | Cultural Celebration | Sunset Hikes | Outdoor Yoga and Recreation

And dozens more, all year long.

Scan to browse
all programs and
register - it's free!



Recycling is Getting an Upgrade in Colorado

A new state program is making recycling services free for all Colorado households by changing how recycling is funded and managed. The Producer Responsibility Program, which was signed into law in 2022 and came into effect in early 2026, requires companies that sell products in packaging to help fund the collection and recycling of those materials. The goal is to create a stronger, more consistent and more accessible recycling system while reducing costs.

One of the best ways to support successful recycling is to keep the recycling stream clean. In Boulder County, Eco-Cycle and the Boulder County Recycling Center are the local authorities on what can and cannot be recycled. Only put accepted materials in your recycling bin, and make sure containers are empty before recycling them. When non-recyclable items end up in the recycling stream, they make processing more difficult.

Learn more about the state's new recycling system at recycleon.org/colorado.

Find local sorting guidance through Eco-Cycle's recycling guides at bldr.fyi/3QnFkp2

Reuse is one of the easiest ways to reduce waste.



Explore the Reuse Hub to find local thrift stores, repair shops, refill stores, reusable container programs and more.



Reuse Hub
for
Boulder & Beyond

Free Housing Support Resources for Renters, Landlords and Neighbors

Are you facing an eviction? Do you need help mediating a conflict? Are you interested in learning more about your rights as a tenant or landlord? The Community Mediation and Resolution Center (CMRC) can help.

The CMRC provides free resources, including:

- **Landlord, tenant and roommate resources:** For renters, owners, roommates and property managers for residential rental properties. Resources include a landlord/tenant handbook; answers to frequently asked questions; and many common sample documents such as the Boulder Model Lease and a seven-day security deposit demand letter.
- **Eviction prevention and rental assistance services (EPRAS):** Supports tenants facing eviction through legal services, rental assistance and mediation. If you live in Boulder and are facing a potential eviction or are worried about how to pay next month's rent, contact the EPRAS team.
- **Mediation program:** Mediation helps resolve conflict through open communication and creative problem-solving. This program assists with conflict resolution between individuals, or within communities or organizations.

Learn more about all CMRC programs at bldr.fyi/CMRC and find EPRAS information at bldr.fyi/EPRAS.

Power Reliability

Reliable power is essential to community well-being and safety. In recent years, Boulder has experienced more frequent and longer power outages, which underscores the need to address reliability issues. City Council identified this as a priority for 2026

with two main goals: improve power reliability and strengthen Boulder's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from extended outages and extreme weather events.

Current work includes partnering with Xcel Energy to accelerate grid improvements and infrastructure investments; exploring local resilience solutions such as distributed energy and resilience hubs; and strengthening emergency preparedness and identifying better ways to support those most affected by outages. This includes medically vulnerable individuals, older adults, lower-income households and small businesses.

The city seeks to understand where risks exist, how outages affect different parts of the community and what can help reduce future disruptions. Over the past year, community members have helped city staff identify challenges and prioritize solutions that reflect community needs.

Xcel has recently completed two undergrounding projects at Chautauqua and will begin construction on the final phase this fall. Xcel is also finalizing undergrounding work along 75th Street and is preparing to begin construction along Highway 36. These projects will strengthen the electric system, reduce wildfire risk and improve power reliability.

Staff are reviewing the feedback and refining the strategies. This fall, a select group of community members will have the opportunity to discuss them with City Council at a Community and Council Forum. To stay up to date on the city's climate, energy and resilience work, sign up for the Climate Initiatives newsletter: bldr.fyi/climateneews



City Services Improvements

Ahead of the opening of the Western City Campus — a new centralized location bringing most city departments and customer service functions under one roof — the city has launched a multiyear Customer Experience Transformation project. Together, these efforts aim to provide community members with consistent, helpful access to city services, whether online, by phone or in person.

The Customer Experience Transformation work will create simpler, more accessible and more equitable experiences by examining and redesigning how city services are delivered around community needs.

Key initiatives:



Streamline city processes and simplify access to services



Create a new, centralized customer service center at the city's Western City Campus (anticipated opening: late 2027)



Upgrade our technology and introduce modern digital tools to expand and improve services

Learn more about the Customer Experience Transformation, including ways to get involved and provide input:

bldr.fyi/cx-transformation

City Releases First Tribal Connections Report

Since time immemorial, the Boulder Valley has served as homeland and gathering place for numerous Tribal Nations. Now, for the first time, the City of Boulder has published a Tribal ethnographic education report documenting those deep connections and centering that knowledge in how the city cares for its open lands today.

A partnership with the Tribal Working Group shaped the project, which includes contributions from 15 Tribal Nations. The first round of the report includes focused chapters on seven Tribal Nations. Additional Tribal Nations will be interviewed for the second half of the report, which is paid for in part by a History Colorado State Historical Fund grant.

Each Tribal Nation selected Tribal elders, cultural resource staff and/or knowledge holders for this project; and conducted field visits across Open Space and Mountain Parks sharing oral histories, ecological knowledge and perspectives on stewardship and land care.

Read the full report at bldr.fyi/ethnographic.



Join the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board

The Youth Opportunities Program is accepting applications for the 2026-27 Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB).

Through YOAB, students collaborate to advise city government, drive meaningful initiatives, encourage youth civic participation and advocate for youth voices in city planning. Youth who are interested in engaging with their peers and the community are encouraged to apply.

To apply, you must be a City of Boulder resident, in high school or a GED program and able to commit to a one-year program with weekly and monthly meetings. No previous leadership experience is required.

Learn more and apply at bldr.fyi/yoab.



YOAB



Flood Preparedness and Drought Watch

As we continue through the summer months, remember: This time of year brings both flood risk and dry conditions.

The region has experienced an extremely dry year, and the city remains under a Drought Watch. We're asking our community to reduce water use and support the long-term resilience of Boulder's water supply.

At the same time, April through September is also historically Boulder's flood season. Flooding can occur quickly and with little warning, particularly during intense thunderstorms — and even during drought.

Flood risk and drought are a Boulder reality. We prepare for these risks and changing climate conditions through resilient infrastructure, flood risk management, water supply planning and more. As the city plans, here are ways you can stay aware and take action.

Flooding

Flooding in Boulder can develop rapidly due to the city's proximity to the foothills, steep terrain and network of creeks and drainageways. Heavy rainfall in a short period can lead to flash flooding, affecting roads, neighborhoods and natural areas.

Understanding your flood risk is key to preparation. Check whether your home or business is located in or near a flood-prone area using City of Boulder floodplain information tools. Households should discuss what to do during a flood warning and identify evacuation routes if needed. Assemble an emergency kit with drinking water, food, medications, flashlights, batteries and important documents. Property owners and renters may also want to consider flood

insurance, as many standard policies do not cover flood damage.

Drought

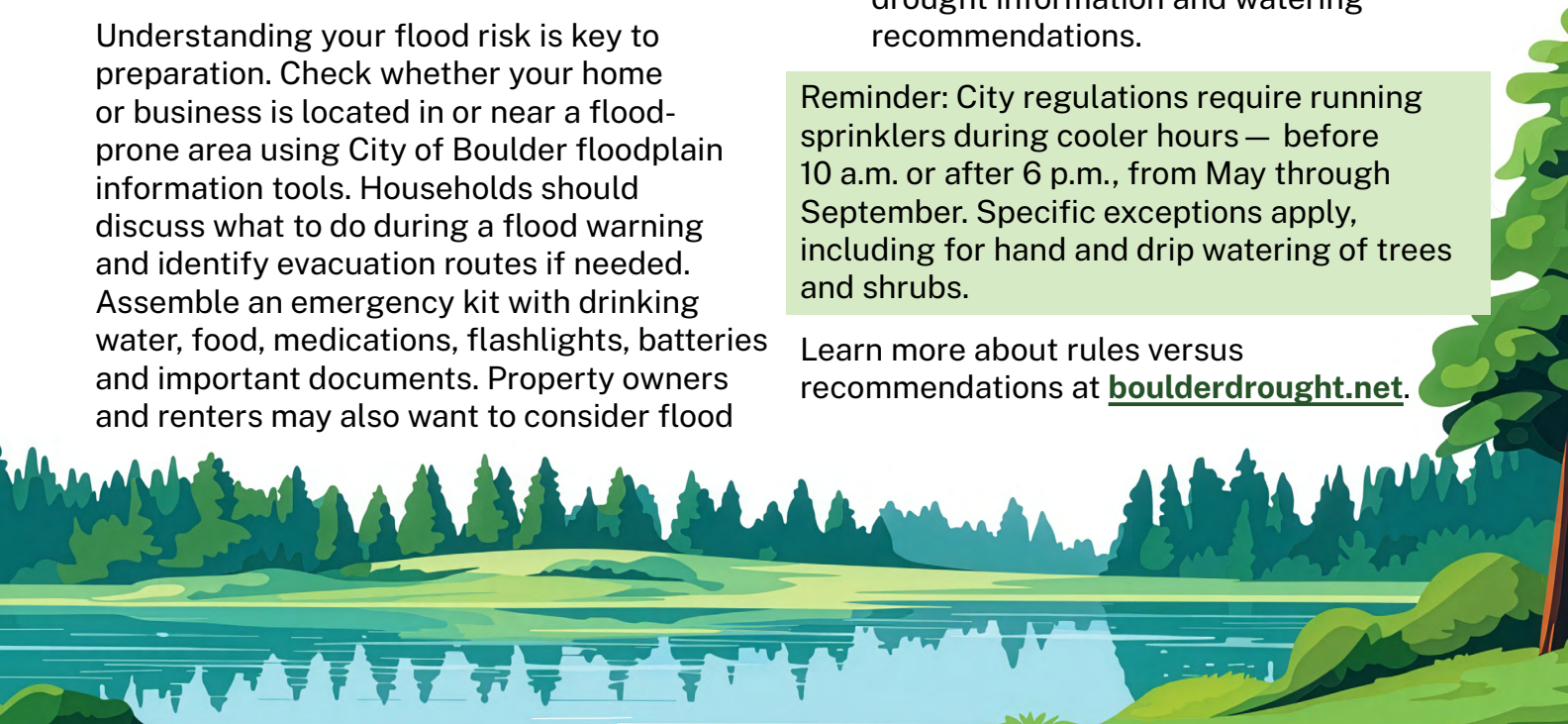
While flood preparedness and drought conservation may seem like opposites, both are essential in Boulder's dynamic environment. By staying informed, planning ahead and making mindful choices, you can help strengthen community resilience and protect our natural resources.

Water conservation remains important during the Drought Watch. Use water thoughtfully, and reduce unnecessary outdoor watering where possible. Small actions can make a difference in protecting our shared water supply, including:

- Checking and fixing leaks
- Watering turf and gardens efficiently: August is a great time to start reducing water usage by watering deeply and infrequently. For grass, we recommend running sprinklers no more than two times per week.
- Visit bouldersaveswater.net for water conservation tips and programs, or boulderdrought.net for drought information and watering recommendations.

Reminder: City regulations require running sprinklers during cooler hours — before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m., from May through September. Specific exceptions apply, including for hand and drip watering of trees and shrubs.

Learn more about rules versus recommendations at boulderdrought.net.





Wildfire
Ready



Stories of Action: Boulder's Community Wildfire Resilience

Wildfire resilience is a shared community responsibility in the City of Boulder. Just one home being hardened or one fuel management project will not lessen our wildfire risk; it takes collective action and work. Get inspired by the wildfire mitigation work around the city:



"Across Boulder, we're partnering with neighborhoods, community organizations and other land managers on wildfire resilience projects that span across public and private lands. Together, we've implemented projects like grazing in HOA-managed open spaces and coordinated fuel reduction efforts that help reduce wildfire risk across entire geographic areas."

-Paul Dennison with the City of Boulder, Open Space and Mountain Parks, Cross Boundary Mitigation



"At UCAR, we recognize the importance of responsibly managing the lands entrusted to our care. As both a community partner and environmental steward, we are committed to reducing wildfire risk through proactive fuel management and mitigation efforts. We continuously evaluate our properties and practices to identify opportunities that enhance wildfire safety and resilience."

-Leonard Cooper with University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, Maintenance Operations Manager, Fuel Mitigation Mowing and Grazing



"I mitigated wildfire conflagration risk at my south Boulder townhome by replacing gorilla hair mulch with river rock and screening a variety of openings (deck stair gaps, garage vent fan, shed). I started with these projects because they have the highest impact on reducing my risk and I also was able to use the Wildfire Resilience Assistance Program from the city."

-Bart Windrum, Resident of south Boulder, Townhome, Home Hardening and Defensible Space Projects

Xcel Energy and City of Boulder: Summer 2026 Wildfire Mitigation Tree-Pruning

Xcel Energy contract crews will be performing important vegetation management work in Boulder this summer to maintain safe and reliable service within your community, protect water supplies, and reduce wildfire risk. Crews will be clearing brush, trimming trees and removing hazardous trees around power lines. The city and Xcel continue to explore longer-term solutions for sustainability and resilience, but the immediate act of improving the management of trees around power lines is a step in the right direction for community safety.



Are you working on wildfire mitigation of your home, property or agency and want to share it with us? Email FirePIO@bouldercolorado.gov and you could see your story featured in our AnchorPoint newsletter. To learn more about wildfire mitigation within the City of Boulder, sign up for the AnchorPoint newsletter, and to get engaged in risk reduction work, visit bouldercolorado.gov/WildfireReady.

Your Invitation to Get Outside

PLAY • LEARN • ACT with
Boulder Nature Everywhere

Free community programs, nature play areas and everyday experiences across Boulder make it easier to spend less screen time and enjoy more green time.

There are many ways to play, learn and act across the city from nature play and park activations to community programs, placemaking projects and opportunities to get involved outdoors.

Start exploring in a Boulder Naturehood near you!



- 1 The Habitat in Crest View Park (Four Mile Canyon Creek Naturehood)
- 2 Wild Woods Discovery Area (Boulder Creek Park Naturehood)
- 3 Sawhill Ponds
- 4 Wood Brothers (Gunbarrel Hill Naturehood)
- 📍 Other Naturehoods



The Nature Everywhere Initiative is a collaboration between multiple City of Boulder departments, Growing Up Boulder and a number of other community partners working together to advance equitable access to nature for Boulder youth and their families.

Explore all that Nature Everywhere has to offer. Scan the QR code.

It Takes a Village — and Boulder Has One

Behind every clean trail, safe neighborhood, and thriving park is a team effort — city staff, community partners, and thousands of dedicated volunteers working side by side. In 2025, more than 3,750 volunteers gave over 37,000 hours of service. That's a powerful force multiplier for the work we do together.

This fall, new opportunities are open. Walk a favorite trail as a Litter Champ. Sign up to help sort seeds collected from our Open Spaces so they can be used on the Open Space properties after construction. Have a say in how Boulder evolves by serving on a board or commission. Browse open roles by visiting volunteer.bouldercolorado.gov.



Updated Climate Action Plan

In June, the City of Boulder published its updated Climate Action Plan, a roadmap that will guide Boulder's future climate action.

The updated plan — designed with input from city staff, community partners and community members — focuses on three goals: reducing climate pollution, strengthening community resilience and advancing climate equity. While reducing emissions remains a priority, the plan also recognizes that climate change is already affecting our community through challenges such as wildfire risk, drought and extreme weather. It highlights how climate action connects to everyday issues, including energy use, transportation, public health, preparedness and community well-being.

Read the plan and learn how you can participate on our website.

bldr.fyi/ClimateActionPlan



Know Before You Go

Before You Hit the Trail -
A Quick Checklist



- ☐ Check trail conditions & closures
- ☐ Bring plenty of water, wear layers and use sunscreen
- ☐ Plan your adventure in advance and tell someone your plan
- ☐ Stay on trail and leave no trace
- ☐ Observe wildlife from a distance.

Scan for the full
trail map, closures
and visit tips



Our Financial Future

The Long-Term Financial Strategy initiative will help guide the city's financial future in a sustainable, equitable and resilient way. Through this work, we aim to be more flexible and efficient with the dollars we have, and to identify new or more stable sources of revenue to better address dynamic needs.

For the last several years, the city has faced challenges with delivering services due to flattening revenue from major sources such as sales and use and property tax; legislative impacts; and increasing costs outpacing revenues. To keep our city functioning at current levels, the gap needs to be closed.

Earlier this year, we engaged with our community to build awareness around the budget; learn which programs and services the community values most; and understand what acceptable levels of service look like in these areas. This community feedback is threaded through our Long-Term Financial Strategy work and the 2027 budget.

This November, Boulder voters will likely be able to weigh in on Boulder's financial future through several tax-related ballot measures. While details won't be confirmed until late summer, the potential measures (if passed) will help pay for underfunded city infrastructure and maintenance. Examples include recreation centers and civic buildings such as the public safety building. These funds will make our community more accessible, equitable and resilient.

We know ballot measures aren't easy decisions, and we understand our community's capacity to pay more is limited. We're being thoughtful as we consider the ways we spend money and choose how to achieve the most important outcomes.

Thank you for your trust as we build a more resilient Boulder together.

bldr.fyi/FundOurFuture



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HOWEVER YOU
CHOOSE TO TRAVEL.**

bouldercolorado.gov/sharethepath



Taking care of our streets, bridges and paths

Our streets, sidewalks and bridges need regular upkeep and funding. With slowing economic growth; rising costs; flattening of major funding sources; and recent state legislation impacting city revenues, maintenance costs have grown beyond annual dedicated sales tax revenue.

City Council has approved a new Transportation Maintenance Fee (TMF) to help close the gap.

The fee is a stable, predictable way to directly fund critical needs for the everyday infrastructure that keeps Boulder moving.

What will it cost property owners?

The TMF is a service-based fee, not a tax. Rates are based on the typical number of trips each type of property generates for walking, biking, taking the bus and driving.

- For residential properties, there will be a flat rate per dwelling unit. Residential property fees will be about \$42-54 annually, or \$3.50-\$4.50 a month.
- For nonresidential properties, generally, rates are calculated per 1,000 square feet of building size.

You can use the city's online fee estimate calculator to estimate your property's annual fee: bldr.fyi/what-is-my-tmf

What will change?

We're committed to providing regular updates on use of these funds for critical maintenance.

- Expect better roads, thanks to more frequent maintenance on more streets.
- Bridges; medians; sidewalks; multi-use paths; traffic signs and signals; and bus stops will also benefit — plus, pedestrian ramps will meet national accessibility standards.
- Funds will allow us to get ahead of deferred maintenance.

When does it start?

Fee collection has not begun. This fee will be administered through city utility bills. Once a timeline is set, we will send out communications so you can know what to expect.

Get updates at bldr.fyi/tmf or bldr.fyi/tmnews

An Age-Inclusive Future

According to the Colorado State Demography Office, for the first time in Colorado history adults age 60 and older outnumber youth age 18 and under, and the gap is expected to continue growing through 2050.

Our Age-Inclusive Strategic Plan will ensure that our community remains a great place to live at any age.

Over the summer, the city engaged adults 60 and older and family caregivers to discuss what works well for older adults and what challenges need to be addressed. This plan will create strategies across key areas



including transportation, housing, community living and support services.

The finished plan will be presented to Boulder City Council in late 2026 or early 2027.

Learn more at bit.ly/age-inclusive



Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan

The City of Boulder and Boulder County have released the updated Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan after nearly two years of collaboration with community members, organizations, local artists and partner agencies. The plan provides a roadmap for the next 20 years.

Originally adopted 50 years ago, the plan serves as the community's long-range guide for land use, housing, transportation, climate action and more. Major updates occur every 10 years to ensure the plan reflects changing community needs and priorities.

A Community-Backed Plan

Thank you to everyone who participated in this update process. From the beginning, the city and county set out to make this effort more inclusive, creative and community-centered than ever before.

Community members participated through more than 75 engagement opportunities, including open houses, workshops, office hours, pop-up events, online engagement and focused outreach with community groups across the Boulder Valley. These conversations generated thousands of comments and helped shape a shared vision for the future:

“Our community works together to ensure everyone belongs, to create opportunities for all and to sustain the health of the Boulder Valley for future generations.”

Innovation and Art in Community Engagement

One unique element of the process was Boulder's first-ever Community Assembly.

The Community Assembly brought together a randomly selected group of community members who reflect the demographics of the Boulder Valley to help shape public decisions. Over several months, participants learned from experts, explored different perspectives and developed recommendations regarding 15-Minute Neighborhoods: the concept of creating communities where shopping, transit and dining can be reached within a short walk.

This update also explored new ways for people to participate. Community members shared stories through the Voicing Boulder platform; attended community-hosted conversations; and participated in Motus Playback Improv performances that transformed community input into live theater. Art became part of the planning process itself and can be found throughout the final plan, including the cover photo, which was taken by a Boulder community member.

What We Heard

Several priorities consistently emerged throughout the engagement process:

- Climate action and resilience
- Housing choice and opportunity
- An inclusive local economy
- Travel options
- A multicultural and multigenerational community
- Stronger local food systems



Community members also expressed interest in neighborhoods that are more connected, walkable, bikeable, close to nature and resilient to hazards while maintaining the qualities that make Boulder unique.

This feedback led to new and revised policies, and a reimagined future land use strategy to guide changes in the Boulder Valley over the next 20 years.

Looking Ahead

The updated Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan reflects the values of today and prepares our community for a more sustainable, resilient and connected future. It establishes the community's vision and direction while future plans, projects, programs and policy decisions will determine how that vision is implemented.

Change will not happen overnight, but the plan helps ensure we move toward the community's vision for Boulder Valley's future.

Learn more at ABoulderFuture.org.

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Community Connectors' Field Notes

The Community Connector Model brings together local leaders who support the City of Boulder by elevating the voices, experiences and priorities of historically excluded communities. At its core, the model is about two-way dialogue, sharing community perspectives, connecting people to helpful resources and supporting culturally informed public participation. While there are many ways to engage within our city, Community Connectors remind us that we are not alone in advancing community and equity.

Since its launch in 2018, Community Connectors have continued to make a meaningful impact across many areas of the city's work. Community might be aware of our Community Connector-in-Residence program, which provides ongoing feedback to staff and council on policies and programs, but may not be aware of our other programs. Below is just a small snapshot of the work being done in the field!

- **The Outreach Community Connectors** are a group of eight local leaders who help the city strengthen how it communicates with the community. They regularly meet with city staff to review outreach materials, including flyers, emails and newsletters, to help ensure information can truly reach as many people as possible.

These Connectors also maintain strong relationships within their own communities and support in sharing helpful city services with them. Through their partnership, the city has been able to reach hundreds of households that may have otherwise been unaware of important programs and services.

- How do you redesign customer service while preparing for a new community center and making sure community members have a welcoming experience? You invite community members into the process from the very beginning!

The Customer Experience Community Connectors share their own experiences accessing city services and help city staff imagine what a more welcoming, accessible and effective experience could look like. Working closely with the Innovation & Technology department and project managers supporting the development of a new city building, these Connectors have already made a measurable impact since the group launched in April 2026.

Stay informed about this innovative community engagement model at bldr.fyi/connectors



Boulder's New Public Safety Information Center

The City of Boulder is launching a new Public Safety Information Center (PSIC), a citywide resource that uses real-time technology to help keep our community safe. The center gives city departments a shared hub to coordinate faster, better-informed responses to everything from wildfires and floods to missing persons, serious traffic crashes, and imminent threats.

While the PSIC will be housed at the Boulder Police Department starting this summer, it's designed to serve the whole city. Boulder Fire-Rescue, Open Space and Mountain Parks, Utilities, Transportation and Mobility, Parks and Recreation, and others will all be able to draw on the center's tools for emergencies or safety issues involving their departments.

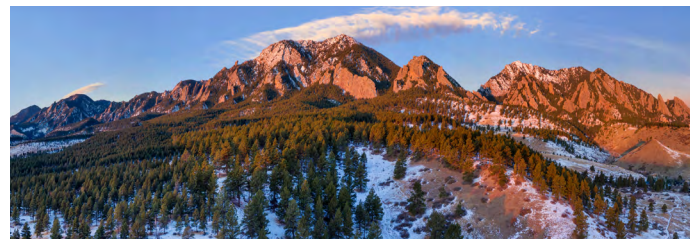
At the heart of the center are two key technologies. The first is the city's Drone as First Responder (DFR) program. Boulder has used drones to support public safety for several years; and this new enhancement will allow for an even faster and more accurate response to public safety calls for service. When an incident is unfolding, a drone can give responders eyes on the scene within minutes, helping them send exactly the right help to the right place. Drones aren't sent to every call. Instead, trained pilots decide case by case where an aerial view will improve safety and response.

"Drones give us a clear, real-time view of what's happening at a scene, which helps keep both our community members and our officers safer," said Boulder Police Chief Steve Redfearn.

The second is Axon Fusus, software that brings multiple information sources together into one clear picture during an emergency. Its public-facing Community Connect portal lets residents and businesses voluntarily share security-camera footage on their own terms, facilitating a modern extension of the longstanding practice of asking a business owner to share video footage after a crime or other public safety incident. Participation is entirely voluntary, and every use is governed by city privacy policies, role-based permissions, and complete audit logs.

The city will host tours and information sessions for community groups, businesses, and residents through the fall. To learn more, visit the Public Safety Information Center FAQ on the city's website, or sign up to be notified about upcoming tours of the center.

bldr.fyi/PSIC



Emergency Alerts

Do you want to be sure you are signed up for important life safety alerts in case of an emergency, such as a wildfire, active shooter incident, or a flood?

In situations where a large-scale emergency is occurring or there is a threat to life safety, the City of Boulder and Boulder County use emergency alerts to notify community members when immediate action is required in either a geographically focused area or a larger-scale emergency. Do not wait for emergency alerts if you feel your safety is compromised; take appropriate actions.



Sign up for life safety emergency alerts at BOCOAlert.org



For more information about emergency alerts, visit bldr.fyi/odm



Bike Theft Prevention

This year, Boulder City Council designated bike theft reduction a 2026 priority. While bike theft has been down this past year, the city is recognizing it as a persistent and costly problem that undermines the role of bicycling in the city's transportation, climate, and equity goals.

To advance bike theft reduction efforts, and in alignment with the Boulder Police Department's commitment to reducing crime, this project is intended to reduce a barrier for individuals to use bicycles more often by improving the bicycle parking experience, reduce bicycle theft in Boulder, and improve outcomes for victims through: a) education and partnerships about good practices in bicycle parking infrastructure, b) setting the stage for encouraging future private property owner investments in bicycle parking, and c) enforcement and community use of prevention resources.

So far this year, the city has promoted bike security awareness at events citywide, conducted targeted bike theft prevention operations, partnered with local bike non-profit Community Cycles to produce an educational video advancing bike theft prevention, and created a new webpage to show our progress towards advancing bike security and theft reduction. We'll be sharing more topics around town later this year on proper bike locks, locking technique, bike security and resources for businesses interested in bike racks.

The Boulder Police Department encourages community members to always lock their bikes with a U-lock and to register bikes with Bike Index. These tips are the most important things a person can do to prevent a bike from being stolen. But if a bike is lost or stolen, officers can help reunite it with its rightful owner by confirming the serial number.

Additional bike security tips include using two U-locks if possible, not relying on high traffic areas or the presence of security cameras to deter thieves, securing your bike to immovable objects, keeping your bikes inside your residence or secure bike cages and taking photos of your bike to help prove ownership.

Bike theft prevention is about all of us working together to protect our rides.

Real-Time Local Safety and Community Updates



Want to know when police and fire-rescue are on scene, which areas to avoid, or when trails and parks are closed? Sign up for our city's text notification services to get real-time updates delivered straight to your phone.

Choose the options that best fit your needs:



For Local Public Safety Updates (City Safe): Get info on active police/fire responses and areas to avoid. Text CitySafe to 888-777 to opt-in.



For Large-Scale Emergency Info (BocolInfo): Receive critical updates during major incidents (like floods or wildfires) when the Emergency Operations Center is activated. Text BocolInfo to 888-777 to opt-in.

You can also stay updated on travel impacts, parks and recreation operational changes, and trail closures. Learn more at [**bldr.fyi/alerts-notifications**](https://bldr.fyi/alerts-notifications).

Note: Emergency alerts and text notification services are free, though standard data/text rates from your cell phone carrier may apply.



Stay Informed

From print and online platforms to TV, there are many ways to keep up with the latest news and updates in Boulder. Check out some of our platforms below!



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Community Health Starts With All of Us

When a medical emergency happens, every second matters. While Boulder Fire-Rescue and our emergency medical partners are always on our way when you call 911, community members can play an important role in helping save lives before first responders arrive.



A strong, healthy community is built on neighbors helping neighbors. Learning basic life-saving skills such as Hands-Only CPR, knowing how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and carrying naloxone can make a real difference during an emergency.

Hands-Only CPR is easy to learn and can be performed by anyone. Boulder Fire-Rescue offers monthly classes for our community to learn. Likewise, AEDs are located throughout Boulder in schools, recreation centers, city facilities, businesses and other public spaces. These devices provide step-by-step instructions and are designed for use by everyday community members. Sign up for CPR classes by visiting bldr.fyi/BFRcommunityCPR.

Boulder Fire-Rescue also provides naloxone to community members, a medication that can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. Carrying naloxone and knowing how to use it can help save a life while emergency responders are on their way. You can pick Naloxone up at any fire station around the city.

You do not need to be a medical professional to make a difference. By learning these simple skills and being prepared to act, you can help create a safer, healthier Boulder.

Mensaje de la gerente municipal Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde

Si ha prestado atención últimamente a información proveniente del Concejo Municipal, probablemente ha escuchado un par de cosas sobre el estado de nuestras instalaciones municipales, además de una clara invitación por parte de la comunidad a que hagamos más por un centro de recreo en concreto.

En resumen, nos hallamos frente a un reto verdaderamente serio. Nuestros edificios tienen un promedio de 47 años y más de 55 millones de dólares en intervenciones aplazadas de mantenimiento. Por este camino, tenerlos abiertos nos va a costar 372 millones entre ahora y el 2050.

Estos edificios son esenciales para servicios con los que usted cuenta. Son, por ejemplo, un centro de seguridad pública, estaciones de bomberos y centros de recreo.

Como sabe cualquier propietario o inquilino, los edificios necesitan reparaciones y obras periódicas de mantenimiento. Históricamente, la ciudad gestionaba esto a través del presupuesto de los departamentos que ocupaban estos edificios. Este enfoque descentralizado condujo a una priorización incoherente y a una inversión anual de alrededor del 0.5 % de su valor de reposición. El estándar industrial oscila entre un 2 y un 4 %. El resultado ha sido una acumulación de reparaciones pendientes difícil de ignorar.

Cambiamos el enfoque en 2021, cuando juntamos todos nuestros edificios bajo un solo departamento y creamos un Plan Estratégico de Instalaciones con el fin de abordar un mantenimiento continuo a largo plazo. Una característica central de este plan es la consolidación. Actualmente estamos a punto de alcanzar nuestro primer objetivo clave.

En 2027 trasladaremos una porción significativa de nuestro personal a un nuevo centro de servicios públicos, situado entre Broadway y Alpine, en el antiguo Boulder Community Hospital. El gobierno municipal compró este terreno en 2015 para dedicarlo a usos diversos; entre ellos, vivienda, mitigación de inundaciones y servicios públicos más eficientes.

Allí consolidaremos personal perteneciente a 10 edificios municipales. Dos de los edificios que vaciaremos están ubicados en terreno inundable de alto riesgo y hay que demolerlos. Otros los venderemos para contrarrestar los costos.

Quiero ser transparente: esta es la inversión más grande realizada en la historia de la ciudad, y dados los problemas de la cadena de suministros, la inflación y los aranceles que están afectando la construcción en todo el mundo, no es barato. El presupuesto de 140 millones incluye renovaciones del edificio público principal y del garaje al otro lado de la calle, así como mejoras en el canal de alivio y el transporte por todo el terreno.



Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde,
gerente municipal



Hemos reutilizado una parte del antiguo edificio y hecho lo necesario para ajustarnos a nuestro propio código de construcción y a los valores medioambientales de la comunidad.

El costo de alrededor de 980 \$/pie cuadrado es comparable a construcciones públicas recientes, como el ayuntamiento de Fort Lupton (750 \$/pie cuadrado) y el edificio municipal y de la policía de Golden (1,017 \$/pie cuadrado), ambos finalizados en 2026.

Con el tiempo, recuperaremos estos gastos. Al cerrar edificios en mal estado, disminuir alquileres, emplear sistemas energéticos eficientes y presupuestar adecuadamente un mantenimiento regular, este edificio reducirá el costo total de su adquisición y será un valioso bien para la comunidad durante décadas.

Pero es normal que se pregunte, ¿y qué de los centros de recreo y de seguridad pública? Estamos de acuerdo en que estos también exigen atención e inversión.

En junio, el Concejo Municipal nos pidió elaborar la posible introducción en la boleta de votaciones de un bono de 400 millones de dólares para financiar un enfoque estratégico e integral del portafolio de la ciudad. Pedir a los votantes un aumento del impuesto de propiedad (aproximadamente 400 dólares al año en el caso de una casa de 1 millón) nunca es fácil, pero cuanto más esperemos, más aumentarán los costos. Nos centraremos en 15 edificios prioritarios; entre ellos, los centros de recreo del norte y el sur de Boulder, West Age Well Center, las estaciones de bomberos y el edificio de seguridad pública.

Le invito a seguir aprendiendo sobre el plan y la historia de nuestras instalaciones, así como sobre la iniciativa pendiente de la boleta en boulder.colorado.gov. Este reto exige una planeación cuidadosa, una gobernanza responsable y una toma informada de decisiones. Estamos comprometidos con cada una de estas cosas y confiamos en su colaboración para gestionar nuestras necesidades y circunstancias económicas. ¡Construyamos juntos un futuro sostenible!





BoulderMOD: Oportunidades para la adquisición de vivienda

A principios de verano, tras años de planificación y aportes de capital en forma de horas de trabajo, dos familias iniciaron su próximo capítulo al recibir las llaves de su nueva casa prefabricada de BoulderMOD.

“Gracias por facilitarnos tanto la compra de nuestro nuevo hogar”, dijo uno de los propietarios. “Es un logro tremendo para nuestra familia. Gracias a todas y cada una de las personas que participaron en este proceso”.

El impacto de la construcción de estas casas excede sus efectos sobre estas familias; es el primer paso hacia la creación de oportunidades de adquisición de vivienda asequible en nuestra comunidad.

Desde el año 2000, la ciudad ha aumentado la oferta de vivienda asequible, pero la creación de oportunidades de compra ha sido más complicada. De las 4,140 viviendas asequibles de Boulder, la mayoría son de alquiler y solo 823 (el 20 %) están aprobadas para su compra por personas de ingresos bajos o medios.

No obstante, gracias a BoulderMOD, el gobierno municipal y nuestros socios colaboradores vamos a ser capaces de incrementar las oportunidades de adquisición de vivienda en Boulder y comunidades vecinas.

BoulderMOD

BoulderMOD, una fábrica modular que construye viviendas eficientes desde el punto de vista energético y asequibles de por vida, es fruto de la colaboración entre el gobierno municipal de Boulder, Flatirons Habitat for Humanity y el Distrito Escolar del Valle de Boulder (BVSD).

El gobierno local construyó y equipó la fábrica, y Flatirons Habitat sirve de fabricante certificado supervisando las operaciones, la compra de materiales y la coordinación de voluntarios, propietarios y profesionales. El Distrito cedió terreno para la fábrica e integró el programa de construcción de su centro de educación técnica (TEC) al ofrecer a los estudiantes formación práctica en construcción de casas.

Dentro de la fábrica, voluntarios, profesionales de Flatirons Habitat y estudiantes del Distrito trabajan en equipo en nueve talleres donde hacen de todo, desde la estructura y los conductos eléctricos hasta los muebles de cocina y los acabados. El modelo desperdicia menos material, reduce el tiempo de construcción y baja costos, todo ello mientras forma a la próxima generación de profesionales de la construcción aquí en Boulder.

Creación de oportunidades para la adquisición de vivienda

Boulder es, desde hace mucho tiempo, un lugar muy atractivo para vivir, pero para la mayoría de las personas se ha vuelto más y más difícil comprar una vivienda en Boulder y sus alrededores.

Durante las últimas dos décadas, el precio de la vivienda ha superado lo que pueden permitirse aquellos que hacen funcionar nuestra comunidad (maestros, profesionales de la salud, comerciantes, empleados de servicios). Cuando las familias trabajadoras dejan de poder comprarse casas en Boulder, tienen que desplazarse desde más y más lejos o abandonar el área por completo.

La oferta de vivienda asequible para habitantes de un continuo económico es esencial para la salud de nuestra comunidad, y la construcción de casas en BoulderMOD es una de las maneras que tiene la ciudad de abordar la asequibilidad de la vivienda en nuestro territorio. Con la compra de una vivienda, nuestros vecinos pueden acumular capital, proporcionar estabilidad a sus familias y retener un bien que servirá de apoyo a las generaciones futuras.

El precio de las casas construidas por BoulderMOD está calculado para que permanezca asequible para hogares de ingresos bajos, moderados e intermedios. Es una diferencia esencial respecto a las viviendas a precio de mercado, cuyo importe viene dictado por las tendencias locales y no tiene límite.

Las casas de BoulderMOD están diseñadas para servir a toda la comunidad del Valle de Boulder y crearán oportunidades para que individuos y familias trabajadoras hagan de nuestra comunidad lo que verdaderamente es.

Cómo funciona BoulderMOD

BoulderMOD opera desde una instalación de 31,375 pies cuadrados donde se construyen y terminan las casas por dentro por completo antes de ser transportadas a su lugar definitivo. Cada casa pasa por nueve talleres donde se instalan la estructura, paredes, techo, electricidad, tuberías, pintura y revestimiento, enlucido, molduras y ebanistería, y electrodomésticos y acabados. El proceso está diseñado para minimizar desperdicios, reducir costos y mantener un nivel constante de calidad.



Crédito: BVSD

La fábrica, no solo produce casas eficientes desde el punto de vista energético con cero emisiones netas, sino que ella misma se nutre de energía solar. El sistema de placas solares de 333.54 kW contrarresta el consumo total esperado de electricidad de la fábrica y cada dólar ahorrado en energía puede ser reinvertido en la producción de vivienda asequible. Al utilizar energía solar en una fábrica que funciona solo con electricidad, BoulderMOD se ajusta al Plan de Acción Climática de la ciudad y a la meta de Boulder de reducir la emisión de gases invernadero en un 70 % llegado el 2030.

Los estudiantes de Construcción del TEC de BVSD trabajan junto al personal y voluntarios de Flatirons Habitat formándose al mismo tiempo en prácticas verdes de construcción de viviendas. El programa, que ha ganado en popularidad entre los estudiantes y ya está lleno

para el año escolar 2026-27, también está incrementando nuestra mano de obra local, caracterizada por el envejecimiento de nuestros profesionales cualificados.

“Es bonito saber que lo que estamos haciendo no va a ser puntuado y lanzado a la papelera”, dice Gabriel, un estudiante de BVSD. “Va a ser colocado en el mundo para alguien que lo necesita”

Una estrategia regional

Las primeras casas construidas por BoulderMOD están siendo instaladas en la comunidad Ponderosa del norte de Boulder y van a emplazarse más de ellas en una zona urbanizada de Habitat for Humanity en la avenida Violet de Boulder. Otras se colocarán en Louisville. BoulderMOD también proporcionará casas a nuestros colaboradores; entre ellos, Thistle Community Housing en Louisville y otras organizaciones locales afiliadas a Habitat for Humanity.

Con capacidad para producir hasta 25 casas al año, BoulderMOD es una respuesta escalable y a largo plazo para nuestros problemas de vivienda asequible.

Participa

Personas como usted ayudarán a que BoulderMOD continúe creciendo. Pueden solicitarse visitas guiadas a la fábrica y oportunidades de voluntariado a través de Flatirons Habitat for Humanity, y hacer donaciones en flatironshabitat.org.

Si desea saber más sobre Boulder Mod, visite bldr.fyi/BoulderMod.



Crédito: Namaste Solar

Anotaciones de los Conectores Comunitarios

¿Se ha preguntado alguna vez cómo hacen los municipios para incorporar las sugerencias de sus ciudadanos y así decidir mejor? ¿O qué se observa cuando líderes ciudadanos y representantes municipales trabajan en equipo? ¡Estas son las preguntas que los Conectores Comunitarios buscan responder con su trabajo de campo!

El modelo de Conectores Comunitarios reúne líderes locales que apoyan al gobierno municipal elevando las voces, experiencias y prioridades de grupos históricamente marginalizados. En esencia, el modelo se basa en el diálogo: compartiendo las diferentes perspectivas de la comunidad, conectando a gente con fuentes útiles de recursos y apoyando, desde la sensibilidad cultural, la participación pública. Aunque hay muchas maneras de participar en el funcionamiento de nuestra ciudad, los Conectores Comunitarios nos recuerdan que no estamos solos en nuestro objetivo de fomentar la solidaridad y la equidad.

Desde su lanzamiento en 2018, los Conectores Comunitarios no han dejado de tener un impacto significativo en las labores de la ciudad. Quizá sepan del programa de Conectores Comunitarios en Residencia, que proporciona información y sugerencias a representantes municipales y al Consejo sobre políticas y planes, pero tal vez desconozcan otros programas. ¡A continuación encontrarán un breve ejemplo del trabajo de campo que se está haciendo!

Los Conectores Comunitarios de Divulgación son un grupo de ocho líderes locales que ayudan a fortalecer la comunicación del gobierno local con la comunidad. Se reúnen periódicamente con representantes municipales para revisar materiales de divulgación como volantes, correos electrónicos y boletines para garantizar que la información llegue verdaderamente al máximo número de personas.

Estos Conectores disfrutan también de relaciones estrechas en sus comunidades y ayudan a informar sobre servicios municipales muy beneficiosos. Gracias a su colaboración, la ciudad ha sido capaz de alcanzar cientos de hogares que, de otra manera, no se habrían enterado de programas y servicios muy importantes.

¿Cómo rediseñamos los servicios al consumidor mientras preparamos un nuevo centro comunitario y nos aseguramos de que los ciudadanos se sientan acogidos? ¡Pues invitando a los miembros de la comunidad en el proceso desde el mero principio!

Los Conectores Comunitarios comparten sus propias experiencias de acceso a los servicios municipales y ayudan a los representantes locales a imaginar experiencias más accesibles y efectivas. Al trabajar de cerca con el Departamento de Innovación y Tecnología y con directores de proyectos apoyando el desarrollo de un nuevo edificio urbano, estos Conectores ya han tenido un impacto considerable desde que el grupo empezó en abril de 2026.



Manténgase informado sobre este innovador modelo de participación aquí:

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