

DU Executive Real Estate Round Table

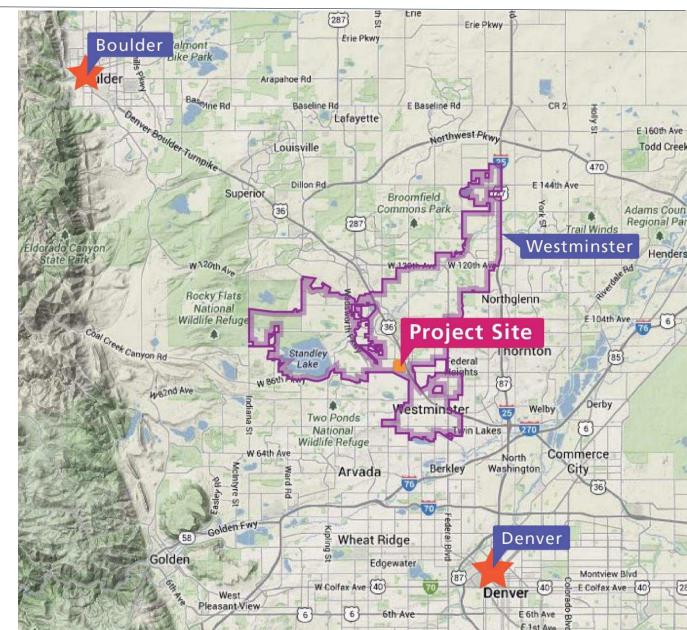
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#### City of Westminster Vision

Westminster is the next Urban Center of the Colorado Front Range. It is a vibrant, inclusive, creative, and well-connected City. People choose Westminster because it is a dynamic community with distinct neighborhoods and a resilient local economy that includes: a spectrum of jobs; diverse, integrated housing; and shopping, cultural, entertainment, and restaurant options. It embraces the outdoors and is one of the most sustainable cities in America.

## The City as Master Developer

- The Importance of "Economic" Place
- Hierarchy of Functions: The Importance of a CBD
- Reinvestment, Redevelopment & Innovation: Places that last
- Talent and Capital Attraction



## History of the Site as a Mall

- Major economic, place making and cultural identity of the city from the late 60's to late 90's
- Single largest mall in north metro area during this time period
- Mall began to decline after Flatirons Crossing
- City needed a new strategy for key intersection of US 36 & 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue



### Implementing the Strategy

- Working with the previous site owner(s)
- Necessity requires a different approach
- Facilitating development of other revenue sources: Making up for lost revenue
- Acquiring the site



## A New Approach and Strategy

- City acquisition
- Search for a master developer: Shared vision?
- City takes the lead:
  - Block-by-block approach



## **Challenges and Approaches to City as Developer**

- Support of Council
- A common vision and plan
- Acquisition and financing sources and uses
- City staff knowledge, roles, skills, responsibilities and organizational structure
- City as both land owner and land regulator
- Time
- Market perceptions
- Creating a land market
- Incentives and Assistance
- Process of negotiation, land sales and development



## **Acquisition and Financing**

- Acquisition and Development Funding Sources:
  - General Fund dollars
  - Debt Financing (COPs)
  - Tax Increment Funding
  - General Improvement
    District



## **Outcomes - Infrastructure Update**

- Pipe work 90% complete
- Westminster Blvd open from 88<sup>th</sup> to JC Penney entrance
- Xcel starting distribution lines.
- Road/Utility Project
  Completion November
  2016



### **Outcomes (Phase I)**

630 Dwelling Units (680,000 sq. ft.)

200,000 sq. ft. Retail (230,000 sq. ft. Existing)

80,000 – 100,000 sq. ft. Office

TOTAL 980,000 sq. ft.

VALUE \$215,000,000



### Outcomes

- 1. C-2 Garage & Residential
- 2. Sherman Associates
- 3. Solera/Grid
- 4. Alamo Draft House



#### Block B-1/C-1



#### Block B-1/C-1 – Ground Floor



#### Block B-3



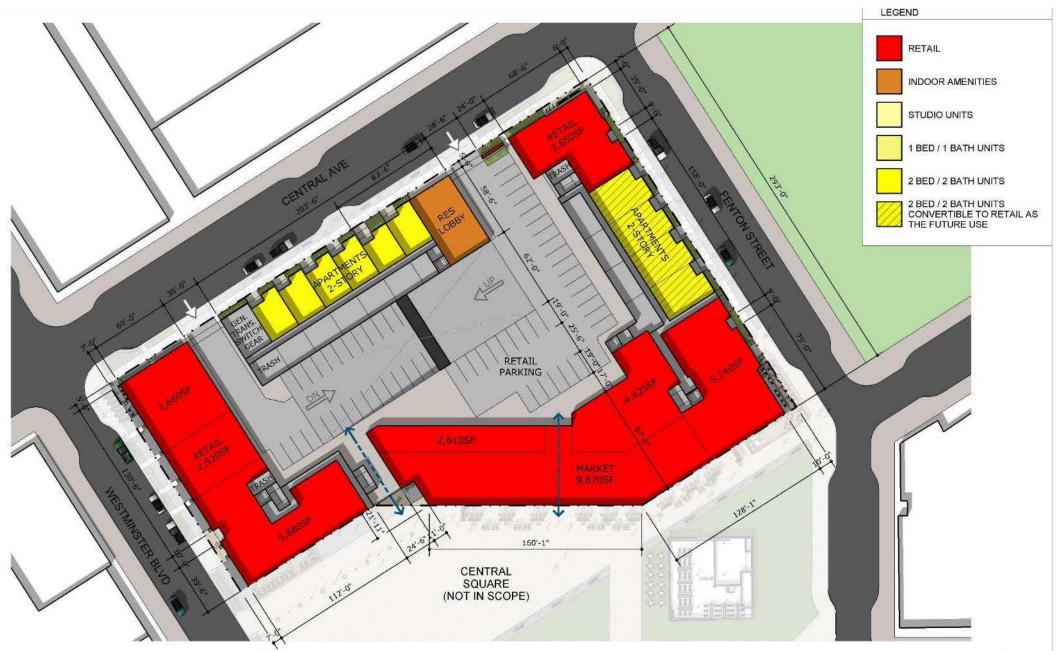
#### Block B-3



HARDIE PLANK LAP SIDING - SMOOTH 6"W COLOR - COBBLE STONE

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#### Block B-3



## Alamo Draft House

- Project Description
  - 8-10 theaters
  - Restaurant/outdoor seating
  - Retail & office wrap along Westminster Blvd
- Next Steps
- Development Strategy
- Preliminary Architectural Plan



Proposed Project, Baton Rouge, LA

## Solera/Grid

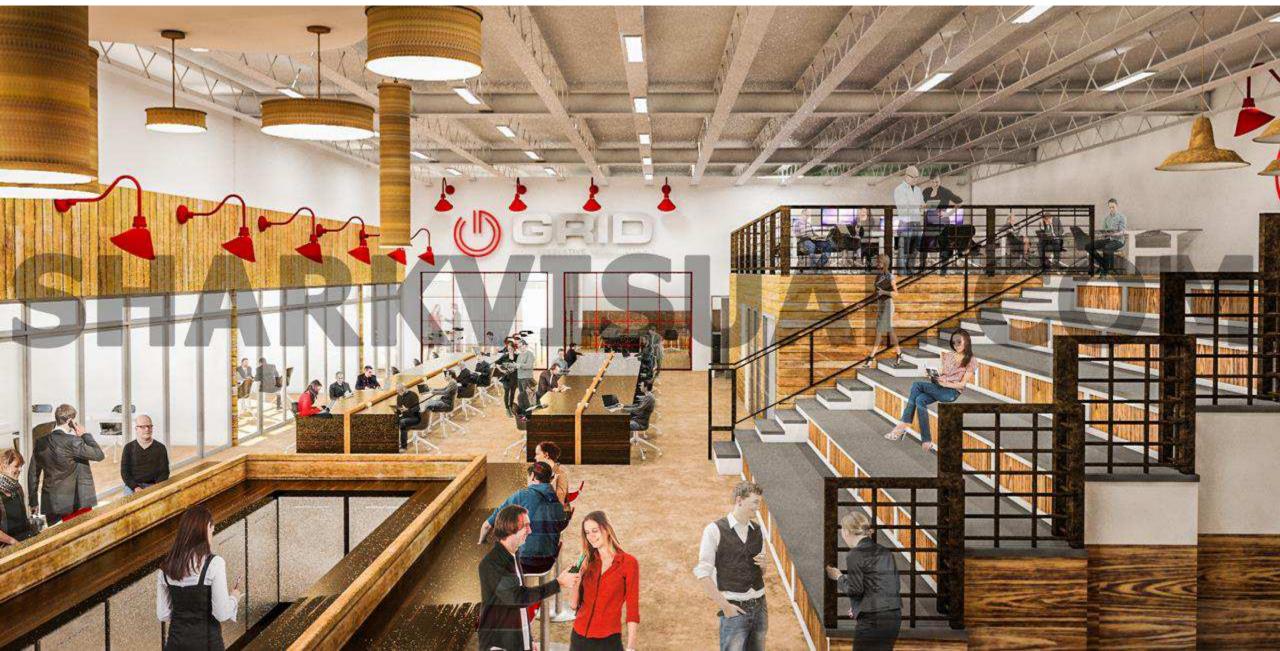
- LOI September 2015
- Purchase and Sale Agreement
  - Hancoop @ Westminster LLC
  - CC Approved 2/29
- Development
  - 6-story building
  - 100,000 to 120,000 sqft.
  - Uses (sqft.)
    - Retail, Solera Salon, Grid Collaborative
  - LEED Silver Certified
  - Parking provided by WEDA at 3.0 spaces/1,000 sqft.



### Grid Collaborative Workspace

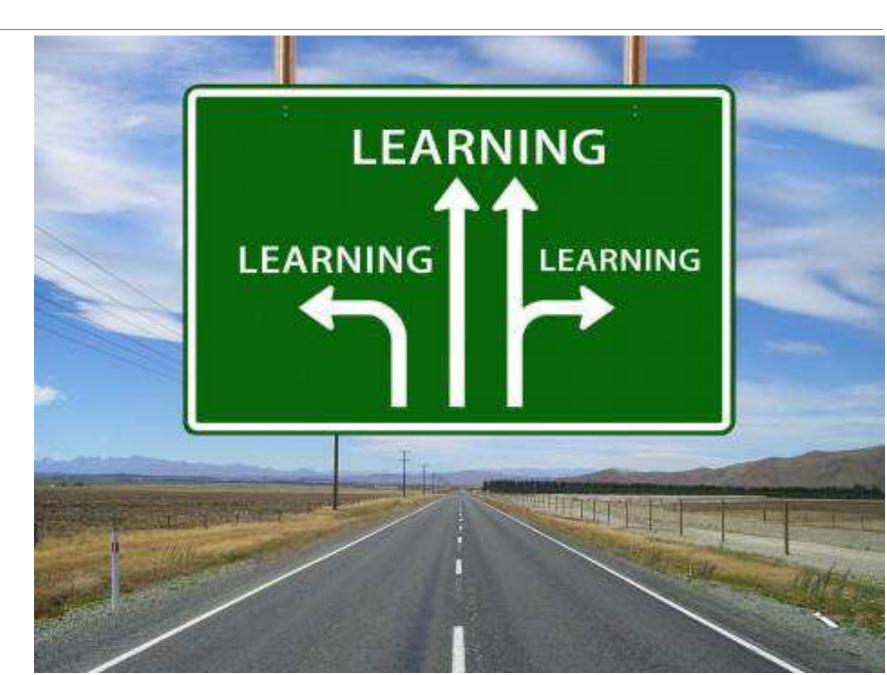


### Grid Collaborative Workspace



#### **Lessons Learned**

- Have a big, bold vision
- Risk is inevitable
- A complete change in thinking is sometimes necessary
- It's okay to break some eggs in the process
- Not everyone will make it through



## What Keeps Me Up at Night

- Can we maintain the vision?
- What if market conditions change?
- Do we have enough internal resources for the long run? (For the site and the rest of the city)
- How can we attract significant office development: Employment generators?



## Next stop:

Westminster Station TOD Area

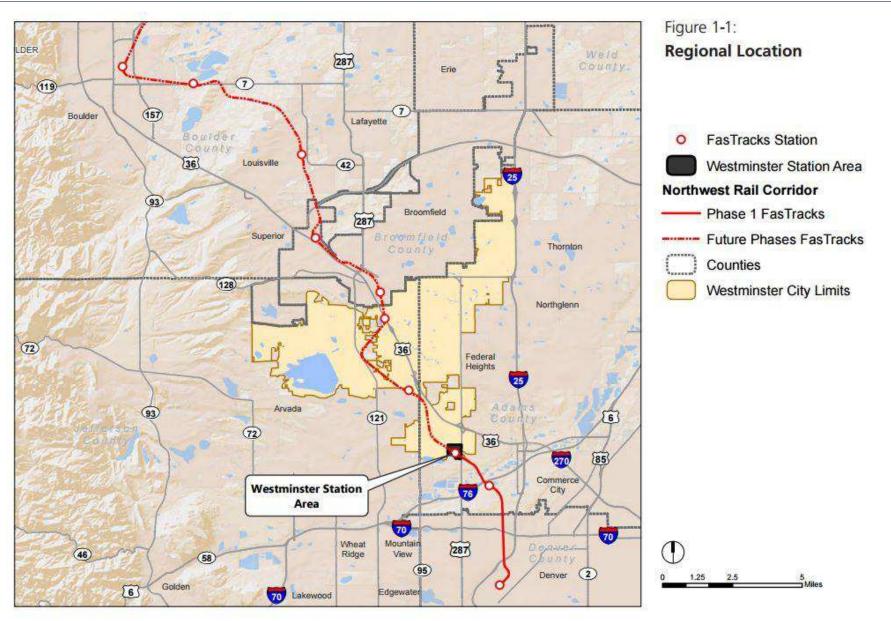


### Westminster Station TOD Area

- Overview
- 2016 Strategic Plan
- Key Policies
- Issues
- Next Steps

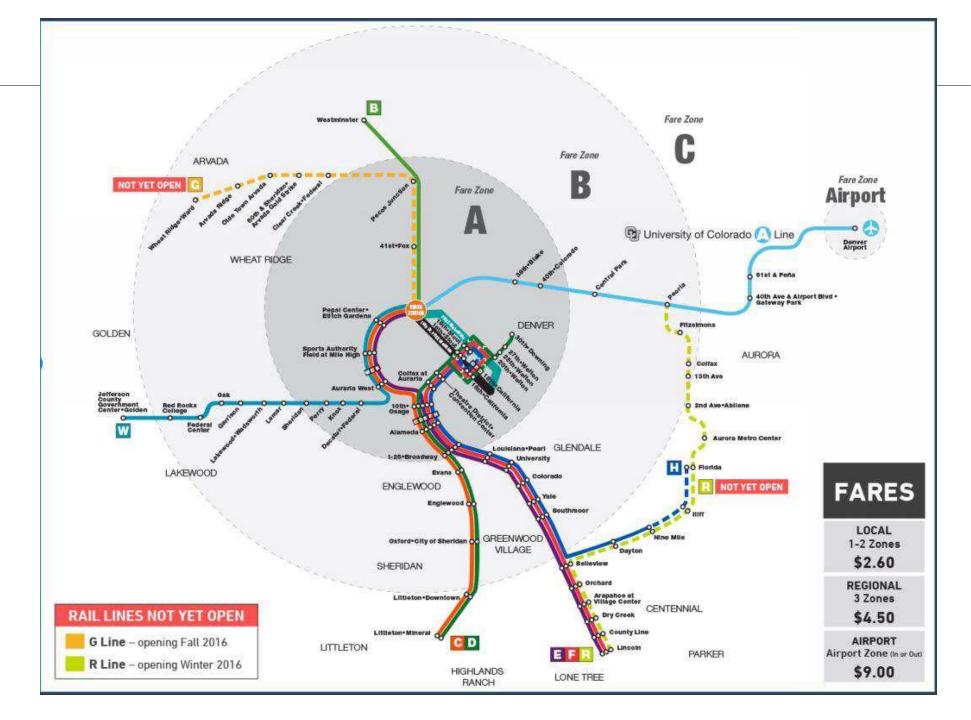


### Location



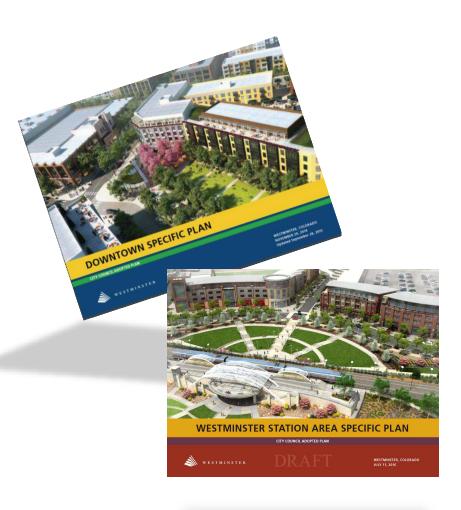
## Location

- 11 minutes nonstop to Union Station
- Closer than most of Denver

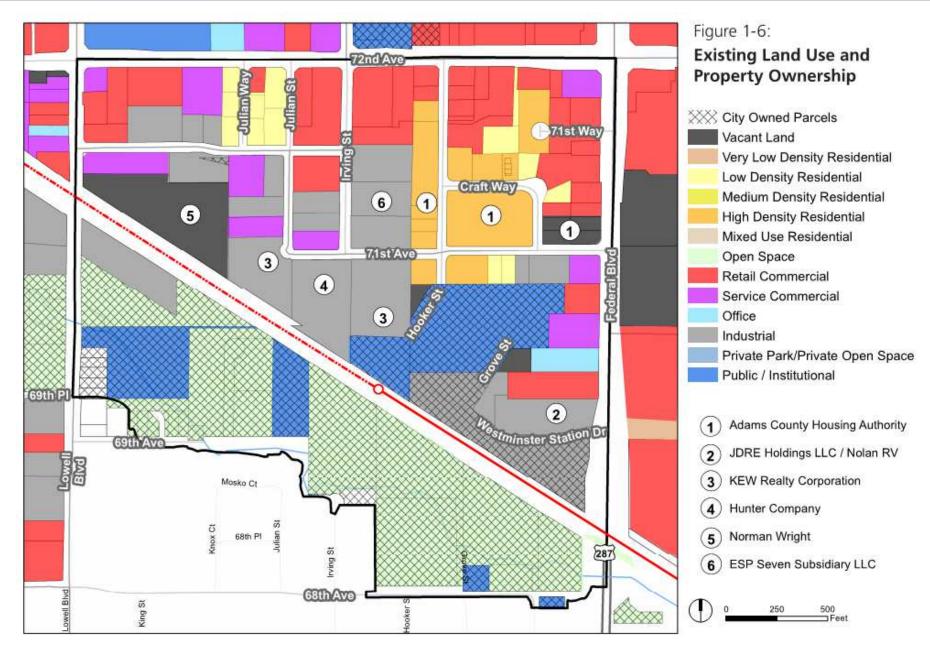


### **Specific Plan Elements**

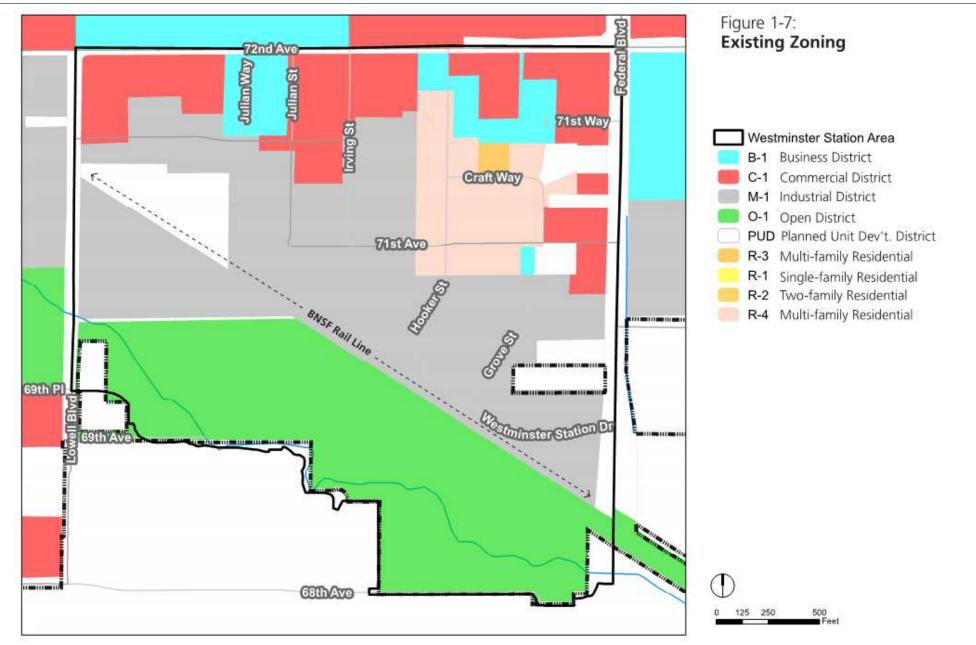
- Replicates Downtown Plan
- Complies with Strategic Plan Vision
- Walkable, Mixed Use, Vibrant
- Public Realm, Active Street, Multi Modal
- Trail Connections
- Implements several other existing plans



### **Existing Land Use Map**



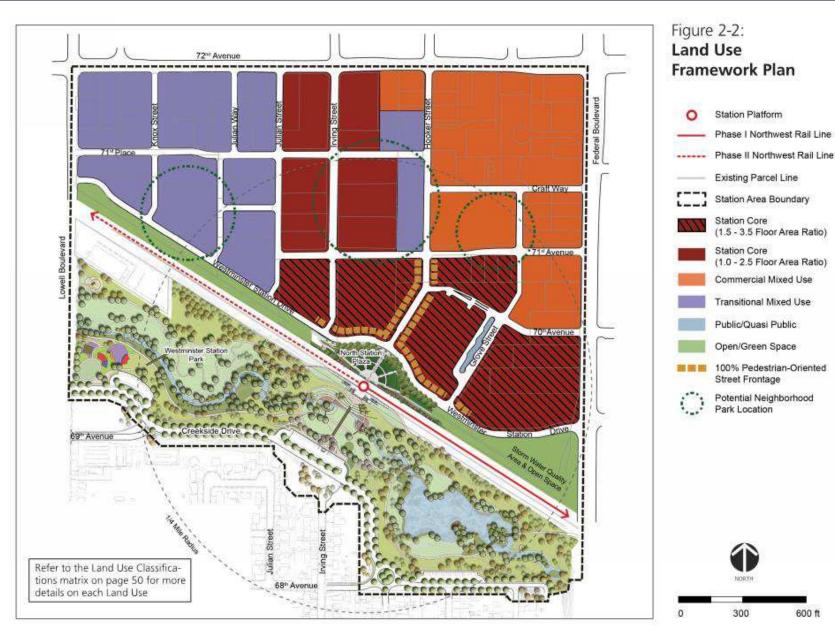
### **Existing Zoning Map**



#### Draft Illustrative Vision - 2016

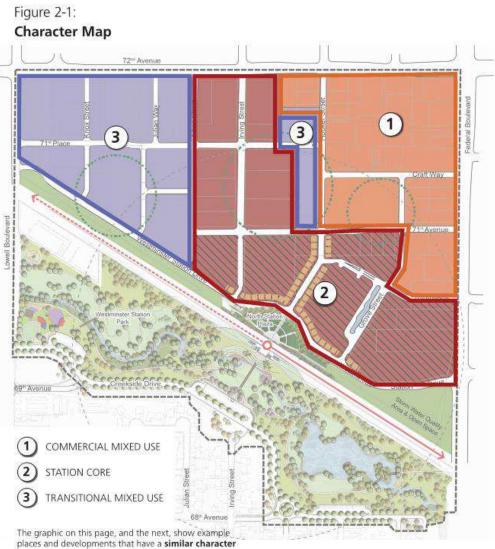


### **Proposed Land Use Map**

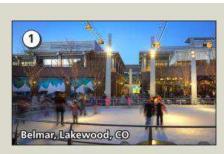


600 ft

#### **Proposed Character Map**



to what is envisioned for parts of the Station Area.









### **Proposed Height Map**





	Station Core	Commercial	Transitional
		Mixed Use	Mixed Use
Density and Intensity	2	20 V	
Minimum Floor Area Ratio	1.0 FAR to 1.5 FAR, as noted on Figure 2-5	0.75 FAR	0.5 FAR
Maximum Combined Floor Area Ratio	2.5 FAR to 3.5 FAR as noted on Figure 2-5	2.0 FAR	1.5 FAR
Minimum Density	32 units/acre	32 units/acre	12 units/acre
Maximum Density	120	(1)	327
Minimum Building Height (in stories)(2)	3 stories 2 stories allowed along Federal Blvd.	2 stories	1 story for maximum 50% of bldg. envelope
Maximum Building Height	8 stories	5 stories	3 stories

Note: Minimum and maximum Floor Area Ratios are combined residential and non-residential uses. For example, a development with 10,000 square feet of commercial space, 40 residential units (48,000 sqft of residential space) on one acre would have an FAR of 1.3.

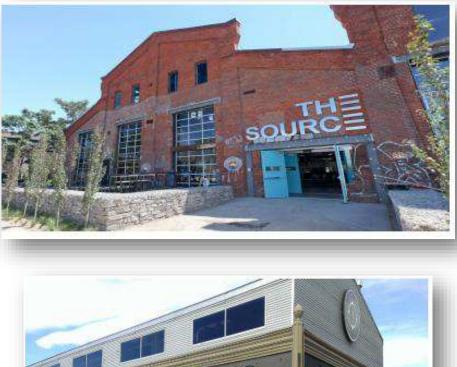
(1) Residential only permitted when a minimum 0.25 FAR of commercial is provided.

(2) A building story is defined as the space, or vertical distance, from the structural floor of one level of the building to another.

## **Plan Analysis**

Total Project Area	135 acres
Westminster Station Park (area)	37.5 acres
Rail Corridor (area)	23.5 acres
Amount of Land North of Rail Corridor	74 acres
Amount of Land Dedicated for Right-of-way	16 acres
Developable Land North of Rail Corridor	58 acres
Station Area Population (existing)	618
Station Area Population (proposed)	2,600
Station Area Residential Units (existing)	314
Station Area Residential Units (proposed)	1,340
Number of Existing Businesses	56
Proposed Non-residential SF	651,000
Number of Jobs (existing)	128
Number of Jobs (proposed)	1,820
Maximum Height Permitted (Station Core)	8 stories
Minimum Height Permitted (Trans. M-U)	1 story
Projected Daily Train Boardings	795-1,195
Opening Day Parking Spaces (garage)	660

### Adaptive Reuse





Examples of adaptive reuse of an industrial building in the (River North) RINO District of Denver.



Before: Existing structure in the Station Area (located on the southeast corner of 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Julian Way) with potential for adaptive reuse



- Several Existing Parks
- Trails Connection
- Create Central Park and
- Neighborhood Parks
  - Recreation Programs
  - Diversity
- Promotes Activity, Socializing and Health
- Public Art



### Implementation

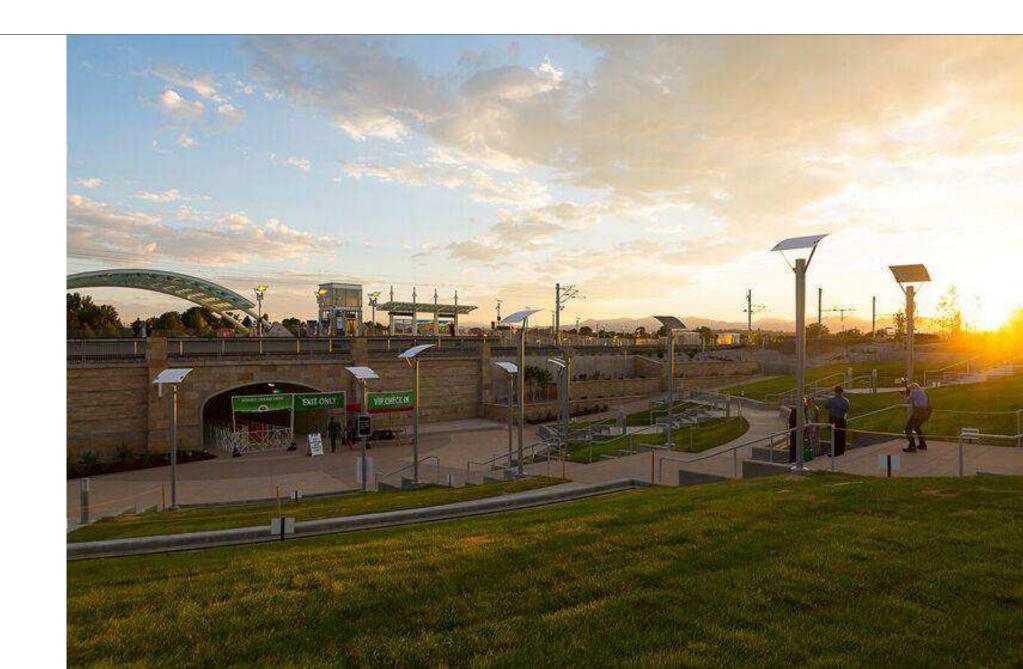
- Plan and Regulatory Consistency
- City-wide Coordination
- Implementation Overtime
- CIP projects
  - Infrastructure Improvements with Development
- Financing Strategies
  - Development Fees, GID, TIF
  - Public/Private Partnership
    - Adams County, RTD, WHA, ACHA, Urban Drainage
- City Investment
  - Parking Garage, Westminster Station Park



## Parking Garage



Plaza



### Platform



### Westminster Station Park & Open Space

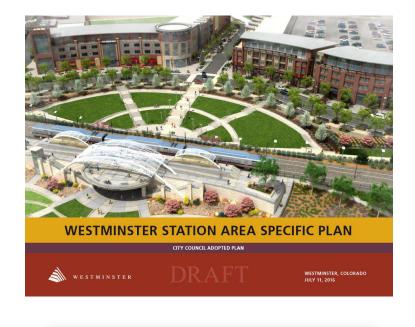


## **Key Policies**

- Property rezoning
- Amend Urban Renewal Plan
- Street Improvements
- Utility Improvements Undergrounding Utilities
- Water Taps upgrades
- Parking Management Study Creation of a General Improvement District (GID)
- Growth Strategy and Phasing Plan
- Wayfinding Master Plan
- Public Art Master Plan
- Parks Construction
- Ongoing Economic Development



- Right-of-way phasing/acquisition
  - To create better circulation
  - Built with Development
- Non-conforming uses and structures
  - Most existing land uses will not be included in Plan
- Changing Philosophy of Parking
  - Parking program to provide funding to construct, operate and maintain public parking
  - New mill levy
  - Operated by General Improvement District (GID), managed by City



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