



# Sustainable Development

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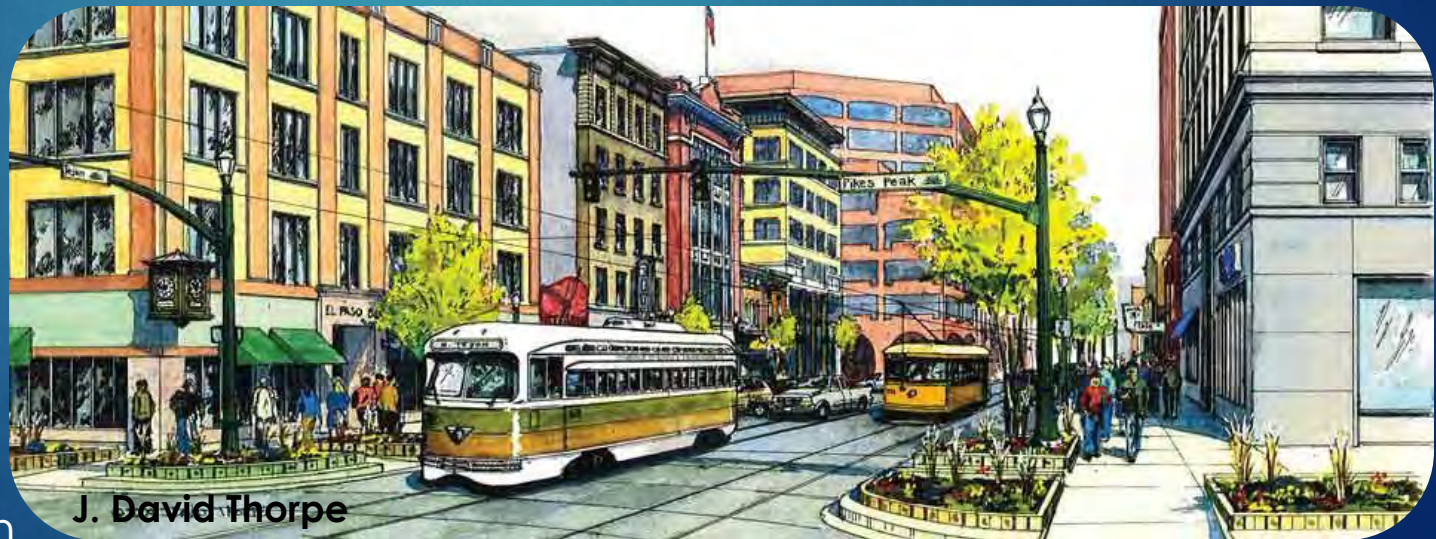
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# Local Transportation

- 1) Bus Rapid Transit from Downtown to UCCS
- 2) Bring Back the Streetcar



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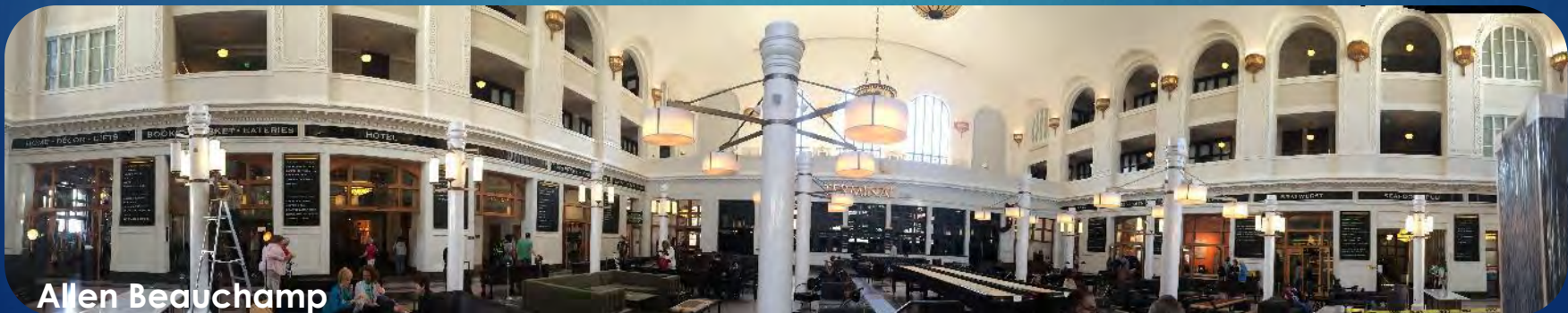
Wikipedia

- 3) Utilize our Historic Train Depot
- 4) Connect Colorado Springs to Denver via Train

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MBTA



Allen Beauchamp

Regional Transportation

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Co.Exist (@FastCoExist)



Hartford Streetcar (@HTFDStreetcar)

- 5) Kiowa Avenue
- 6) North Nevada
- 7) Tejon Street
- 8) Cascade Avenue
- 9) Pikes Peak Avenue
- 10) Boulder Street

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Steven Chester (@UrbanDenver)

Protected Bicycle Lanes

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- 11) CS Bike Share
- 12) Bike Repair Station



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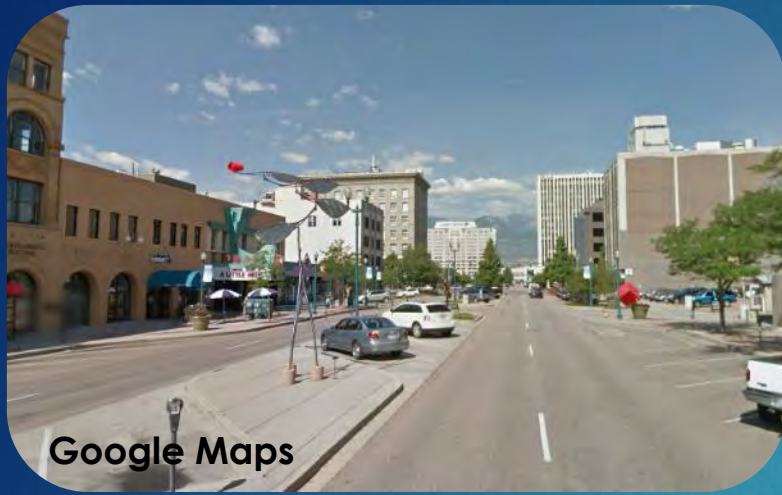


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BikeFixStation.com

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- 13) Pikes Peak Avenue
- 14) West Colorado Ave
- 15) No Man's Land
- 16) North Nevada

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Google Maps



BK Art



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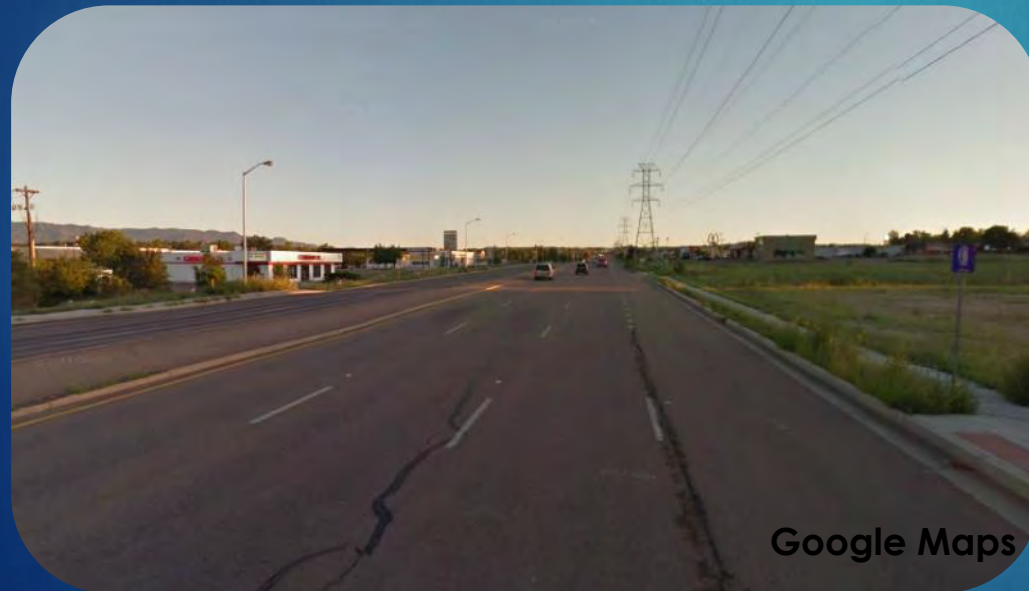
Utilization of our Right-of-Ways

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- 17) Freeway Teardown
- 18) Academy Blvd
- 19) Enter Current  
Relevant Hwy Here



2nd Life for Highways

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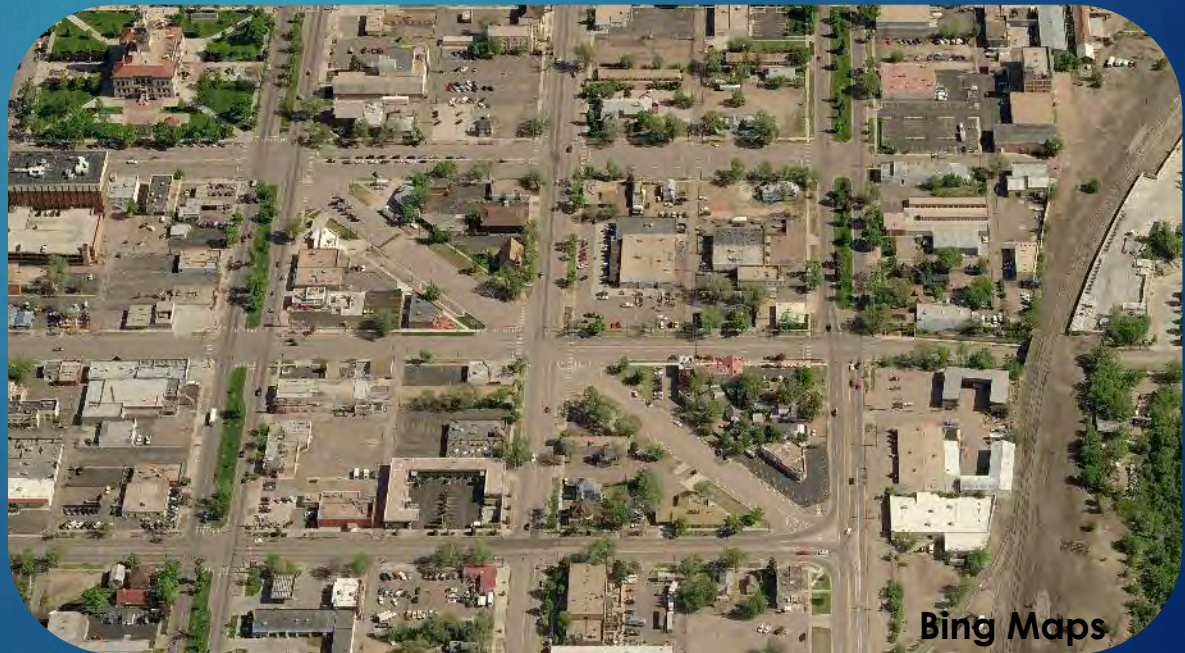


HB&A Architects & Planners

- 20) Alleys as "Places"
- 21) Colbrun Street
- 22) Pueblo Avenue



Google Maps



Bing Maps

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Heat is Power...



Let's Capture It.

US Dept. of Energy

- 23) Future of Drake?
- 24) Waste to Energy?
- 25) Utilize Waste Heat?

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Energy



Gazette



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YouGoDo.com

- 26) WaterPark from Waste Heat
- 27) Legacy Loop
- 28) Frisbee Golf



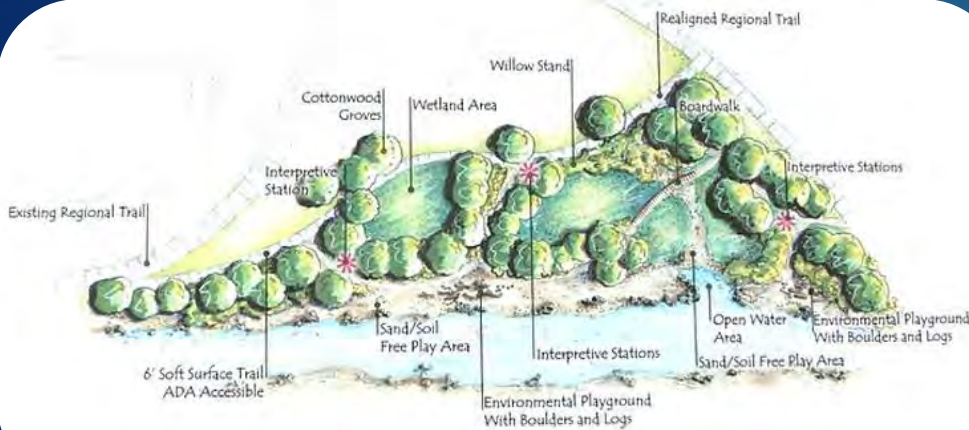
Roanoke Outside



Greenway Fund

29) Creekside at ATB  
30) Float Trip

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Denver Post



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Engaging Our Natural Waterways

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- 31) Chairlift Up
- 32) Downhill Cycling
- 33) Tubing/Sledding
- 34) Skiing



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BikeMagic.com



AllWinterPark



Winter Park Lodging Company



ColoradoSprings.com

- 35) Acacia Park
- 36) Bancroft Park
- 37) Antler's Park



Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum



Collaborative Design Group



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Josh Warrender

- 38) High School "Game of the Week"!
- 39) Olympic Museum
- 40) Children's Museum
- 41) Military Museum



Vision Museum



City For Champions



Virtual Tourist



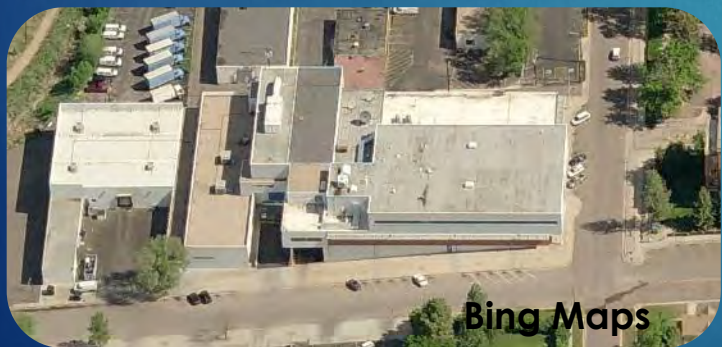


Architonic.com

- 42) Drake Power Plant
- 43) City Auditorium
- 44) Vacated Gazette



Gazette



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- 45) Shopping Centers
- 46) Golf Courses
- 47) Highway Farming



*"Our national flower is the concrete cloverleaf."*

- Lewis Mumford



Tree Hugger



@BrentToderian

- 48) Parklets
- 49) Pop Up Shops
- 50) Walk-In Theaters



O+M



City of Sacramento



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# Let's Create a Built Environment Worthy of our Natural Environment



"Gateway" by Eric Fetsch

Ideas are Nice... but Action is Better.  
Help us change the conversation.

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Closing Slide

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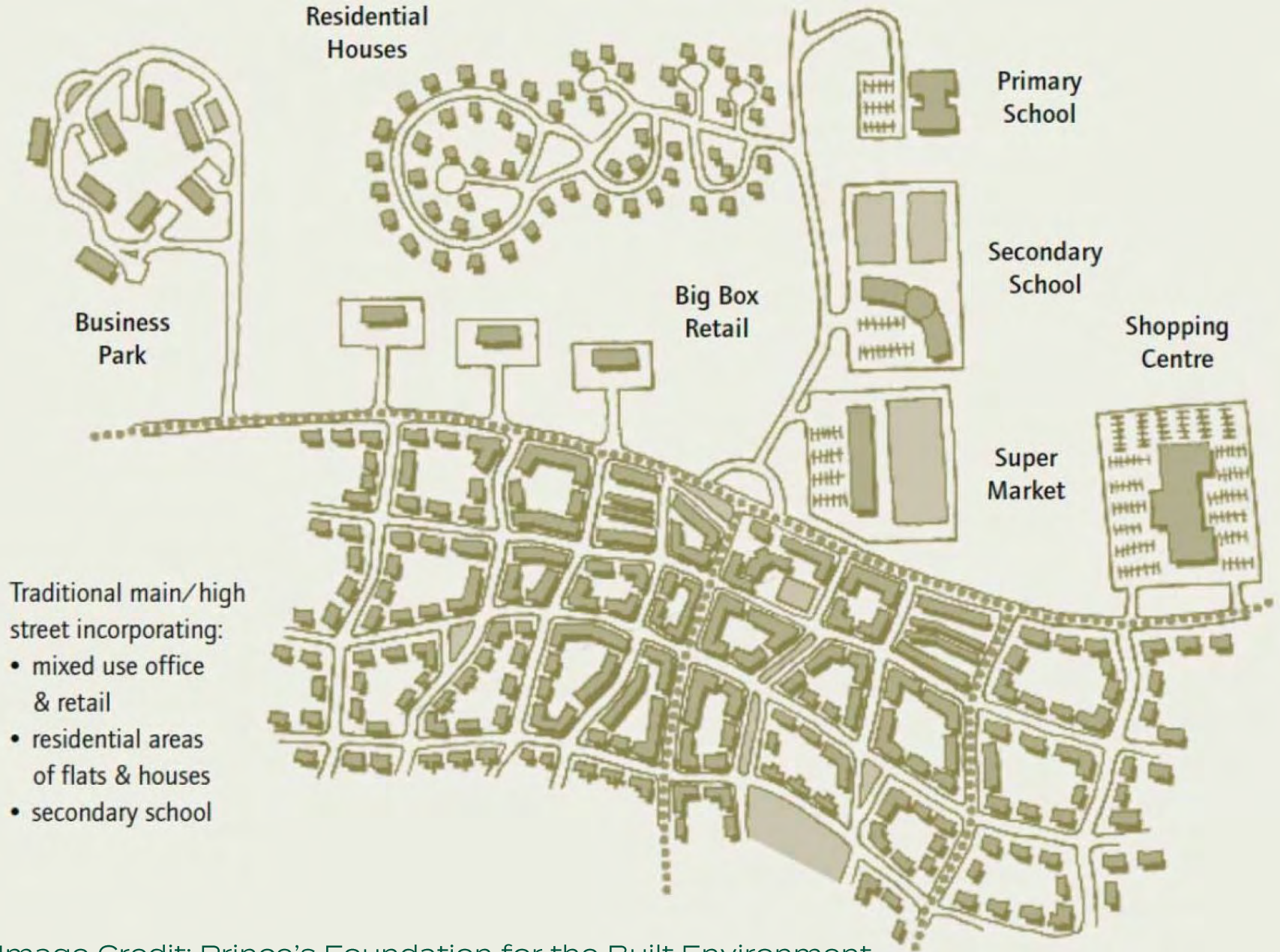
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# What do we mean by the “Status Quo”?

# Dev't. Contrast



Traditional main/high street incorporating:

- mixed use office & retail
- residential areas of flats & houses
- secondary school

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Conventional



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# Design for PEOPLE

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Working Fusion



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# Prospect Village

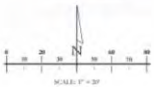
**PROSPECT VILLAGE**  
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

NORTH PROSPECT STREET



NORTH ARCADIA STREET

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# Wendy's Village



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Maximize Value



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# Design for PROFIT

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# Building Reuse



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# Pebble in the Pond



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# Clover on Cascade



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# Design for PLANET

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# Preservation



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# Brownfield Dev't.



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**GOLD HILL**

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DESIGN CONCEPT

Not For Construction

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# Adaptable Zoning



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