

LOOKING UP! A VISION FOR NORTHGLENN'S FUTURE

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WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- **Long range plan to guide future actions of a community**
- **Utilizes public input to create policy and programmatic recommendations**
- **Current plan updated in 2010**
- **Updates occur to respond to changes in a community**



COMMUNITY VISION

Northglenn is an inclusive, welcoming community that has a unique character as a small city nestled among a bustling metropolitan region. We are an economically sound city that supports residents by offering a safe place to live, work, and play. We celebrate the diversity of neighbors and act as stewards to our environment to achieve a resilient and equitable present and future.



LAND USE

- Welcoming and inclusive community
- Maintain important characteristics
- Environmentally friendly, accessible, and pedestrian focused
- Strengthen commercial centers



Webster Lake Promenade



AREAS OF FOCUS

Area of Focus	Recommendation
Market Place	Mixed – Use Regional
Market Place Annex	Mixed – Use Regional
112 TH and Irma to the N – Line & West Side of Irma to 104th	Mixed – Use Corridor/ Commercial General
Washington Point (West of Washington)	Mixed – Use Corridor
Washington Center (East of Washington)	Aesthetic Improvements
Huron Center	Mixed – Use Regional
112 th and Huron – Vacant Property	Public Facility or Mixed – Use Corridor
Bannock St. South of Omeara Ford	RM – 1
Omeara Ford Area	Mixed – Use Regional

[Map Link](#)



LAND USE GOALS

- 1. Support effective development/redevelopment practices in identified Areas of Focus (AOF) considering equity and environmental sustainability as a component of the recommendations.**
- 2. Support the preservation of existing character in identified Areas of Stability (AOS).**



LAND USE GOALS

CONT'D

3. Encourage redevelopment/development to create accessible and pedestrian focused properties.

4. Strive for development/redevelopment practices that are environmentally sustainable.

5. Strengthen existing commercial areas/centers.



TRANSPORTATION

- **Multimodal focus**
- **Safe, efficient movement**
- **Environmentally conscious**
- **Easier, more accessible walking/biking and public transit**



Bike Lane Along Grant Street



TRANSPORTATION GOALS

- 1. Encourage the use of personal electric vehicles.**
- 2. Improve road conditions and safety.**
- 3. Improve resident experience in utilizing public transit.**
- 4. Improve bicycle and pedestrian travel throughout the city.**



WATER RESOURCES

- **More efficient, responsible use of water**
- **Respond to increase in extreme heat and drought days**
- **Equitable approach to conservation programs**
- **Encompasses water, wastewater, and stormwater**



Water Treatment Facility



WATER RESOURCES GOALS

- 1. Increase responsible and efficient use of water resources.**
- 2. Maintain and improve, water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.**



COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Remove barriers to healthy, active lifestyle
- Addresses food access, environment, bike-ped connectivity, healthy homes, mental health



Full Moon Bike Ride



COMMUNITY HEALTH GOALS

- 1. Ensure convenient access to healthy foods for all residents.**
- 2. Improve multi-modal connectivity throughout the City that facilitates walking and bicycling in lieu of car travel.**



COMMUNITY HEALTH GOALS

CONT'D

3. Preserve and improve air quality in Northglenn and the Denver Metro Region.

4. Promote “healthy homes” and educate residents on how to keep their homes “healthy.”



COMMUNITY HEALTH GOALS

CONT'D

5. Strive to create and maintain an environment that promotes mental wellness through the design of spaces and program offerings in the City.

6. Create livable neighborhoods that are resilient to the greatest climate related risks the City faces.



PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Address real, perceived safety concerns**
- **Community-oriented solutions**
- **Empower residents with support of city services, resources**



School Zone



PUBLIC SAFETY GOALS

- 1. Prioritize community-based approaches and outreach in addressing, real and perceived, issues of public safety.**
- 2. Maintain and expand the city's Crisis Response Unit (CRU).**
- 3. Reduce the impacts of natural and man-made hazards.**



PUBLIC SAFETY GOALS

CONT'D

4. Strive to meet the needs of those currently unhoused and prevent future homelessness.

5. Improve the appearance and condition of neighborhoods to decrease real and perceived issues of neighborhood safety.



HOUSING

- **Maintain and improve relative affordability**
- **Addresses housing diversification, retention of residents, affordability for current residents, and opportunities to improve housing**



Roseanna Drive



HOUSING GOALS

- 1. Retain residents likely to transition out of Northglenn.**
- 2. Diversify housing types to accommodate all stages of housing needs.**
- 3. Improve affordability for current Northglenn residents.**



PARKS AND RECREATION

- **Support implementation of Parks Master Plan**
- **Focus on trail connectivity and effects of climate change**



Danahy Park



PARKS AND RECREATION GOAL

1. Ensure the City of Northglenn parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation facilities provide for the recreation and tourism needs of city residents and visitors



QUESTIONS?

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Goal 1: Support effective development/redevelopment practices in identified Areas of Change (AOC) considering equity and environmental sustainability as a component of the recommendations.

- Develop sub-area/neighborhood plans of AOC based on prioritization of need.
- Encourage rezonings that support the prescribed future land uses noted for each AOC.
- Ensure all sub-area/neighborhood plans evaluate capacity issues related to traffic, water, waste water, and storm water.

Goal 2: Support the preservation of existing character in identified Areas of Stability (AOS).

- Through amendments to the UDO, incentivize infill or redevelopment that is consistent with the character and uses located in prescribed areas of stability.
- Work with the Northglenn Historic Preservation Commission to identify historically significant areas that have potential for local designation.

Goal 3: Encourage redevelopment/development to create accessible and pedestrian focused properties.

- Incentivize reductions in asphalt and increasing green spaces for comfort and use in a park like manner through amendments to the UDO.
- Universal design measures should be incentivized for the redevelopment/development of commercial and multi-family properties through amendments to the UDO and/ or strengthening amendments to the building codes.
- Require/incentivize outdoor seating at restaurants through amendments to the UDO.
- Amend the UDO to require/incentivize features such as plazas, pocket parks, patios, children's play areas, sidewalks, pathways, "street furniture", public art, and connection to the city's trail system as part of the development/redevelopment of large commercial developments.

Goal 4: Strive for development/redevelopment practices that are environmentally sustainable.

- Incentive use of environmentally friendly materials and LEED Certification in development/ redevelopment practices through amendments to the UDO and/or building codes.

Goal 5: Strengthen existing commercial areas/centers.

- Create regulations that consider universal design and environmentally sustainable measures that further incentivize the redevelopment and revitalization of under performing commercial development.
- Work with NURA to develop (further) incentives or programs for properties in need of cosmetic improvements. Especially those noted as areas of change in need of aesthetic improvements.

Goal 1: Encourage the use of sustainable modes of transportation.

- Implement recommendations prescribed in EV Readiness Plan
- Provide educational opportunities for residents to learn more about and test EVs.
- Incentivize the installation of EV chargers on non-city owned properties, especially schools, shopping centers, and centers of employment.
- Establish a financially equitable electric bike rebate program.
- Prioritize and implement Connect Northglenn: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan recommendations.

Goal 2: Improve road conditions and safety.

- Educate residents on the various forms of traffic calming.
- Further promote and implement No Need for Speed program.
- Work with Public Works to research and apply for funds to improve road safety, especially for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Continue to fund and prioritize road maintenance and repair program until road conditions allow for a maintenance predominant approach to road conditions.

Goal 3: Improve resident experience in utilizing public transit.

- Understand the barriers for residents to safely travel to and from bus and rail stops.
- Prioritize improvements to sidewalks and bicycle facilities leading to and from bus and rail stops.
- Work with RTD and other regional transportation organizations to advocate for improvements to the public transit system in and around Northglenn.
- Partner with Smart Commute to continue educating residents on the various public transit opportunities and changes.

Goal 4: Improve bicycle and pedestrian travel throughout the city.

- Encourage bicycle and pedestrian focused infrastructure in, to and from new developments and redevelopments beyond current requirements in the UDO.
- Educate residents on proper bike safety and rules of the road.
- Educate youth by partnering with schools to conduct bike rodeos and bike safety education.
- Research and apply for funding to implement sidewalk and bike facility improvements.
- Continue coordination between Public Works and Planning and Development to implement recommendations from Connect Northglenn: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Provide proper wayfinding signage to inform residents of various trails and potential safe “commuter” routes through the city. Commuter routes may be a mix of trails and safe pedestrian and bicyclist corridors.
- Provide bike rental locations with free vehicle parking at commercial centers or city facilities in close proximity to trail access points.

Goal 1: Increase responsible and efficient use of water resources.

- Encourage universal conservation measures irrespective of drought conditions through ongoing community education
- Develop incentives for new development and redevelopment of residential and non-residential properties to install or adopt water conservation measures.
 - Rainwater gardens/barrels
 - Grey water usage (dependent on legislation)
 - Pervious pavement materials
 - Native plants that are drought resistant
- Incentivize Low Impact Development practices to better protect water quality.
- Expand current household water conservation programs to be more financially equitable for all residents.
- Educate residents and businesses on water conservation measures that could be implemented.
- Continue to review development ordinances to ensure the latest best practices for water conservation are included.
- Evaluate and implement opportunities for reducing City water usage in buildings and parks and open spaces.
- Expand the xeriscape provisions in the UDO to allow for greater use of non-living materials. Special attention should be paid to the effects of microclimates caused by non-living material in determining the minimum of living materials required.

Goal 2: Maintain and improve water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

- Continue to prioritize maintenance based on age, impact and evaluate new technologies and methods of more efficient maintenance.
- Include water impact analyses in all neighborhood and sub-area plans.
- Understand benefits or costs of utilizing impact fees and implement strategies based on analysis.
- Financially assist or incentivize upgrades to stormwater facilities on private property to offset cost burdens placed on developments.
- Develop Enhance educational programs concerning the impacts of trash and debris on stormwater infrastructure and water quality.
- Develop Enhance educational programs concerning the impacts of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer run-off on water quality.

Goal 1: Ensure convenient access to healthy foods for all residents

- Continue to implement the recommendations in the Northglenn Food Access Assessment, with priorities on the following recommendations in the report:
 - Attract a Farmers Market operator to host a regular farmers market in the City.
 - Utilize Economic Development tools to attract food outlets with healthy alternatives.
 - Allow the development of community gardens in all zone districts.
 - Prioritize connectivity and food accessibility Northglenn's low-income neighborhoods.
 - Assess Primary Barriers to SNAP Enrollment and work to increase enrollment of residents that are eligible but not enrolled for benefits.

Goal 2: Improve multi-model connectivity throughout the City that facilitates walking and bicycling in lieu of car travel

- Implement the recommendations outlined in Connect Northglenn where feasible:
 - Create a dedicated funding source to be specifically utilized to implement the recommendations.
 - Make implementation a high priority for the City by identifying and budgeting annual projects based on the recommendations of the plan.
 - Collaborate with agencies that provide senior transit to ensure that Northglenn seniors have access to reliable transportation to get them to appointments, errands, and social excursions.

Goal 3: Preserve and improve air quality in Northglenn and the Denver Metro Region

- The City shall continue to coordinate its air quality planning efforts with other local, regional and State agencies, and encourage community participation in air quality planning.
- The City shall continue to support and expand Air Quality monitoring in the Community so residents can find real time information on local levels of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5), so they can use it to make informed decisions on outside activities and personal measures to improve air quality based on the current data.
- Expand sustainable transportation options in the community by expanding the bicycle and pedestrian network, bicycle and eBike programs, electric vehicle adoption and infrastructure, transit and adapting to new clean transit options as they emerge.

Goal 4: Promote “healthy homes” and educate residents on how to keep their homes “healthy”

- The City shall disseminate information about methods for reducing mold growth.
- The City shall promote green building practices that support “healthy homes”.
- Provide materials that help residents connect with agencies that can test for radon in the home.
- Provide materials that educate residents on lead and asbestos in houses and types of mitigation for each material.

Goal 5: Strive to create and maintain an environment that promotes mental wellness through the design of spaces and program offerings in the City.

- Partner with local organizations, such as Community Reach, to help residents get connected with mental health services they may need.
- Consider amending ordinances to limit the number of alcohol and marijuana retail sales in the community.
- Enforce regulations regarding graffiti, vandalism, public drug use, stray animals and property maintenance to increase safety (both real and perceived).
- Promote the many opportunities to volunteer and connect with other residents in Northglenn, including Snow Stormers, Bicycle repair and give away program, planting flower beds, serving on volunteer boards, commissions, and committees, etc.
- Continue to support the City's Crisis Response Unit (CRU) to support connecting individuals to needed services during a mental health crisis or event.

Goal 6: Create livable neighborhoods that are resilient to the greatest climate related risks the City faces.

- Develop a public heat safety education campaign that will be rolled out in late spring and early summer annually to inform residents of actions they can take to find relief on days of extreme heat.
- Develop a plan to designate and create cooling centers around the city so that all residents have access to cool shelter from the heat.
 - Prioritize implementation in low-income neighborhoods where populations may have limited access to air conditioning or may be hesitant to operate air conditioning and cooling units due to potentially high electricity costs during peak heat hours.
 - Partner with private and non-profit organizations to act as designated centers.
- Prioritize shade structures in public spaces, trails, and right-of-way (ROW) to provide shade from harmful UV rays and relief from the heat.
- Maintain the City's Tree City USA designation.

Goal 1: Prioritize community-based approaches and outreach in addressing, real and perceived, issues of public safety.

- Support the implementation of feasible recommendations from the Community Co-Production Policing Board.
- Develop incentives or waivers for groups or individuals seeking to use community spaces (rooms, parks, etc.) for community based and/or building activities.
- Increase community engagement through development and support of new neighborhood groups.
- Increase crime prevention education through social media, Connection articles, and programming.
- Partner with city's Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Equity (DISE) board to identify issues and concerns related to marginalized members of our community.
- Support the implementation of strategies outlined in the Northglenn Police Department's 360 Assessment and 5-Year Strategic Plan.

Goal 2: Maintain and expand the city's Crisis Response Unit (CRU).

- Prioritize funding for the continuation and expansion of CRU beyond the initial grant funded period of operation.
- Support and expand regional partnerships to address the need for services across a variety of demographics.
- Support the maintenance and/or expansion of current programs and services provided or supported by CRU.

Goal 3: Reduce the impacts of natural and man-made hazards.

- Support the implementation of recommendations outlined in the Thornton, Federal Heights, Northglenn Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Identify locations for severe weather shelters to be utilized during extreme heat and cold conditions.

Goal 4: Strive to meet the needs of those currently unhoused and prevent future homelessness.

- Understand the feasibility of various housing approaches and programs that could be utilized to provide housing or transitional options for those experiencing homelessness.
- Provide educational and programmatic resources to those at-risk for experiencing homelessness.
- Prioritize regional partnerships with surrounding jurisdictions, private entities, and non-profit groups to address the needs of the unhoused and issues of homelessness.
- Provide temporary housing at a ratio of one bed per 1,000 residents.

Goal 5: Improve the appearance and condition of neighborhoods to decrease real and perceived issues of neighborhood safety.

- Expand advertisement and use of Block Party Trailer for neighborhood level gatherings.
- Educate residents on the processes and purposes of code enforcement within Northglenn.
- Utilize community or neighborhood groups to encourage neighborhood pride and sense of place.
- Continue and expand partnership between code enforcement and CRU to connect residents in need with resources and mitigation services.

Goal 1: Retain residents likely to transition out of Northglenn.

- Determine feasibility of low-cost loans for homeowners to improve their houses.
- Understand viability of targeted incentives for homeowners to improve their houses and properties.
- Improve aesthetic nature of entrance corridors and rights-of-way in Northglenn.
- Engage with residents to determine neighborhoods in the city and develop a sense of place for residents in their immediate community.
- Encourage the forming of neighborhood groups to develop a sense of community and shared pride.

Goal 2: Diversify housing types to accommodate all stages of housing needs.

- Engage with residents to determine areas that could accommodate mid-density housing (duplex, triplex, etc.).
- Determine ways to make accessory dwelling units (ADUs) more accessible for residents through education and amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).
- Establish mixed use or transit oriented overlay districts to allow for greater flexibility of potential uses in areas.
- Develop targeted incentives to assist with the costs of infill construction.

Goal 3: Improve affordability for current Northglenn residents.

- Provide housing that meets all stages of the housing life cycle.
- Support the development of market rate housing to provide for residents who are financially able to move up from lower cost, affordable housing.
- Maintain relative affordability within the Denver Metro Region.
- Continue supporting the use of Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) funds to assist first time home buyers.

Parks & Recreation

Goal & Policies



Goal 1: Ensure the City of Northglenn parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation facilities provide for the recreation and tourism needs of city residents and visitors.

- Continue the evaluation and implementation of the City of Northglenn Parks Master Plan.
- Continue to work towards the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) Accreditation.
- Prioritize the connection of trails and bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as recommended in Connect Northglenn, throughout the city to make pedestrian and bicycle travel safe and convenient.
- Plan for and respond to the effects of climate change to ensure safe and comfortable use parks, trails, and open spaces.