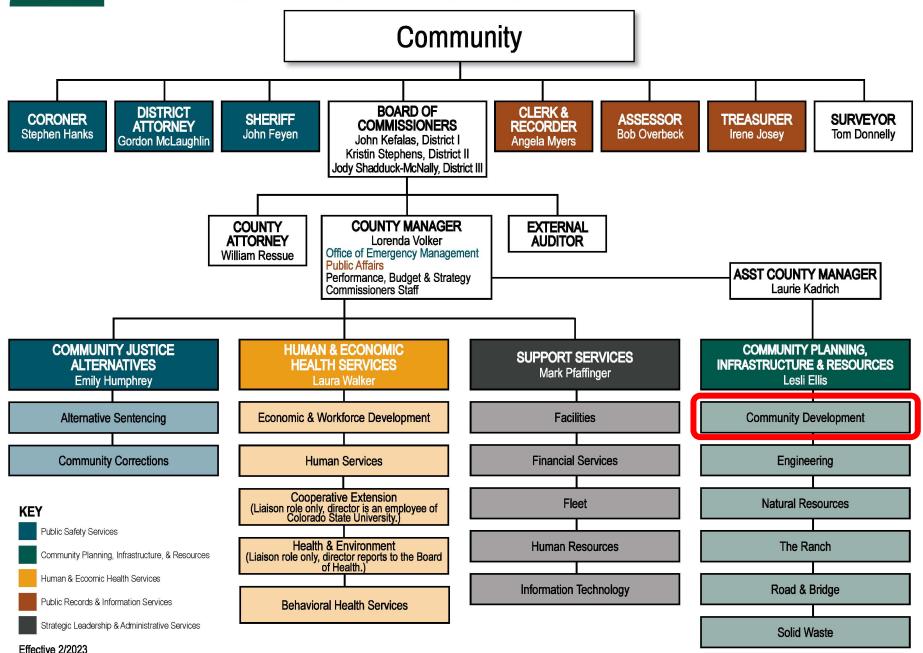


# LAND USE & PLANNING OVERVIEW

LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AUGUST 29, 2024



# LARIMER COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

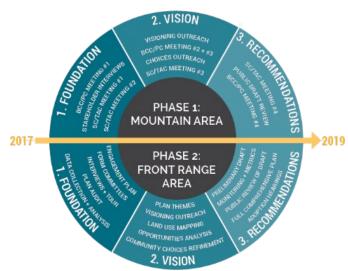




## WHY DOES THE COUNTY PLAN?



- To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.
- To foster and implement the community's vision for the future of the built environment... and address environmental, social, and economic goals.
- To create an organized way of determining a community's needs; setting goals and objectives to address those needs.
- To serve as a basis for establishing regulations, programs, infrastructure.

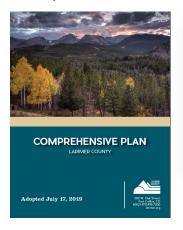




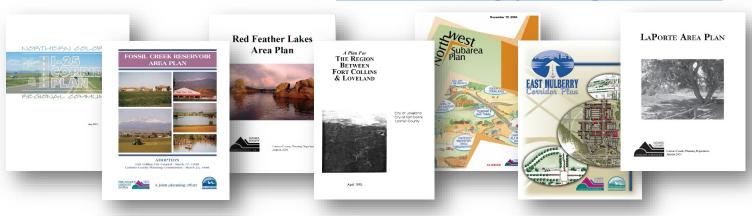


# LARIMER COUNTY GUIDING DOCUMENTS

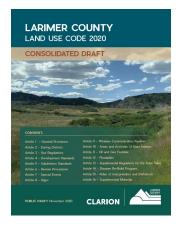
### **Policy Documents**



## www.larimer.org/planning/documents



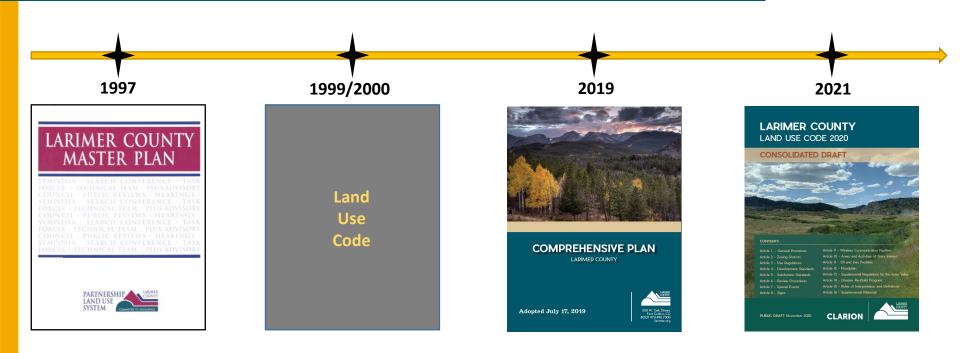
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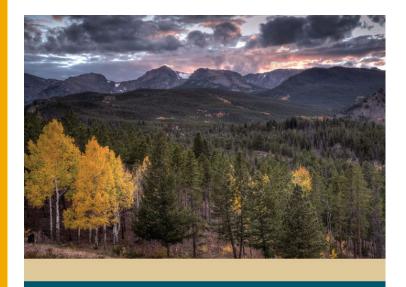
# LAND USE PLANNING TIMELINE (25+ YRS.)



- \* Zoning has been in place since 1963
- \* Subdivision Regulations have been in place since 1972
- \* First County Master Plan adopted in 1976



## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – 2019



### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

LARIMER COUNTY

Adopted July 17, 2019



- Based upon considerable public engagement and input
- Establishes a community-wide vision for the future
- Sets forth the general principles and strategies to be used by the County to guide growth and development
- Articulates guiding principles that form the basis for implementation (e.g., zoning and regulations)
- Recommends changes to the Land Use Code



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – 6 THEMES





C2. Proactive Planning

C3. Framework Map

C4. Targeted Urban Development C5. Subarea Planning

Development

and Engagement



#### Economy

Development





E3. Economic Health and Resiliency



#### Housing

- H1. Housing Needs
- **H2. Housing Diversity**
- H3. Land Division and Residential Planning





#### Health & Social

**HS1. Community Connectivity** 

HS2. Environmental Public

HS4. Individual and Community



C6. Rural

#### Infrastructure

- 11. Transportation Network
- 12. Utility and Communication Services
- 13. Adequate Facilities and Services
- 14. Energy Provision
- 15. Solid Waste Management
- 16. Sustainable Design Measures



#### Watersheds & Natural Resources

- WNR1. Natural Resource, Wildlife Habitat, and **Ecosystems**
- WNR2. Agricultural Lands Conservation and Stewardship
- WNR3. Watershed Protection and **Enhancement**
- WNR4. Water Conservation and Quality
- WNR5. Terrain and Natural Hazards











# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – FRAMEWORK MAP

Larimer County Comprehensive Plan Framework Map

Date: 4/24/2019

#### Framework Categories

Mountains & Foothills

Rural

Urban/Rural Interface

Urban Expansion

Industrial

Agriculture & Ranching

Natural Resource

Retail Service Node

Rural Centers

#### **Transportation**

**☞** Interstates

34-US Highways

14-State Highways

®-County Road

-Arterials

- Major Collectors

Minor Collectors

--- Railroads

#### Planning Boundaries

23 Planning Areas

☐ Approved GMAs

Community Influence Areas

Municipality

Larimer County

- Rocky Mountain National Park

#### **Rural Centers**

Bellvue Pinewood Springs

Buckeye Poudre Park

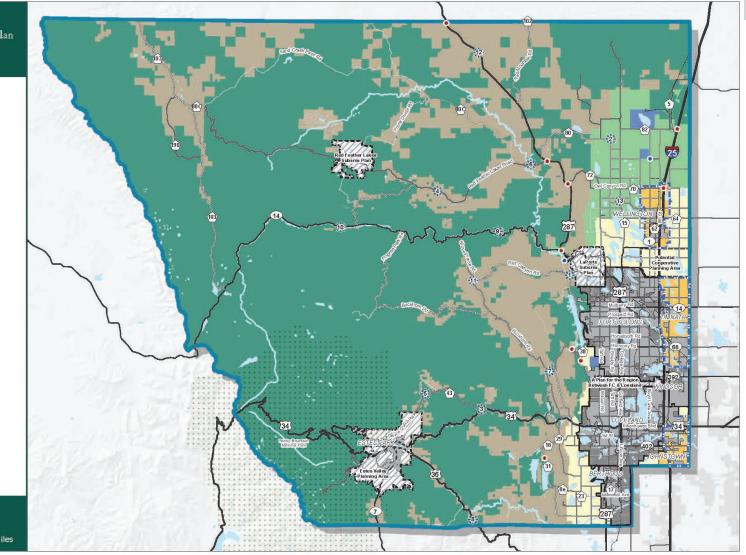
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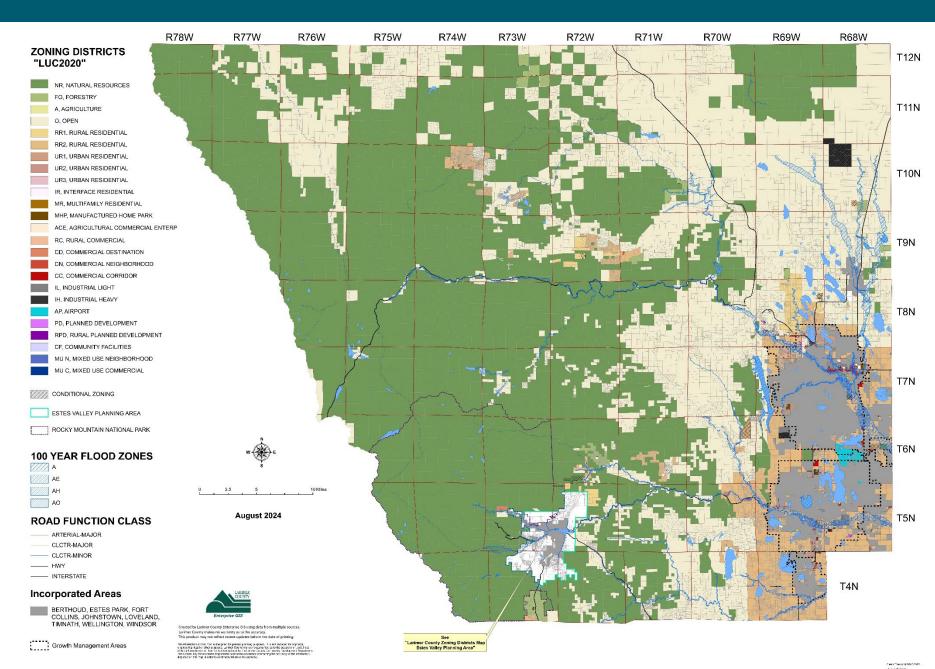
\*\* Masonville







# **ZONING MAP - COUNTYWIDE**

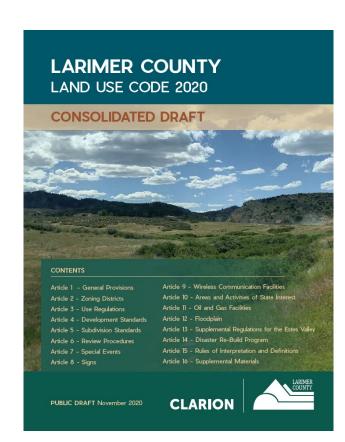




## LAND USE CODE

# https://www.larimer.org/planning/land-use-code

- Implements the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- Provides a balance between the rights and responsibilities of property owners in a growing county.
- Includes regulations that guide how property is used and developed in unincorporated Larimer County.
- Protects landowner rights while looking out for the health, safety, and welfare of the community.





# LAND USE CODE - ZONING AND STANDARDS



### **Guide:**

- how development occurs
- land use types
- environmental protection
- infrastructure requirements
- lot sizes
- site design and layout
- etc.

- Article 2.0 (Zoning Districts)
- Article 3.0 (Use Specific Standards)
- Article 4.0 (Development Standards)
- Article 5.0 (Subdivision Standards)





## HOW DECISIONS GET MADE



## **Legislative Actions:**

Adopting policies or regulations.



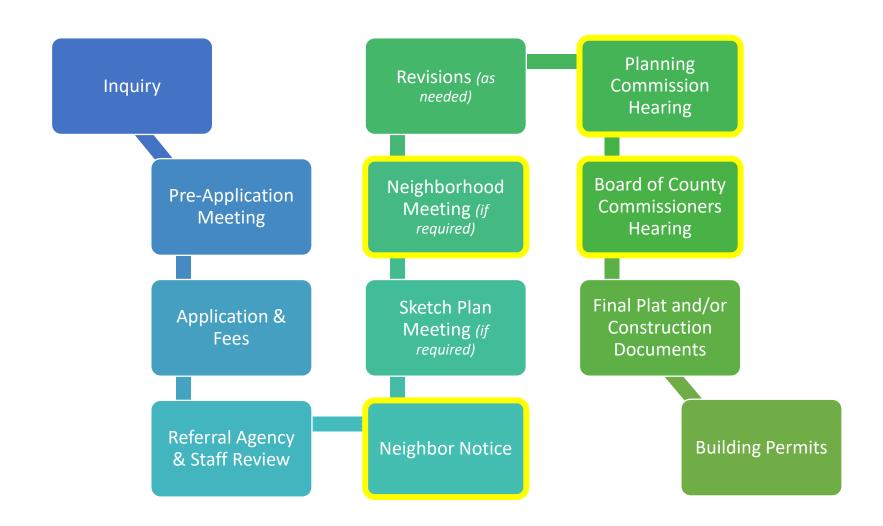
## **Quasi-judicial:**

Applies to any case or application that is subject to LUC regulations (e.g., variances, special reviews, plats, 1041s, appeals) and a public hearing. Decision makers must apply specific rules or criteria to the particular case.

BCC LAND USE HEARINGS HELD: Every other Monday at 3:00 p.m. (occasional 6:30 p.m.)



# TYPICAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS





## QUESTIONS OR FOLLOW UP

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## Helpful Webpages:

- www.larimer.org/planning
- www.larimer.org/building
- www.larimer.org/codecompliance

