

History of the Project

Over the past 80 years, South Boulder Creek (SBC) has flooded significantly six times, with overtopping of US36 occurring in 1969 and 2013. As a result, the city has been working to mitigate future flooding impacts over the last decade. Below are the major milestones in the SBC flood mitigation project.

South Boulder Creek Master Plan – On Aug. 4, 2015 Boulder City Council accepted the Final South Boulder Creek Major Drainage Plan, with recommendations for three phases of flood mitigation. Regional detention at US36 to prevent overtopping of US36 during large storm events was selected as Phase 1 due to the large downstream benefits. You can [read the memo](#) or [watch the video \(1:05:15\)](#) of that decision.

BVCP Update - In September 2017 City Council and Boulder County approved the updated Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP), including [Guiding Principles](#) for future uses on the University of Colorado's Boulder South property (CU South). Use of the property for city flood mitigation would require City Council approval of an annexation agreement between the city and the university. Visit the [CU South project page](#) for more information about the annexation process.

Phase 1 Project Concept Development - the city selected the RJH Consultant team (RJH) to provide engineering services for preliminary design of the Phase 1 South Boulder Creek flood mitigation project. In 2017 and 2018 the project team engaged the community to review and gather feedback on design concepts based on Phase 1 project goals and the CU South Guiding Principles. The goal was to identify a community preferred alternative to help move forward into preliminary design.