

# GOAL: BUILT ENVIRONMENT

## BE-1: AMBIENT NOISE & LIGHT

### PRELIMINARY STEP

Identify commercial, residential, and natural areas for evaluation in this Objective

*List at least 3 target areas that will be evaluated for ambient noise achievement*

- 9th St. between Yampa St. & Lincoln Ave. -commercial 5th St. & Oak St. -commercial 11th St. between Yampa St. & Lincoln Ave -commercial

*List at least 3 target areas that will be evaluated for ambient light achievement*

- 10th St. between Yampa St. & Lincoln Ave. -commercial 8th & Aspen St. -residential Howelsen Hill (Lodge Plot) -natural

*Upload a map showing all target areas for ambient noise and light*

BE1-Prelim\_Map.pdf

### OUTCOME 1: NOISE

**Option A:** Demonstrate that daytime ambient noise levels do not exceed 70 dBa in commercial areas

*Provide the average commercial area ambient noise level readings from the most recent year*

65.4 dBa

*Upload a document showing the commercial areas and their respective ambient noise level from the most recent year*

BE-1\_O1\_NoiseReadings.pdf

## LOCAL ACTION 1: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt a community noise policy, ordinance, or regulations as needed based upon a local assessment

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE III. - NOISE POLLUTION

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

[https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat\\_springs/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO\\_CH7ENC](https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat_springs/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO_CH7ENC)

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The policy establishes limits for noise in different zoned areas. It also provides penalties for violating those limits.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2011

## LOCAL ACTION 2: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt a community light policy, ordinance, or regulations as needed based upon a local assessment

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Sec. 26-138. - Lighting standards.

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

[https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat\\_springs/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO\\_CH26CO138LIST](https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat_springs/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO_CH26CO138LIST)

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

This policy "is intended to minimize light pollution and the indiscriminate use of outdoor lighting, and to create a unifying, community-wide approach to outdoor lighting." It sets different standards for different types of properties. The policy ensures that light on one property does not leak or trespass onto neighbor's properties. The policy also directly states that it aims to preserve the community's dark night sky while still providing for pedestrian and vehicle safety.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2011

## **LOCAL ACTION 5: PRACTICE IMPROVEMENTS**

Develop a database of noise complaints and noise measurements (e.g. roads, industrial, outdoor music venues) or of light issues and neighborhoods targeted for improvements

*Describe the practice improvement*

Steamboat Springs Police Department noise / light complaint data

*Describe key accomplishments in the past 3 years*

The City has an electronic records management system that tracks all incoming calls for service, as well as their outcomes. This system is set up to track calls by issue or ordinance, which allows it to track noise and light related calls.

Noise and light complaints within the City of Steamboat Springs are directed to the police department. The

police department logs each complaint and then sends an officer to investigate the complaint. If necessary, officers will take noise readings from the complaining party's property line. Offending parties are contacted and requested to eliminate the noise/light. If a second complaint is made, the offending party is issued a ticket. Noise complaints for the past three years are attached. The City has not received any light complaints during this time period.

*Link to or upload a copy of annual report – if applicable*

BE-1 A 5 2012-2015 Noise Complaints.pdf

## LOCAL ACTION 6: ENFORCEMENT AND INCENTIVES

Establish clear lines of authority for enforcement of nuisance noise violations relative to different noise sources

*Number of cases investigated in the past 3 years*

987

*Provide description of the enforcement*

Noise complaint calls are investigated and offending parties are given a warning. If any additional complaints are made for the same party, they are formally ticketed.

*List agency(ies) / department(s) responsible for enforcement*

- City of Steamboat Springs Police Department - patrol officers.

*Briefly describe enforcement mechanism and process*

The city has a noise ordinance which is enforced by the police department regardless of the noise source. All noise complaints are forwarded to the police department, where they are logged as a call into the system and a patrol officer is dispatched to investigate. If there is a noise issue, the officer provides a warning to the offending party. If the noise issue is not addressed and a second complaint is lodged, the investigating officer gives a formal ticket. If multiple tickets are received by the same party, the police department attempts to work closely with the offending party to resolve the issue permanently - this often requires building or equipment modifications, with noise testing to ensure compliance with required noise levels.

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the enforcement activity that advance progress towards the desired*

*Outcome(s)*

The majority of noise complaints arise from tourists who are "partying" in a rented condominium unit, pool, or house. Officers investigate as soon as possible after the complaint is made and approach the offending party with a warning in order to change the behavior. Typically, this warning is very effective in shutting down the noise. Other noise sources - such as bars, restaurants, industrial, or construction - are dealt with on a case by case basis, with modifications to buildings, structures, equipment, or work times to ensure compliance with noise limits.

*Date enforcement was created or implemented*

1993 or before

## LOCAL ACTION 7: ENFORCEMENT AND INCENTIVES

Enforce noise standards during the permitting, design, and construction of new large-scale developments that can significantly increase ambient noise levels

*Number of cases investigated in the past 3 years*

5

*Provide description of the enforcement*

The Steamboat Springs Code of Ordinances Chapter 7 Article 3 describes noise standards that apply to all zone districts and includes public and private property. A relief of the noise standards may be granted if the noise source is temporary and cannot be done in a manner that would comply with the article.

*List agency(ies) / department(s) responsible for enforcement*

- Department of Planning and Community Development
- Police Department

*Briefly describe enforcement mechanism and process*

A warning and fines are applied to those in violation of the noise standards.

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the enforcement activity that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

In section 7-65 (5), the Code addresses the enforcement of noise standards to construction projects. "Construction projects shall not be subject to the provisions of this article between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during the reasonable duration of the project. Construction projects in residential neighborhoods shall not exceed fifty-five (55) decibels from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m." If the construction project is found to be in violation of these standards, a warning is given at the first violation. The second violation is fined \$250, the third is fined \$500, the fourth and onward is fined \$999.

*Date enforcement was created or implemented*

2011

## **LOCAL ACTION 8: ENFORCEMENT AND INCENTIVES**

Enforce light standards during the permitting, design, and construction of new large-scale developments that can significantly increase ambient light levels

*Number of cases investigated in the past 3 years*

None

*Provide description of the enforcement*

The Steamboat Springs Code of Ordinances Section 26-138 describes lighting standards that apply to all zone districts to public and private property. A temporary exemption may be given by the Director due to construction needs, however the exemption must not create significant impacts on nearby properties for a significant length of time. If no exemption is obtained, light standards apply during the permitting, design, and construction of new large-scale developments.

*List agency(ies) / department(s) responsible for enforcement*

- Department of Planning and Community Development

*Briefly describe enforcement mechanism and process*

Section 26-3 of the code describes how violations of the code will be handled. Each day the violation occurs constitutes a separate offense. Written notice is given to the offender, and they are given 15 days to comply. If the written notice is ignored, penalties of up to \$999/day and/or 180 days in jail may be applied.

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the enforcement activity that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

In order to minimize light pollution and the indiscriminate use of outdoor lighting, and to create a unifying, community-wide approach to outdoor lighting, the Steamboat Springs code applies lighting standards to all zone districts to public and private properties, including construction projects (unless given exemption, see above). There are luminance standards, height and spacing requirements, on-site lighting standards, and standards that apply to specific zones and districts. In addition, certain lighting materials are prohibited.

The code also provides methods of enforcement, via the use of penalties and fines to those found to be in violation. In addition to the penalties and fines listed above, the enforcement officer may also revoke any approval or permit for a project and issue a stop work order.

*Date enforcement was created or implemented*

2002

## BE-2: COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS

### OUTCOME 1: DRINKING WATER QUALITY

**Part 1:** Demonstrate that the community is not in violation of EPA's 5% standard for coliform bacteria in water pipes in the past 3 years

*Applicant's most recent percent achievement of coliform readings in water pipes*

A - Absent (0% coliform bacteria)

*Provide summary report or key information from EPA contain percent achievements*

- BE.2.O1.coliform bacteria sample tests.pdf

**Part 2:**

**Option A:** Demonstrate that the water supplied to residents is not in violation of EPA standards for turbidity and water pathogens in the past 3 years

*Provide summary report or key information from EPA showing achievement of turbidity and pathogen standards*

be-2-communitywatersystems-outcome1-drinkingwaterquality.pdf

## OUTCOME 2: SECURE WATER SUPPLY

**Part 1:** Demonstrate that the height of the water table for subsurface aquifers has been stable or rising

*Map showing all wells are normal or better or that any below normal wells are in the state of rising*

BE-2, O-2.The City of Steamboat Springs.docx

*Summary of reports on supply and demand trends*

BE-2, O-2.WaterConservationPlan2011 final 5-30-11\_SignResolution - Copy.pdf

*Upload completed Excel worksheet showing the calculated trend*

be-2-communitywater-outcome2-part2-SteamboatSprings.xlsx

**Part 2:** Demonstrate that the height of surface waters is within the range to meet expected demand for the next 5 years or is rising

*Current height of surface waters*

4,167 acre-feet

*Summary of reports on supply and demand trends*

BE-2, O-2.WaterConservationPlan2011 final 5-30-11\_SignResolution - Copy.pdf

*Upload completed Excel worksheet showing the calculated trend*

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## OUTCOME 4: SAFE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit(s) have been obtained prior to discharging stormwater

*Upload or link to key excerpts from permits received*

BE-2, O-4 City of Steamboat Springs MS4 permit.zip

## LOCAL ACTION 1: PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Adopt a jurisdiction-wide management plan for both water consumption and disposal that provides a clean and secure water supply for all local uses

*Provide plan title*

Steamboat Water Supply Master Plan; Water and Wastewater Master Plan Updates

*Link to or upload full plan*

BE-2, A-1.zip

*Date plan was officially adopted, endorsed by the local government, or had last major update*

2008

*If the plan was adopted or updated more than 3 years ago, briefly describe how the plan is still relevant and in use*

The Steamboat Water Supply Master Plan was adopted in 2008, and the Water and Wastewater Master Plan Updates were presented to City Council in 2009. Both plans are intended to be used for 10 years, meaning they will be relevant until 2018 and 2019 respectively, at which point they will be updated.

*Describe the development process and include information on stakeholder involvement and participating agencies, departments, and/or organizations involved*

The Steamboat Water Supply Master Plan was completed by an engineering hydrology consultant that

specializes in water supply. The plan was a joint effort between the City and the Mt. Werner Water and Sanitation District. The plan was presented to and adopted by the City Council as well as the Mt. Werner District Board of Directors. The Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update was completed by an engineering consulting firm that specializes in water and wastewater. The plan was presented to City Council, at which point it was considered complete.

*Provide vision statement or high-level description of plan goals*

According to the Steamboat Water Supply Master Plan, the purpose of the plan was to analyze the amount of water physically and legally available to the City and the Mt. Werner Water District and to analyze the amount of water needed to serve the existing and future customers of the City and the District. According to the Water and Wastewater Master Plan Updates, the purpose of the plan was to analyze the City's water distribution and treatment system and the wastewater collection and treatment system, compare it to needs associated with anticipated future growth, and make recommendations.

*Describe the key recommendations of the plan*

The Steamboat Water Supply Master Plan recommends that both the City and Mount Werner Water should continue to monitor demand trends within their respective service areas. A Water Conservation Plan should be developed. A Drought Response Plan(s) should also be developed for the City and for Mount Werner Water. The plan encouraged the City to diversify its source water portfolio. The heavy reliance of the community on the Fish Creek Basins is "largely unavoidable and emphasizes the need to protect this critical water supply." The potential impacts of fire within the Fish Creek watershed should be examined and potential impacts identified. Counter-measures and response plans should be developed to address this possibility. The City and

Mount Werner Water should continue to consider and pursue the development of alternative water supply sources to increase redundancy in the community's water supply.

The Water and Wastewater Master Plan Updates identified a large multitude of capital infrastructure projects to develop and execute in order to meet future demands as well as to more-reliably meet existing demands. The plan recommends new storage siting in the west City area because of deficiencies specified in the plan updates. Preliminary engineering, including a tank siting study, should be initiated to determine the exact location for land acquisition purposes. The City should also continue to develop the Elk River conditional water right. Further evaluation, including a siting study, should be completed to finalize size and timing for the Elk augmentation reservoir. In terms of wastewater, a continuing, aggressive infiltration and inflow reduction program is needed, to include flow monitoring, smoke testing, and physical and video inspection of sewer mains and service connections. The City should replace trunk sewers/interceptors identified as overloaded at existing peak flows, and replace the mechanical bar screen and construct the second aerobic digester.

*Does the plan contain quantifiable targets or metrics for evaluating progress?*

no

*Describe the strategy for implementing plan recommendations, including responsible parties, level of effort anticipated, and resources dedicated*

The responsible party for implementing recommendations for both plans is the Public Works Department of the City of Steamboat Springs. It will involve a tremendous level of effort that will require many years and millions of dollars to execute. From a capital infrastructure standpoint, the process of building, maintaining, and replacing infrastructure will never end. The Plan Updates specify estimated costs for the recommended projects, the total estimated budget for all projects being over \$22,000,000.

## LOCAL ACTION 2: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt policies to ensure that the jurisdiction has the authority to enact water conservation measures during periods of drought

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Water Conservation Plan II

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

BE-2, A-2.WaterConservationPlan2011 final 5-30-11\_SignResolution.pdf

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The Steamboat Springs, CO, Water Conservation Plan II was adopted by the City by resolution in 2011. The plan includes adopted policies regarding water conservation measures, including watering restrictions, and was approved by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. It is comprised of a water conservation plan and a drought and emergency response plan. Adoption of the Water Conservation Plan authorized the City's Director of Public Works and City Manager to declare Stage 2 and Stage 3 conditions and implement and enforce the drought response actions. Stage 1 guidelines are in effect at all times. Stage 2 restrictions include a watering schedule, no residential vehicle washing, and no running outdoor water features. Stage 3 restrictions include no lawn irrigation and the suspension of special watering permits. Since this plan was adopted in 2011, watering restrictions have been instituted in three different summers.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2011

## **LOCAL ACTION 3: PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION**

Collaborate with a regional water management group that includes other jurisdictions that share the same water sources

*Provide the name of the partnership or committee AND briefly describe each partner's contribution or criteria for committee selection*

Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable--Partners come together to carry out water management planning which then impacts all members. Members are either appointed or voted in by the appointed members. See by-laws: <http://cwcbweblink.state.co.us/weblink/docview.aspx?id=115183&searchhandle=15582>

*Type of collaboration*

Appointed committee

*Link to or upload documentation of the partnership or committee's creation or ongoing work*

[https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Yampa-WhiteBIP\\_Full.pdf](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Yampa-WhiteBIP_Full.pdf)

*Date established*

2007

*Describe key accomplishments in the past 3 years*

- 1) Basin Implementation Plan--State Water Plan
- 2) Non-consumptive needs assessment

### 3) Watershed Flow Evaluation Tool

*Briefly describe the local government's financial contribution and/or elected official/staff time dedicated in the past 3 years*

The City's Water Resources Manager serves on the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable as an elected at-large member and spends approximately 100 hours per year on roundtable work.

## LOCAL ACTION 4: PRACTICE IMPROVEMENTS

Establish water quality monitoring and public reporting systems

*Describe the practice improvement*

The Upper Yampa River Watershed Group, a program of the Routt County Conservation District, "represents a strong collective voice to protect and enhance the health of the upper Yampa River watershed using a science-based approach in consideration of technical issues." They are made of varying interest groups, a broad stakeholders group, and a Technical Committee. The City of Steamboat Springs provides yearly funding to the Routt County Conservation District. \$13,000 has been provided since 2013.

*Describe key accomplishments in the past 3 years*

The group provides community members with links to water-quality reports, including the Water-Quality Assessment and Macroinvertebrate Data for the Upper Yampa River Watershed, Colorado, 1975 through 2009. They also produced their own report, called the 2014 State of the Watershed Report, which alerts community members of areas where quality advisories are in place. The group is currently working on bringing River Watch, a volunteer-driven water-quality data gathering group, back to Routt County.

*Link to or upload a copy of annual report – if applicable*

<http://www.flipgorilla.com/p/23023990364732953/show>

## LOCAL ACTION 5: ENFORCEMENT AND INCENTIVES

Shift towards a full cost pricing system to ensure that users are paying for the true cost of water

*Summary of water rate structure*

BE-2 A-5\_WaterSewerRateSummary.pdf

*Link to or upload copy of written incentive*

BE-2 A-5\_Steamboat2010RateandFeeStudyFinalReport.pdf

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the incentive that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

In 2010, a Water and Wastewater Rate Study was prepared by Red Oak Consulting from Denver, CO. The purpose of the study was to develop financial plans and rate and fee structures to promote self-sustainability of the City's separate water and wastewater enterprise funds,

and to recommend retail and wholesale customer rates for service and tap fees, consistent with the financial plan requirements and cost of service analysis. A full copy of the rate study has been included.

The City of Steamboat Springs' water utility is a TABOR enterprise fund. Thus, the utility operates under a full cost pricing system and the utility is not subsidized with tax dollars. The utility is fully funded via rates and tap fees. All of the costs associated with owning and operating the utility are taken into account in determining the rates. The full cost pricing system has been in place since 2000.

*Date incentive was created or implemented*

2000

## LOCAL ACTION 6: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Create programs to guarantee the provision of water to low-income residents

*Provide the name and a brief description of the program or service*

The program is unnamed, however it offers cost reductions for elderly, blind, long-term disabled, and indigent customers.

*Number of participants in program in the past 3 years*

4

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the program or service that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The program offers a 50% cost reduction for elderly, blind, long-term disabled, and indigent customers. The participants are qualifying individuals on fixed incomes making less than 80% of the income limits established by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program was originally implemented via City Council ordinance on October 11, 2005. The program was revised to its current form via City Council ordinance on November 8, 2011.

*Date program or service was created or implemented*

2005

## **LOCAL ACTION 7: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Develop and provide water conservation programs to residents, businesses and agricultural water users in order to help ensure that the community is not depleting its water supply

*Provide the name and a brief description of the program or service*

Water Conservation Rebate Program - rebates are given to residents and businesses for replacing old appliances and irrigation fixtures with water-saving appliances and fixtures.

*Number of participants in program in the past 3 years*

130 Rebates given between 2013 and 2015

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the program or service that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The Water Rebates Program encourages residents and businesses to replace aging appliances and fixtures with energy efficient and water saving products. The program works by giving rebates after installation with proof of purchase and installation of qualified fixtures and disposal of non-water efficient fixtures.

Rebate Criteria:

High efficiency Toilets (\$150 rebate for commercial (maximum \$1,050); \$100 rebate for residential (limit 2 per residence)

High Efficiency Clothes Washers (\$100 rebate, limit 1 per residence)

High Efficiency Dishwashers (\$75 rebate, limit 1 per residence)

*Date program or service was created or implemented*

2012

## **LOCAL ACTION 8: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

Manage and upgrade infrastructure to reduce leaks in the system, eliminate contaminants, and achieve other local conservation goals

*List of infrastructure upgrades in the past 3 years*

- 1. N. Park Rd. & Woods Dr. Water Main Replacement
- 2. Pine St. Water Main Replacement
- 3. Bob Adams Dr. Water Main Replacement
- 4. 13th St. Water Main Replacement
- 5. Airport Water Redundancy
- 6. Fairview-Howelsen Water Main Connection

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Projects 1-4, the water main replacements, replaced aged, leaking, and undersized infrastructure. Projects 5-6 added strategic connections to the water distribution system, thereby increasing delivery capacity, redundancy, and system resiliency.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

Approximately \$3,050,000 has been spent on infrastructure improvements to the water distribution system over the past 3 years.



## LOCAL ACTION 9: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Implement at least 3 innovative water infrastructure and facility programs

*Identify at least 3 types of water infrastructure improvements made*

- On-site reuse of water
- Reclaimed water use and beneficial reuse
- Separation of stormwater and sewer systems
- Other: Raw water irrigation, Smart Water Meters, stormwater treatment at direct outfalls, flow augmentation

*Number of system wide upgrades completed in the past 3 years*

5

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Raw water irrigation is being used in community parks, which reduces the pressure put on potable water systems and improves overall water quality.

We have a wastewater reclamation and beneficial use program in which wastewater effluent is utilized for agricultural irrigation and hay production. This process reduces nutrient-loading to the Yampa River.

Public Works installed a new automated metering system (aka Smart Water Meters). These meters report usage to data collection hubs approximately every 20 minutes. This allows for the creation of water usage graphs for every account in the system. Consumers are therefore able to obtain detailed water use data so that smarter water use decisions can be made at the consumer level, which will hopefully reduce overall water use.

The installation of stormwater treatment at direct outfalls to the Yampa River reduces pollutant loading to the river.

Flow augmentation from the Stagecoach reservoir releases to promote stream health during drought and low-flow conditions. This practice improves dissolved oxygen, reduces temperature, improves water quality to support aquatic life and drinking water supplies.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

\$62,600 has been invested by the City in the past three into raw water irrigation. Approximately \$2.1 million has been invested by the City in smart water metering infrastructure over the past 3 years. \$110,000 has been invested by the City into the installation of stormwater treatment at direct outfalls to the Yampa River. \$180,000 has been invested by the City into flow augmentation.

## **LOCAL ACTION 10: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

Upgrade and improve stormwater and wastewater treatment facilities to meet current and foreseeable needs

*Number of specific improvements made in the past 3 years*

3

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

As Steamboat Springs' population grows, it is important that our facilities can handle the influx of waste being deposited into the system. In reaction to this increase, two major wastewater treatment facility improvements/upgrades were completed in the past 3 years. In 2013, a project was completed which included sludge piping improvements, a scum pump replacement, a waste pump replacement, an air compressor replacement, replacement of a weir gate, and a roof improvement to the facility. In 2015, a second project was completed which included the installation of a new HVAC system in order to accommodate new code regulations and the replacement of diffusers in two basins.

We installed stormwater treatment at direct outfalls to the Yampa River at several locations. This project improved our stormwater treatment facilities and lead to a decrease in the amount of pollutants that can reach the Yampa River.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

\$279,697 was invested by the City into the 2013 wastewater facility improvement project. \$435,000 was invested by the City into the 2015 wastewater facility improvement project. \$110,000 was invested by the City into the installation of stormwater treatment at direct outfalls to the Yampa River.

## LOCAL ACTION 11: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Engage in restoration projects for critical water bodies that provide usable water for the jurisdiction or stormwater management assistance

*Number of restoration projects completed in the past 3 years*

3

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Fornier Park, Bear River Park, and Dr. Rich Weiss Park were restored in the past three years. The restoration projects have included bank improvements, erosion control, native vegetation improvement, aquatic habitat improvements, river access improvements, and recreation structures/flows along the Yampa River. There is another project currently underway in the park temporarily named "Workman Parcel."

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

\$465,000 was invested in these projects in the past three years. The City dedicated \$15,000 to these projects, while the remainder of the money was obtained through grants from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

## BE-3: COMPACT & COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

### PRELIMINARY STEP

Identify the Compact & Complete Centers (CCCs) that will be analyzed under this objective. CCCs are walkable ½-mile areas around a central point that represent the community's strongest mix of uses, transit availability, density, and walkability while maintaining geographic diversity. The number of required CCCs is determined by population.

*Community Population*

12100

*Number of CCCs required*

1

*Name or location description of each CCC area (e.g. downtown)*

- Lincoln Center Plaza (Downtown Steamboat Springs)

*Upload map showing the boundaries of selected CCCs*

BE3Prelim\_IdentifyCCC.pdf

## **OUTCOME 1: DENSITY, DESTINATIONS, AND TRANSIT**

Demonstrate that each CCC achieves the following thresholds (Graduated credit available):

**Residential Density:**

- Average of at least 12 dwelling units per acre within a ¼-mile walk distance of bus or streetcar stops, and within ½-mile walk distance of bus rapid transit stops, light or heavy rail stations, or ferry terminals
- Average of at least 7 dwelling units per acre within the rest of the CCC boundary

**Employment Density:** At least 25 jobs per acre

**Diverse Uses:** At least 7 diverse uses present

**Transit Availability:** At least 60 weekday trips and 40 weekend trips

*STAR calculated Density, Destinations, and Transit score*

30

*Upload completed Excel spreadsheet showing achievement of thresholds and score calculations*

be-3-ccc-outcome1\_SteamboatSprings.xlsx

## **OUTCOME 2: WALKABILITY**

Demonstrate that each CCC achieves the following thresholds (Partial credit available):

- 90% of roadways contain sidewalks on both sides
- 100% of crosswalks are ADA accessible
- 60% of block faces contain street trees at no more than 40 feet intervals
- 70% of roadways are designed for a travel speed of no more than 25 mph
- Minimum intersection density of 90 intersections per square mile

*STAR calculated Walkability score*

12

*Upload completed Excel spreadsheet showing achievement of thresholds and score calculations*

be-3-ccc-outcome2\_SteamboatSprings.xlsx

## **OUTCOME 3: DESIGN**

Demonstrate that each CCC achieves the following thresholds (Partial credit available):

- 80% of front building setbacks along primarily single-family residential blocks are not more than 25 feet from the property line
- 80% of front building setbacks along primarily commercial blocks are not more than 10 feet from the property line
- 40% of primarily commercial blocks have ground floor street frontages free from blank walls and loading docks, and do not have structured or surface parking as the principal land use along the street

*STAR calculated Design score*

5

*Upload completed Excel spreadsheet showing achievement of thresholds and score calculations*

be-3-ccc-outcome3\_steamboatsprings.xlsx

## **OUTCOME 4: AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Demonstrate that each CCC achieves at least 2 of the following thresholds (Partial credit available):

- 10% of total residential units are affordable
- 10% of residential units built or substantially rehabilitated within the last 3 years are dedicated as subsidized affordable housing
- Some of the dedicated long-term affordable housing are deeply subsidized or deeply affordable for very- and extremely-low income households

*STAR calculated Affordable Housing score*

None

*Upload completed Excel spreadsheet showing achievement of thresholds and score calculations*

be-3-ccc-outcome4\_SteamboatSprings.xlsx

## **LOCAL ACTION 1: PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Demonstrate that the comprehensive plan supports compact, mixed-use development

*Provide plan title*

Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan

*Link to or upload relevant sections of the plan*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/documentcenter/view/1797>

*Date plan was officially adopted, endorsed by the local government, or had last major update*

2004

*If the plan was adopted or updated more than 3 years ago, briefly describe how the plan is still relevant and in use*

The Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan is still relevant and in use. The plan is included in the Community Development Code as a guiding document of long-range goals and policy objectives that are important to the broader community.

*Describe the development process and include information on stakeholder involvement and participating agencies, departments, and/or organizations involved*

Public officials, staff, consultants, citizen volunteers, working group members and the public collaborated over a period exceeding two years from November 2001 through January 2004 to update the 1995 Plan and develop the 2004 Community Plan. Ensuring equal and fair representation of the diverse community were important objectives. The planning team, guided by the public officials and coordinated by staff and consultants,

provided opportunities for the public and other stakeholders to participate during every step of the plan. The planning process started with the 1995 plan by evaluating its strengths and weaknesses. Ultimately, the 2004 Plan carries forward most of the themes of the 1995 Plan.

*Provide vision statement or high-level description of plan goals*

Our community will promote a functional, compact, and mixed-use pattern that integrates and balances residential and non-residential land uses.

*Describe the key recommendations of the plan*

The Steamboat Springs area has a relatively finite amount of developable private land that can be served by utilities and public facilities and services. A compact land use pattern shapes growth in a manner that preserves the region's natural environment, livability, and sense of community. The Future Land Use Plan includes an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) that identifies lands that are currently most appropriate for compact, urban development.

*Does the plan contain quantifiable targets or metrics for evaluating progress?*

yes

*Describe the strategy for implementing plan recommendations, including responsible parties, level of effort anticipated, and resources dedicated*

The strategy for implementing plan recommendations includes maintaining the UGB, establishing use criteria for altering the UGB in a major or minor capacity, and requiring development to occur within the UGB.

## LOCAL ACTION 2: INVENTORY, ASSESSMENT, OR SURVEY

Identify areas appropriate for compact, mixed-use development on the community's official future land use map

*Type of inventory, assessment, or survey – select 1:*

- Report

*Link to or upload PDF of inventory, assessment, or survey*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/DocumentCenter/View/1797>

*Provide the title and describe key findings from the inventory, assessment, or survey*

Steamboat Springs Community Area Plan: The key findings of the assessment found that the Community wants to be a compact, pedestrian-oriented urban center with interconnected neighborhoods, bordered by open spaces and working agricultural lands, and supporting land uses that ensure a diverse, sustainable community in harmony with the natural and cultural

environment. The six distinct planning areas are: Old Town, The Mountain, Fish Creek, Strawberry Park, West of Steamboat Springs, and South of Steamboat Springs.

*Date the inventory, assessment, or survey was created or completed*

2004

## LOCAL ACTION 3: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt regulatory strategies that permit or incentivize increased residential and employment densities and diverse uses in transit-served areas and areas identified for compact, mixed-use development



*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

TND-Traditional Neighborhood Development Zone District

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

[https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat\\_springs/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO\\_CH26CO](https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat_springs/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO_CH26CO)

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

TND zoning advances progress toward the desired outcome by permitting, encouraging, and promoting innovatively designed developments involving residential and nonresidential land uses, which together form an attractive and harmonious mixed-use development with an internally consistent hierarchy of building and street types using traditional neighborhood development (TND) principles.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2013

## **LOCAL ACTION 4: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT**

Require walkability standards for new development that include sidewalks on both sides of roadways, street trees, ADA accessible crosswalks, roadways designed for maximum travel speeds of 25 mph, and maximum block lengths in transit-served areas and areas identified for compact, mixed-use development

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Sec. 26-155 Complete Streets, Sec. 26-183 Standards for Subdivisions, Sec. 26-137 Landscaping Standards and revegetation

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

[https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat\\_springs/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO\\_CH26CO155COST](https://www.municode.com/library/co/steamboat_springs/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIISTSPREMUCO_CH26CO155COST)

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Sec. 26-155 Complete Streets: This regulation advances progress towards this desired outcome by requiring all streets accommodate the pedestrian mode of transportation, sidewalk widths and both sides of the street.

Sec. 26-183 Standards for Subdivisions: Section B9 requires block lengths shall be a minimum of two hundred (200) feet and a maximum of six hundred sixty (660) feet. Variances to block length shall be in accordance with criteria established by the director of public works in coordination with the director and as published in the Engineering Standards.

Sec. 26-137 Landscaping Standards and revegetation: This regulation states the requirement of regular intervals of street trees. What that requirement is depends on which zone district the development is located.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2015

## LOCAL ACTION 5: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Require build-to lines for commercial and residential structures in transit-served areas and areas identified for compact, mixed-use development

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

CO- Commercial Old Town District

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

CO Zone District: Purpose and intent. The commercial Old Town zone district is intended primarily to provide areas for commercial development compatible with the scale, character, and streetscape of the traditional downtown area of the city. Appropriate land uses include public facilities, commercial retail, primarily on the street and pedestrian level, with office and/or residential uses above or below the street level. Portions of the area may be appropriate for inclusion in a local or other cultural resource designation. The uses, structures, and project design should focus on providing an interesting pedestrian experience that has variety and vitality and that is not dependent upon direct vehicular access or immediately adjacent parking. CO Development Standards: 0' max front/side street setback and 0' side setback

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2013

## **LOCAL ACTION 8: PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION**

Establish a design review board, neighborhood commission, or similar appointed citizen body that provides comments on proposed development projects

*Provide the name of the partnership or committee AND briefly describe each partner's contribution or criteria for committee selection*

Planning Commission - The Planning Commission's contributions include providing comments and recommendations to City Council on proposed development projects

*Type of collaboration*

Appointed committee

*Link to or upload documentation of the partnership or committee's creation or ongoing work*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/index.aspx?nid=94>

*Date established*

1993 or before

*Describe key accomplishments in the past 3 years*

The Planning Commission was established in 1959. In the last three years, the Planning Commission has made a multitude of recommendations on a broad variety of development projects to City Council. They have also taken on a variety of special projects.

They are currently involved in an extensive and ongoing city code update.

*Briefly describe the local government's financial contribution and/or elected official/staff time dedicated in the past 3 years*

The Planning Commission has three work sessions with Planning Department staff each month as well as two meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

## **LOCAL ACTION 9: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Implement programs to preserve and maintain existing subsidized and unsubsidized affordable housing in transit-served areas, compact and mixed-use areas, and areas with rapidly-rising housing costs

*Provide the name and a brief description of the program or service*

Yampa Valley Housing Authority's Deed Restriction Monitoring - helps homeowners of affordable housing find new owners when they sell

*Number of housing units receiving assistance in the past 3 years*

137

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the program or service that advances progress towards the desired*

*Outcome(s)*

The Yampa Valley Housing Authority creates and supports affordable housing in Steamboat Springs to people at low to moderate income levels. They have distributed \$60,000 in direct Down Payment assistance and secured over \$1,000,000 in grants associated with housing programs.

In order to preserve affordable housing in Steamboat Springs, which has rapidly-rising housing costs throughout the jurisdiction, the Yampa Valley Housing Authority provides Deed Restriction Monitoring, one of their many programs. When an owner of a deed restricted house is ready to sell, the housing authority provides assistance with finding and securing a new owner. They also pre-qualify potential buyers, ensuring they meet the restrictions of the house.

*Date program or service was created or implemented*

2003

## LOCAL ACTION 10: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Increase the percentage of households with access to transit

*Percentage or percent increase in the number of households with transit access in the past 3 years*

3%

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Approximately 70-75% of the households have transit service within 1/4 mile. Increases in households with transit service is due to new high density construction in areas already served by transit. Transit services are dependent on funding from the City of Steamboat Springs general funds. This Spring, the City of Steamboat Springs developed a policy that will stabilize funding, enabling SST to plan long range rather than to fluctuate with annual market trends. Passengers will be better able to utilize transit service because of the ability to rely on transit when making housing, work and recreation plans based on transportation.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

SST installed 6 new bus shelters including sidewalk connections. In addition, Steamboat Springs Transit purchased three 35' diesel/electric Hybrid buses and has another one on order, to be delivered in December. SST has funding in place for one additional Hybrid bus. Approximately \$200,000 was spent in shelter and bus stop improvements. Approximately \$100,000 was spent in GPS bus improvements letting passengers know where buses were to minimize wait time at the stop and improve the rider's experience and make transit a better option.

## **BE-4: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**

### **OUTCOME 3: AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION**

Demonstrate no more than 5% loss of subsidized affordable housing units due to expiring subsidies in the past 3 years

*Number of affordable units lost due to expiring subsidies and total number of existing affordable units*

0/25

*Upload documentation of the methods used to protect expiring subsidies and the locations impacted*

BE-4, Outcome 3 Housing Preservation\_SteamboatSprings.docx

### **EXCEPTION**

*Is market rate affordable housing already abundantly available?*

no

### **LOCAL ACTION 1: PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Develop a comprehensive housing strategy

*Provide plan title*

Steamboat Springs Community Area Plan and Plan Supplement

*Link to or upload full plan*

<http://www.steamboatsprings.net/DocumentCenter/View/6828>

*Date plan was officially adopted, endorsed by the local government, or had last major update*

2014

*If the plan was adopted or updated more than 3 years ago, briefly describe how the plan is still relevant and in use*

The Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan was reaffirmed in the Community Plan Supplement which was adopted in September, 2014. The link to the supplement is listed here, the file size for the plan and supplement are too large and have been sent separately via smartfile. The plan is included in the Community Development Code as a guiding document of long-range goals and policy objectives that are important to the broader community.

*Describe the development process and include information on stakeholder involvement and participating agencies, departments, and/or organizations involved*

Public officials, staff, consultants, citizen volunteers, working group members, and the public collaborated over a period exceeding two years from November 2001 through January 2004 to update the 1995 Plan and develop the 2004 Community Plan. Ensuring equal and fair representation of the diverse community were important objectives. The planning team, guided by the public officials and coordinated by staff and consultants, provided opportunities for the public and other stakeholders to participate during every step of the plan. The Community Plan Supplement from 2014 utilized a four phase process: 1) Public Outreach, 2) Data Analysis, 3) Community Visioning - which established the community's vision and goals for growth management, land use, housing and transportation, and 4) Implementation and Monitoring program. Public outreach involved both open public meetings as well as meetings with specific stakeholder groups and community organizations. Planning charrettes were utilized in the community visioning process, with additional public meetings utilized to select a preferred alternative.

*Provide vision statement or high-level description of plan goals*

Plan: The Steamboat Springs community will allow the majority of people who work in Steamboat Springs to afford to live here, if they so choose. This also applies to those who have worked for many years in the community and have retired. Supplement: The community will take measures to allow the majority of people who work in Steamboat Springs, or who have lived in and retired in the community, to afford to live in the city if they desire.

*Describe the key recommendations of the plan*

Plan: "If recent housing trends continue, the Steamboat Springs area will continue to lose more of its resident workforce, its social and economic diversity, as well as the character that results in such a unique community. It is clear that the community needs to take action to address housing balance, availability, and affordability. To address these issues, the community must implement policies to

promote a diversity of housing opportunities over time."

The plan suggests developing a database of key housing indicators to help the community understand housing affordability trends and problems, such as cost burdened households. Another suggestion is to develop inclusionary zoning standards and a jobs-to-housing linkage program. The former will require a minimum number of affordable housing units to be built in new developments and the latter will require that a certain amount of housing be built to offset new jobs created, hopefully helping to keep the cost of housing down. The plan provides many more suggestions related to housing, including reevaluating affordable housing incentives; establishing provisions to ensure permanent affordable housing; converting existing short-term rentals into long-term affordable housing; integrating housing in mixed-use areas; and developing an oversight body to administer and coordinate existing and new affordable housing programs.

Supplement: 1) Develop a scope and budget to review and update Chapter 9: Housing Strategies. 2) Evaluate and implement new balanced housing programs and incentives. 3) Review the Urban Growth Boundary to coordinate and balance the community's housing and growth management goals. 4) Review the community plan's action strategies annually and develop city and county implementation programs for the upcoming year.

*Does the plan contain quantifiable targets or metrics for evaluating progress?*

yes

*Describe the strategy for implementing plan recommendations, including responsible parties, level of effort anticipated, and resources dedicated*

The plan suggests developing a database of key housing indicators. This will help to keep the community



and responsible parties informed and on track. The plan also suggests updating the housing market database to reflect current market conditions. Public-private partnerships should be maintained.

A regional housing plan and authority should be developed. [This authority was created and is called the Yampa Valley Housing Authority.] This authority would be responsible for administering and coordinating existing and new affordable housing programs. The housing authority would work with the city, county, and the private sector to determine a dedicated funding source for affordable housing.

## LOCAL ACTION 3: INVENTORY, ASSESSMENT OR SURVEY

When new transit or other major infrastructure investments are planned, analyze the likelihood and extent to which housing costs are anticipated to increase in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods so that appropriate strategies can be developed to preserve and create long-term affordable housing

*Type of inventory, assessment, or survey – select 1:*

- Map

*Link to or upload PDF of inventory, assessment, or survey*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/DocumentCenter/View/1797>

*Provide the title and describe key findings from the inventory, assessment, or survey*

Steamboat Springs Community Area Plan: The key findings of the assessment found that the Community wants to be a compact, pedestrian-oriented urban center with interconnected neighborhoods, bordered by open spaces and working agricultural lands, and supporting land uses that ensure a diverse, sustainable community in harmony with the natural and cultural

environment. The land use map helps to analyze the transportation system's impacts on providing affordable housing in the long term.

*Date the inventory, assessment, or survey was created or completed*

2004

## LOCAL ACTION 4: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Use regulatory and design strategies to encourage compatible infill and redevelopment with a mix of housing types in neighborhoods close to employment centers, commercial areas, and where transit or transportation alternatives exist

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Community Development Code - Zone Districts and Permitted Uses

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The Community Development Code allows attached and detached secondary dwelling units (650 sf or less) in all of our single family residential zone districts. It also permits a mix of uses and allows multiple-family residential zone districts. We allow for some reduction in parking for mixed use projects - this could include residential and nonresidential uses, and we allow for a reduction in parking and Floor Area Ratio bonus for employee housing units. In addition, the Community Area Plan promotes mixed use and variety in housing types.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2001

## LOCAL ACTION 7: PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Partner with nonprofit organizations to provide education, counseling, and financial assistance to homebuyers or renters

*Provide the name of the partnership or committee AND briefly describe each partner's contribution or criteria for committee selection*

Yampa Valley Housing Authority: The City provides annual funding to YVHA to support its operations and to fund downpayment assistance to homebuyers. YVHA's contribution is planning, financing, acquiring, managing and operating housing programs for low and moderate income households and employees of employers located within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

*Type of collaboration*

Formal partnership

*Link to or upload documentation of the partnership or committee's creation or ongoing work*

<http://www.yvha.org/projects.php>

*Date established*

2003

*Describe key accomplishments in the past 3 years*

YVHA has created 137 affordable housing units. They purchased the Fish Creek Trailer Park and established the Home Buyer's Education program. They have distributed \$60k in direct down payment assistance and secured over \$1,000,000 in grants associated with housing programs. They provide mortgage credit certificates, energy outreach grants, 1 on 1 counseling, pre-qualification services, and deed restriction monitoring

*Briefly describe the local government's financial contribution and/or elected official/staff time dedicated in the past 3 years*

The City has provided \$479,422 to YVHA for its operations and programs over the past three years. Typical annual funding is \$80,000 per year. Additional dollars were contributed in 2015 to support the development of new low income housing units that will be constructed in 2016. In addition, one member of the Steamboat Springs City Council serves on the YVHA board of directors each year.

## BE-5: INFILL & REDEVELOPMENT

### LOCAL ACTION 1: INVENTORY, ASSESSMENT OR SURVEY

Develop an inventory of infill, previously developed, brownfield, or greyfield sites of greatest priority and potential for development or redevelopment

*Type of inventory, assessment, or survey – select 1:*

- Map

*Link to or upload PDF of inventory, assessment, or survey*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/DocumentCenter/View/1797>

*Provide the title and describe key findings from the inventory, assessment, or survey*

Vacant Land Capacity Analysis: The map shows the number of residential (4,612 total) units, and non-residential (2,030,625 sq. ft) space available to be developed within Steamboat Springs.

*Date the inventory, assessment, or survey was created or completed*

2010

### LOCAL ACTION 2: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt a policy commitment to limited or no expansion of physical jurisdiction boundaries or extension of urban services

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

26-63 Annexation

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

This regulation advances progress toward the desired outcome by limiting expansion of physical jurisdiction boundaries. The regulation requires consistency with applicable plans, compatibility with surrounding development and consistency with the purpose and standards of the zone district. Overall, the regulation requires that advantages must substantially outweigh disadvantages.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2008

## **LOCAL ACTION 3: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT**

Use regulatory and design strategies to encourage compatible infill and redevelopment with a mix of housing types in neighborhoods close to employment centers, commercial areas, and where transit or transportation alternatives exist

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Community Development Code - Zone Districts and Permitted Uses

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

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*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2001

## **LOCAL ACTION 9: ENFORCEMENT AND INCENTIVES**

Perform proactive zoning enforcement and vacant lot cleanup or maintenance to improve the attractiveness of a redevelopment or blighted area and to deter crime

*Number of proactive enforcement cases investigated in the past 3 years*

3

*Number of proactive vacant lot cleanups or ongoing maintenance in the past 3 years*

13

*Provide description of the enforcement*

A "Notice to Abate a Nuisance" letter is sent to the property owner.

*List agency(ies) / department(s) responsible for enforcement*

- City of Steamboat Springs Planning Department Code Enforcement Officer
- the City of Steamboat Springs Police Department Community Service Officer.

*Briefly describe enforcement mechanism and process*

The "Nuisance" letter gives the property owner seven days to abate the nuisance or the City can abate at a cost + 10% with a lien being filed against the property if not paid. Public nuisances and nuisance letters are described in the city's code of ordinances.

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the enforcement activity that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

With 16 total proactive enforcement cases and vacant lot cleanups (or ongoing maintenance) investigated, the city is dedicated to improving the attractiveness of redevelopment and blighted areas. If after seven days there is no response to the "Notice to Abate a Nuisance" Letter, the property owner may receive fines of up to \$999 per day and/or 180 days in jail.

*Date enforcement was created or implemented*

1999

## **LOCAL ACTION 10: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

Target local infrastructure improvements to revitalize redevelopment or blighted areas and catalyze private reinvestment

*List of major projects in the past 3 years*

- Downtown Blight Area - Workman Park. Mountain Base Area URA

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The commercial downtown area was found to be blighted as it met 9 of 11 criteria for blight. In 2015, the city purchased a residential property on Yampa Street and converted the property into a green space with access to both the Yampa River and Butcherknife Creek. The project was the direct catalyst of a project to redevelop a deteriorated property directly across the Street. In 2015 the City has carried out all of the design work needed to develop critical public infrastructure - sidewalks, pedestrian friendly intersections, bike lanes, and street lighting - needed on Yampa Street - and this project will be constructed in 2016. At the Mountain Area, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) was used for Steamboat's Urban Renewal Authority (URA) in 2005 (Resolution 2005-04). The purpose of the URA was to eliminate slum and blight in Steamboat Springs, specifically at the Base Area of Steamboat Springs. The baseline year for property tax and sales tax under the TIF was 2004, and it will be collected for the Base Area for 25 years following (2029).

The URA funds are used on public or private property as capital investment to remove blight and expand and improve businesses at the Base Area. The investment includes the planning, management, and administration of capital projects. Completion of projects and eliminated hazards and revitalized the base area - turning an area that had dirt trails adjacent to a deteriorated series of culverts into a pedestrian promenade with access to a creek. The project resulted in immediate investment on private property adjacent to the new promenade.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

The City invested \$900,000 in 2015 in the purchase and conversion of the Workman property into a urban greenspace bordering both Butcherknife Creek and the Yampa River on Yampa Street, which is the city's entertainment area. At the mountain area, TIF funded capital projects have been carried out each year since TIF was put into place. The largest project was daylighting of the creek and building a promenade along the creek to create new pedestrian linkages in the mountain base area connecting Gondola Square to the Torian Plum Plaza. TIF projects are anticipated to continue into the future as funds are slated to be collected through 2029. TIF projects completed in the last three years are: 2013: • Mt. Werner Cr. Median Enhancement \$275,000 • US40 Median Enhancement \$160,000 2014: • Promenade Furnishings/Trash Receptacles \$8,750 • Hwy 40 Wayfinding Signs – 3 total \$32,750 • Kiosk Directory Sign at Base of Grand Staircase \$15,000 • Beach Area at Slot Canyon \$4,500 • Turf Enhancements \$5,000 • Creek Access at Slopeside \$6,000 2015: • Apres/Village Intersection Design \$50,000 • Underwater creek light abandonment \$3,000 • Iconic Barn design \$20,000Tax



## BE-6: PUBLIC SPACES

### OUTCOME 1: ACREAGE

Provide ample parkland based on population density as follows:

- **High:** 6.8 acres per 1,000 residents
- **Intermediate-High:** 7.3 acres per 1,000 residents
- **Intermediate-Low:** 13.5 acres per 1,000 residents
- **Low:** 20.3 acres per 1,000 residents

*Population density category*

Low

*Acreage per 1,000 residents*

290.91

### CALCULATIONS OF PARKLAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS

*Was the data was provided by the Trust for Public Land?*

no

*If the data was not provided by the Trust for Public Land, then Upload completed Excel worksheet showing population density and acreage calculations*

be-6-publicspaces-outcome1-steamboatsprings.xlsx

### OUTCOME 2: PROXIMITY

Demonstrate that housing units in the community are located within a ½-mile walk distance of a public space or park based on population density as follows:

- **High or Intermediate-High:** 85%

- **Intermediate-Low or Low: 70%**

*Population density category*

Low

*Percentage of housing units*

98% of housing units are within 1/2 mile

*Upload a map showing percentage of housing within 1/2-mile of a public space or park*

BE6\_Outcome2.pdf

## **OUTCOME 3: CONNECTIVITY**

Demonstrate that 90% of households are located within 3 miles of an off-road trail (Partial credit available)

*Percentage of housing units located within 3 miles of an off-road trail*

100%

*Upload a map showing the percentage of housing units within 3 miles of an off-road trail*

be-6-publicspaces-outcome3-offroadtrails.pdf

## **OUTCOME 4: USE AND SATISFACTION**

**Option A:** Demonstrate that 66% or more of surveyed residents visit a park at least once a year

*Percentage of surveyed residents that visit a park at least once a year*

93%

*Upload report containing survey results*

be-6-publicspaces-outcome4-useandsatisfaction.pdf

## LOCAL ACTION 1: PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Adopt a parks and/or open space plan that promotes a community-wide network of public spaces that provide recreational, transportation, and environmental benefits

*Provide plan title*

Steamboat Springs Area Open Space & Trails Master Plan

*Link to or upload full plan*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/documentcenter/view/303>

*Date plan was officially adopted, endorsed by the local government, or had last major update*

2008

*If the plan was adopted or updated more than 3 years ago, briefly describe how the plan is still relevant and in use*

The plan details a proposed trail network and trail design. It also has several ongoing action items, including the identification and protection of additional open space properties.

*Describe the development process and include information on stakeholder involvement and participating agencies, departments, and/or organizations involved*

The plan participants included a technical advisory committee and stakeholders. The technical advisory committee consisted of the Routt County Planning Department, Steamboat Springs Parks, Open Space, and Recreational Services, the Steamboat Springs Department of Planning and Community Development, Steamboat Springs Internal Services, the Yampa Valley Land Trust, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and EDAW (as a consultant). The stakeholders consisted of the Routt County Extension Office, Routt County Riders, Adjacent Emerald Mountain Land Owners, Steamboat II Metro District, Yampa Valley Fly Fishers, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Routt County Purchase of Development Rights Citizens Advisory Board,

and Friends of the Yampa. Inventory and analysis was done in June 2006.

In August 2006, a preliminary vision, goals, issues, and opportunities were developed. There were public workshops in August of 2006 and January of 2007. The plan development took place from October 2006 to July 2007. Public review, implementation, and recommendations occurred from July to December of 2007.

*Provide vision statement or high-level description of plan goals*

pg. 30: The community will develop a well financed and well maintained open lands program to protect the physical beauty, the open spaces, the special places, and the healthy ecosystem of the valley in perpetuity. Our open land program will not only seek to protect our open space resources, but also to educate our citizens on the open space treasures in their community. Our community will take a comprehensive and regional approach to development of a trail system, linking existing trails, giving neighborhoods access to trails, and connecting urban and rural trails to public lands.

*Describe the key recommendations of the plan*

The City should continuously designate existing public lands as open space and refine the criteria for open space protection to better reflect the community's values, but should initially focus preservation efforts on open spaces that have either recreation opportunities, sensitive natural resources, scenic resources and viewsheds, or agricultural areas. Keeping in mind the open space classification scheme and the trail classification system, the city should classify all existing and proposed open spaces; encourage the appropriate level of public access to open space; clearly differentiate parks from open space; designate, construct, and expand trail systems while protecting sensitive habitat areas; and create way-finding signage. The city also needs to identify, enhance, and conserve critical wetland areas and critical wildlife habitats by strengthening floodplain regulations, providing adequate buffers to riparian areas and other water bodies, develop wetland protection standards, and develop a wildlife habitat overlay district with appropriate standards. To create a bicycle friendly community, on-street trail systems that connect to other trails, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial areas need to be created.

To establish a permanent and constant revenue source dedicated to the acquisition and preservation of open space and trails, the city needs to explore and adopt a dedicated funding source and acquire land early. To support the city's development code, the Open Space Division should be expanded and maintenance needs should be considered for all open spaces and trails.

*Does the plan contain quantifiable targets or metrics for evaluating progress?*

yes

*Describe the strategy for implementing plan recommendations, including responsible parties, level of effort anticipated, and resources dedicated*

The implementation plan is organized into funding, voluntary efforts by property owners, and regulatory tools. Routt County has a dedicated funding source for open lands protection, but the City of Steamboat Springs does not. The plan specifies that the most viable mechanisms for funding sources include a dedicated sales tax, lodging taxes, and a dedicated property tax. Grant programs should continue to be used as well. Incentives for landowners to donate conservation easements should be pursued.

Regulatory tools play an important role in open space conservation in Steamboat Springs. Strengthening some regulatory tools would contribute further to open space conservation. Recommendations include: strengthening the Floodplain Regulations, increasing minimum setbacks, developing wetlands protection, preparing a wildlife habitat overlay district, developing a joint city/county TDR program, adopting additional visually sensitive areas protection measures, strengthening steep slopes regulations, dedicating trails, and creating a cash-in-lieu system for trails.

## LOCAL ACTION 2: INVENTORY, ASSESSMENT OR SURVEY

Conduct a study regarding the economic impact of parks and public spaces on the local economy to understand their contributions to community satisfaction and tourism

*Type of inventory, assessment, or survey – select 1:*

- Report

*Link to or upload PDF of inventory, assessment, or survey*

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*Provide the title and describe key findings from the inventory, assessment, or survey*

The title of the first report is The Economic Contributions of Outdoor Recreation in Colorado: A regional and county-level analysis from 2014. Outdoor recreationists in Colorado spent over \$21 billion on trips and equipment in 2012. Around 313,000 jobs in Colorado are supported by outdoor recreation expenditures, which accounts for 13.2% of all jobs in Colorado. The Northwest region included the largest amount of outdoor spending at \$6.84 billion. In that region, 95.1% of total outdoor recreation spending was trip-related, while only 4.9% was equipment-related. Also in that region, 92,000 jobs are supported by outdoor recreation, representing 1/3 of the entire adult population in the region. Fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching contribute to over \$5 billion of outdoor recreational economic output, supporting nearly 50,000 jobs within the state.

Routt County contributes over \$19 million in hunting economic output, the 3rd highest in the Northwest Region.

The second report is the 2009 Steamboat Springs Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In the report is a financial analysis of the Park, Open Space, and Recreational Services Department. According to the analysis, the 2007 actual expenditures for personnel, operation, and capital outlay totaled \$4.95 million. In 2007, the actual revenues were \$1.37 million. The revenues include charges for services and contributions at the botanic park.

The third report is the Economic Impact Overview: Triple Crown from 2015. Triple Crown Sports is a youth baseball/softball tournament company that uses sports fields extensively and is the largest single tourism customer in Steamboat in the summer. The event brings about \$8.5 million in taxable dollars, equated to about 6.55% of the taxable sales for the June - August period in 2014. Estimated sales tax contribution is \$340,000 in direct spending and \$404,773 in indirect spending. It is also estimated the series of events supports 86.2 full time employee jobs.

*Date the inventory, assessment, or survey was created or completed*

2014

## LOCAL ACTION 3: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt regulatory strategies or development incentives to create, maintain, and connect parks and public spaces

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan was adopted in 2004. Article II of The Steamboat Springs Code of Ordinances declares that because the Area Community Plan contains long-term goals that are important to the community and contains strategies for dealing with land use, the Plan will be used as a guiding document when the CDC creates policies. Area Community Plan Policy OS-3.1 states that we must

"take a comprehensive approach to the region's trail system, link existing trails as a contiguous system, give neighborhoods access to trails, and connect city and county trails and public lands." Policy OS-4.1 states that we must "establish an appropriate amount of park lands according to population and demands of the community."

Section 26-154 of the Code of Ordinances, Parks and open space standards, "provides standards and regulations to guide the future subdivision of parcels within the traditional neighborhood development (TND) zone district." The standards listed in this section are "intended to provide the area with a diverse palette of parks and other publicly accessible open spaces that are essential components of mixed-use neighborhoods." Neighborhood associations are responsible for maintaining many of the areas described in this section because of their close proximity to residences. The section discusses standards for natural preserves, hillsides, and riparian areas; community parks; plazas and civic spaces; neighborhood parks; pocket plazas; neighborhood pocket parks; community gardens; and playgrounds.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2004

## LOCAL ACTION 4: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt design guidelines for new public spaces and improvements to existing facilities to strengthen environmental benefits and provide visitor amenities

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Mountain Base Area Design Standards

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/DocumentCenter/View/3854>

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The Mountain Base Area Design Standards work to advance progress toward the desired outcome by

seeking to establish a unified character and sense of place in public areas at the Base Area for visitors and residents as well as to promote energy efficiency and sustainable design consistent with the City's goal of leadership in environmental design.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2009

## LOCAL ACTION 5: PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

Participate in a local or regional alliance working to improve and expand the community-based or regional park system

*Provide the name of the partnership or committee AND briefly describe each partner's contribution or criteria for committee selection*

The Yampa River Legacy Partnership was formed in 1997 and operates under a memorandum of understanding between multiple federal, state and local governments in Northwest Colorado. Legacy membership is outlined in the MOU and includes government and non-profit partners, as well as representatives of various stakeholder groups including agriculture, business, recreation, youth and outdoor education, youth and outdoor jobs, public lands, and the Yampa river. The Legacy Partnership provides a forum for partners to develop and implement large and small land conservation, land acquisition, and land/river restoration projects.

*Type of collaboration*

Formal partnership

*Link to or upload documentation of the partnership or committee's creation or ongoing work*

be-6-public space - action 5 - Legacy Partnership MOU 2011 Amendment Final Signed.pdf



*Date established*

1997

*Describe key accomplishments in the past 3 years*

1. Continued Implementation of the 2011 Memorandum of Understanding: BLM Representative, Wendy Reynolds, Little Snake Field Manager, assumed the responsibility to coordinate AGO funding for projects. Received Federal commitments for \$300,000 (2012). Approval of the Routt County Conservation District as a non-voting Partner (2013). City of Steamboat Springs continues to supply Administrative Staff who prepares agendas, minutes, and maintains communications within the Legacy Partnership (2012-2015)

2. Community Participation and Outreach: Nomination of John Kerst long-time Business Representative and Chairman of the Legacy Partnership for the Steamboat Springs Heritage Award (2014). Letter and presentation to the Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable and the Colorado Water Conservation Board on the Colorado Water Plan regarding the following "Principles" for the Yampa River Basin: protect flows for agricultural and agricultural lands and the local recreation economies; protect flows for the natural resources, for the ecology of Northwest Colorado, native riparian habitats, and for native fish; and protect flows in light of compact calls and climate change (2014). Review of State Land Bard Parcels in the SLB Stewardship Trust and letter of opposition to the SLB proposal to remove the South Beach SLB Parcel from the Stewardship Trust (2014). Consensus concerning the need to work on establishing a Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project to address the leafy spurge infestation in western Routt County and eastern Moffat County (2015)

### 3. Legacy Partnership Projects

- Yampa Valley Land Trust and City of Steamboat Springs grant application to GOCO's River Corridors Initiative which was successful for \$2.4 million (City \$300,000 matched with \$150,000 from AGO, remainder Land Trust) (2012)
- Facilitate Western Rivers Conservancy purchase of the Gum Drop Ranch (Cross Mountain Ranch) to hold for BLM. (2012)
- BLM purchase of the Cross Mountain Ranch (the Gum Drop Ranch) with its 2.5 miles of the Yampa River and 920 acres which is immediately up stream of the Cross Mountain Canyon of the Yampa River for \$1,800,000 with funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for hunting and fishing through the America's Great Outdoors Initiative (2013)
- BLM Little Yampa Canyon Project including public campground and road improvements under the BLM's Recreation Area Planning (2013)
- Identification of the BLM Sarvis Creek Project (2012). Facilitate Western Rivers Conservancy purchase of the Sarvis Creek Parcel to hold for BLM and US Forest Service (2013).
- BLM and the US Forest Service purchased the Sarvis Creek Parcel, 45.54 acs contiguous to the Sarvis

Creek Wilderness Area and 2,000 acs of public lands with 1/3 mile of the Yampa River for \$1,250,000 with Land and Water Conservation Funds through the America's Great Outdoors Initiative. (2014)

- Yampa Valley Land Trust facilitated the purchase of the conservation easement on 640acs of the Iron Springs Ranch with \$750,000 in funds from the Routt County Purchase of Development Rights Fund and \$955,000 of landowner donation (2015)

#### 4. Communication and Information Sharing within the Legacy Partnership

One of the most important characteristics of the 29 Legacy Partnership meetings held during this time period (2012 through August 2015) is an agenda item called Member Reports. These Reports are an invaluable source of knowledge from this diverse group of Partners. It is through these Reports that information is passed on concerning the activities of the Partners in the Yampa Valley.

*Briefly describe the local government's financial contribution and/or elected official/staff time dedicated in the past 3 years*

The city of Steamboat Springs is a founding member of the Legacy Partnership and has provided monthly staff support to the group since its inception. In the past three years, staff has spent approximately 60 hours providing administrative staff support to the partnership per year, as well as 36 hours per year attending meetings and additional hours carrying out project management of Legacy projects on city property. In addition, the City has spent \$450,000 on Legacy Partnership restoration projects on city lands in the past three years.

## LOCAL ACTION 6: PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

Create an advisory board to regularly receive feedback from residents and organizations regarding planning, decision-making, and other issues affecting the quality and availability of parks and public spaces

*Provide the name of the partnership or committee AND briefly describe each partner's contribution or criteria for committee selection*

Parks and Recreation Commission - 7 members appointed by City Council, all members must have lived in the county for a period of at least one year, members must represent a wide cross section of the community to adequately represent the interests of all age groups served by the City's parks and community services

*Type of collaboration*

Appointed committee

*Link to or upload documentation of the partnership or committee's creation or ongoing work*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/index.aspx?nid=93>

*Date established*

1993 or before

*Describe key accomplishments in the past 3 years*

The Parks and Recreation Commission continually sets goals as a commission regarding parks and trails in Steamboat Springs. One of their sub-committees, Bike Town USA, works toward making Steamboat a more bike-friendly town. The Commission also initiated the Alternative Funding subcommittee to look into alternative ways to provide funding for parks and recreation throughout Steamboat Springs. The Commission also recently recommended that city staff work with local cycling and trail building groups to design and construct a new, gentler trail on Emerald Mountain, asserting that the trail would be a more sustainable alternative than what exists there currently. The commission also voted unanimously to recommend that city staff work with local trail user groups on system-wide trail planning.

They also review the annual budget for the Parks Department.

*Briefly describe the local government's financial contribution and/or elected official/staff time dedicated in the past 3 years*

City Council collaborates with the commission on projects and hears recommendations made by the commission. The commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the every month in a government building. The fourth Wednesday meetings are work sessions. Staff members from the City's parks and community services department frequent the meetings and dedicate approximately 250 hours per year.

## **LOCAL ACTION 7: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Host or partner with a volunteer program to support parks and public space maintenance

*Provide the name and a brief description of the program or service*

The Association of Yampa River Botanic Park - volunteer organization delegated to manage, design, and maintain the park, raise funds, and hire staff; Adopt-a-Trail Program - local groups can adopt a section of the Core Trail that they are then responsible for maintaining at least 3 times per year; Routt County Riders Trail/Bike Park Maintenance - assist with trail maintenance on our parks and open spaces; Yampa River Clean-Up Days; Routt County Clean-Up Day; YVSC Re-Tree

*Number of volunteers annually in the past 3 years*

- Approx 2500

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the program or service that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The Yampa River Botanic Park Association's membership consists of over 400 citizens in Steamboat and people who live far away but have Steamboat connections. The Association's Board is active in building financial support for the Park. The Board manages the Park, hires employees, and manages the facilities. The Facility's annual budget is less than \$150,000. A combination of a hard-working board, hard-working staff, volunteer help and in-kind help make this possible.

The Adopt-a-Trail Program consists of local groups, organizations and businesses who can adopt a section of the Yampa River Core Trail that they are then responsible for maintaining at least three times per year. Projects consist of picking up trash, trimming overgrown trees/shrubs, painting benches, etc. While we have dedicated parks staff that provide ongoing maintenance and trail upkeep, our resources (both staff and money) are limited, so utilizing local volunteers to assist with some trail maintenance projects has been incredibly beneficial. Around 450 volunteers have contributed to Adopt-a-Trail in the past three years, and the program was established in 2000.

The City of Steamboat Springs partners with the local non-profit biking club Routt County Riders (RCR) to assist with trail maintenance on our parks and open spaces. While some of the work that RCR does involves trail construction and is paid, they also facilitate several trail maintenance days each year that are volunteer based. With limited resources, partnering with local bike enthusiasts and groups such as RCR allows the City of Steamboat Springs to properly maintain our trail systems and bike parks, providing a valuable amenity to our community. Around 100 volunteers have helped with RCR's Trail and Bike Park Maintenance, and the program has existed since 2005.

Various other programs throughout the year help maintain our parks and open spaces, including Yampa River Clean-Up Days, Routt County Clean-Up Day, and YVSC's Re-Tree Steamboat event. It is estimated that between 1000 to 2000 volunteers have helped with these various programs in the past three years. ReTree Steamboat alone has seen over 1000 volunteer participants in the past three years. That program, which recruits volunteers to plant trees in the community, was founded in 2010.

*Date program or service was created or implemented*

1995

## LOCAL ACTION 8: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Provide assistance for low-income users to access and use parks and public spaces through subsidy, scholarships, and discounts

*Provide the name and a brief description of the program or service*

Program Scholarships - partial scholarships for youth programs at parks and public spaces

*Number of individuals receiving assistance in the past 3 years*

- 2013 - 41 children; 2014 - 50 children; so far in 2015 - 26 children

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the program or service that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Scholarships are given to families with youths who wish to participate in year-round youth programs (which take place at parks and in public spaces) but aren't able to due to financial strain. For a youth to receive assistance, income eligibility guidelines must be met, and an application must be completed. A youth will also be considered for the scholarship if he/she was referred by school personnel, law enforcement, or mental health agencies. The funds are given on a first-come, first-serve basis.

*Date program or service was created or implemented*

1993 or before

## LOCAL ACTION 9: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Host programs and events in parks and public spaces that bring the community together and encourage physical activity

*Provide the name and a brief description of the program or service*

Yampa River Botanic Park hosts many summer events, including two series that encourage physical activity; Town Challenge Mountain Bike Race Series; Steamboat Pentathlon; Parks and Public Spaces Events; Winter Carnival; the Steamboat Marathon

*Total number of public events held in parks and public spaces in the past year*

over 160

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the program or service that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The Yampa River Botanic Park, established in 1995, hosts "Wednesday Wonderings." These classes involve gardening and information on agriculture in Steamboat Springs. The classes all take place outside and encourage participants to actively get involved in hands-on learning and to maintain an active interaction with the outdoors. The Yampa River Botanic Park also hosts yoga classes. There are several instructors teaching free classes each week, encouraging participants to get active in the outdoors and participate in free exercise classes weekly.

The Town Challenge Mountain Bike Race Series is hosted by the City of Steamboat Springs Parks & Community Services Department (and has been since 2000) annually from June to September. The series consists of seven races that take place every other Wednesday over the course of the summer at various locations within Steamboat Springs. Each race attracts between 150 and 200 participants that range in age from under five to over 70 years of age. At each race, points are awarded to the top 20 finishers in each category, and end of the season series awards are given to the top three finishers in each category.

The Steamboat Pentathlon is hosted by the City of Steamboat Springs Parks & Community Services department annually during the first weekend in March. This endurance race consists of five different disciplines including Alpine Skiing/Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, Cross Country/Nordic Skiing, Mountain Biking, and Running. The event starts and finishes at Howelsen Hill and attracts approximately 200 to 250 participants annually. Participants can race all 5 legs individually, or join together in teams of 2 to 5 people and divide the legs among the group. Awards are given to the top 3 finishers in each category/division. The first Steamboat Pentathlon was hosted in 1991.

In addition, throughout the year, there are 100+ events that take place in our parks and public spaces that bring the community together and encourage physical activity. Just a few of these include: City League Softball, Volleyball & Soccer, Triple Crown Softball/Baseball, Kickball Classic, Mountain Bike Races, Running Races, Triathlons, Paddleboard Yoga, NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition, Nature/Walking Tours, Rugby Tournaments, Soccer Tournaments, Volleyball Tournaments, etc. These events and activities have been going on in Steamboat Springs on City property since the 1960s.

Every winter, the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association produces the Winter Carnival, which was

started by the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club as a way to help residents cope with Steamboat's long winter season. The event brings people outside for unusual events and promotes winter sports including skiing, snowboarding, sledding, and others. One unusual event is the "Fire Jump" in which skiers jump through a fiery hoop.

Every summer, the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association also produces the Steamboat Marathon, which was ranked as one of the "Top 10 Destination Marathons in North America" by Runner's World Magazine, in part because the racers run alongside beautiful Elk River in Routt County. Racers can choose to take on a half-marathon or the full marathon. For two years in a row, the Marathon has partnered with the Children's Hospital Colorado. 100% of the funds raised by the Marathon went directly to the Hospital's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

*Date program or service was created or implemented*

1993 or before

## LOCAL ACTION 10: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Consistently invest sufficient capital and operational funding to create and maintain parks and public spaces

*Total spending on parks and recreation in the past year was \$85 per resident*

yes

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The total spending on parks and recreation in the past year was \$368.35 per resident. The City of Steamboat Springs' Annual Budgets include a Capital Improvement Budget, which in 2013, 2014, and 2015 included a Parks, Open Space, and Recreation budget, a Tennis Center Fund, and a Howelsen Hill Ski Fund (these aspects of the budget existed prior to 2013, but these three years will primarily be addressed).

In 2013, the City invested in ballpark improvements, medians, Yampa River restoration, raw water irrigation systems for parks, clay court resurfacing at the Tennis Center, and Howelsen Hill improvements and rehomologation. In 2014, the City invested in a Howelsen Hill Master Development Plan and infrastructure repairs at Howelsen Hill. In 2015, the City invested in ballpark improvements, playground equipment, Core Trail, 9th Street Bridge Decking, Snake Island Property, medians, raw water irrigation systems for parks, clay court resurfacing at the Tennis Center, and Howelsen Hill infrastructure improvements.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

In 2013, the City invested \$334,077. In 2014, the City invested \$350,000. In 2015, the City invested \$669,000. In total since 2013, \$1,353,077 has been invested.

## BE-7: TRANSPORTATION CHOICES

### OUTCOME 3: TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Demonstrate that pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities are making incremental progress towards zero fatalities by 2040 (Partial credit available)

*Is the community is on track to achieve zero pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities by 2040?*

yes

*Provide the community's most recent annual percent reduction or 5-year average in pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities*

-100%

*Upload completed Excel worksheet demonstrating reductions in recent annual percent reduction or 5-year average in pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities*

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### LOCAL ACTION 1: PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Adopt a bicycle and/or pedestrian master plan that prioritizes future projects to improve safety and access to non-motorized transportation

*Provide plan title*

Sidewalk Master Plan



*Link to or upload full plan*

<http://steamboatsprings.net/DocumentCenter/View/6697>

*Date plan was officially adopted, endorsed by the local government, or had last major update*

2006

*If the plan was adopted or updated more than 3 years ago, briefly describe how the plan is still relevant and in use*

The plan has a prioritized list of infrastructure projects that is still considered when planning of sidewalk and Yampa River core trail improvements.

*Describe the development process and include information on stakeholder involvement and participating agencies, departments, and/or organizations involved*

The Steamboat Springs Sidewalk Master Plan was created with input from a variety of stakeholders including the City's Public Works and GIS Staff. City volunteers and staff inventoried the existing sidewalks, trails, and pathways and noted existing maintenance needs. The Sidewalk Master Plan is to be used in concert with other planning documents including the Mobility and Circulation Plan, the Mountain Town Subarea Plan, and the Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan in order to comply with standards.

*Provide vision statement or high-level description of plan goals*

The cornerstone of this plan is pedestrian facility improvements. Virtually all trips begin and end as pedestrian trips, and it is the intent of this Plan to encourage and allow more trips to be completed as pedestrian trips in their entirety. Part of the decision to make a trip as a pedestrian is governed by the proximity of the destination and the availability of safe and convenient facilities.

*Describe the key recommendations of the plan*

The objectives of this plan are to provide a thorough inventory of existing pedestrian facilities, provide a set of policies and standards that facilitate the completion of the sidewalk and trail system, identify missing links in the system, estimate the cost of building the missing links and develop prioritization procedures to help the City allocate limited resources over time, identify existing and projected maintenance needs, and integrate this Plan into the City's GIS system and make it available electronically to all interested users.

*Does the plan contain quantifiable targets or metrics for evaluating progress?*

yes

*Describe the strategy for implementing plan recommendations, including responsible parties, level of effort anticipated, and resources dedicated*

The plan has a prioritized list of infrastructure projects that is still considered when planning of sidewalk and Yampa River core trail improvements. It discusses the reality of major costs for construction and maintenance and suggests a reasonable and ongoing funding program utilizing this prioritized list as a foundation.

## LOCAL ACTION 2: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT

Adopt a complete streets policy that addresses all users, applies to all projects with limited exceptions, and includes specific next steps for implementation

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Sec. 26-155 Complete Streets

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Sec.25-155 advances progress towards the desired outcome by ensuring that all streets accommodate pedestrian, bicycle, transit and vehicular modes of transportation. The standards aim to improve ability of residents and visitors to move about the community safely and efficiently without dependence upon automobiles. The standards apply to all development within the City of Steamboat Springs.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2013

## **LOCAL ACTION 3: POLICY AND CODE ADJUSTMENT**

Subdivision and other development regulations require walkability standards that encourage walking and enhance safety

*Provide the title of the specific policy or code*

Sec. 26-155 Complete Streets, Sec. 26-183 Standards for Subdivisions, Sec. 26-137 Landscaping Standards and revegetation

*Link to or upload copy of the policy or code requirement*

BE7 A3 Code - Walkability Standards.pdf

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the policy or regulation that advance progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Sec. 26-155 Complete Streets: This regulation advances progress towards this desired outcome by requiring all streets accommodate the pedestrian mode of transportation, sidewalk widths and both sides of the street.

Sec. 26-183 Standards for Subdivisions: Section B9 requires block lengths shall be a minimum of two hundred (200) feet and a maximum of six hundred sixty (660) feet. Variances to block length shall be in accordance with criteria established by the director of public works in coordination with the director and as published in the Engineering Standards.

Sec. 26-137 Landscaping Standards and revegetation: This regulation states the requirement of regular intervals of street trees. What that requirement is depends on which zone district the development is located.

*Was there public engagement during development of the policy or regulation?*

yes

*Date policy or code adoption was adopted or last major update*

2015

## **LOCAL ACTION 5: ENFORCEMENT AND INCENTIVES**

Implement at least 2 types of focused enforcement programs to ensure pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety

*Identify at least two of the focused enforcement programs implemented in the past 3 years*

- Targeted bicycle traffic law obedience enforcement
- School zone and bus-arm enforcement
- Other: Seatbelt, Impaired driving

*Provide description of the enforcement*

The City's Police Department has ongoing operations focused on bicycle traffic law enforcement and school zone and bus arm enforcement. In addition, the department carries out two other targeted safety programs - a seatbelt use program and a high visibility impaired driving program.

*List agency(ies) / department(s) responsible for enforcement*

- City of Steamboat Springs Police Department - both Patrol Officers and Community Service Officers

*Briefly describe enforcement mechanism and process*

The Steamboat Springs Police Department provides patrols in schools zones on a continual basis during the school year - these patrols are carried out by both the dedicated School Resource Officer as well as by regular patrol officers. In addition, patrol officers are continually out in the community and will do crosswalk enforcement when observed and bike enforcement when observed. When encountered, officers also enforce Bike lane encroachment. The City's Community Service Officers are on bicycles and do bike enforcement on a continual basis. Ongoing "other" programs to ensure pedestrian, bicycle and motorist safety include: CDOT's "Click it or ticket" program, which is heightened enforcement and media relations around seatbelt use during two separate periods each year, an annual "Bike Rodeo" at the schools, and High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement during all major holidays as well as for local special events such as Homecoming, Prom, and the Brew Fest.

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the enforcement activity that advance progress towards the desired*

*Outcome(s)*

School zone enforcement provides a highly visible police presence in school areas, which reminds young drivers to follow motor vehicle rules and to drive responsibly. It has also helped change community perception regarding the safety of students walking or biking to school. Targeted bicycle enforcement is beginning to change the community culture regarding the need for bicycles to obey all traffic laws. Finally, the seat belt program and high visibility impaired driving program have resulted in community awareness regarding these safety issues.

*Date enforcement was created or implemented*

2000

## LOCAL ACTION 6: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Increase the percentage of households with access to transit

*Percentage or percent increase in the number of households with transit access in the past 3 years*

3%

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

Approximately 70-75% of the households in Steamboat Springs have transit service within 1/4 mile. Increase in the number of households with transit access is due to new construction of high density residential housing in areas already served by transit. Steamboat Springs Transit has developed routes that focus on the highest density neighborhoods, customer attractions and route efficiency. To improve services, the focus for transit is to adjust headways on existing routes as budget and personnel allow for.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

SST installed 6 new bus shelters including sidewalk connections. In addition, Steamboat Springs Transit purchased three 35' diesel/electric Hybrid buses and has another one on order, to be delivered in December. SST has funding in place for one additional Hybrid bus. Approximately \$200,000 was spent in shelter and bus stop improvements. Approximately \$100,000 was spent in GPS bus improvements letting passengers know where buses were to minimize wait time at the stop and improve the rider's experience and make transit a better option.

## LOCAL ACTION 7: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Increase the mileage of sidewalks, particularly on arterial or collector roads that connect people with destinations

*Percent increase in sidewalks added in the past 3 years or the percent upgraded in the past 5 years*

6.14% increase in the last 3 years

*Upload a map showing the sidewalks added or upgraded*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

The City constructed 2.2 miles of new sidewalks in the past three years, which represents a 6.14% increase in new sidewalks. The sidewalks constructed were the highest priority sidewalks identified in the City's sidewalk master plan. Each sidewalk segment was on an arterial or collector road, with the exception of the two most northern sidewalks. One of these northern sidewalks connects the end of the highly used Yampa River Core trail and Bear River Park with Highway 40. (Previous to this sidewalk, the core trail ended at a dead end in a park, and the only way to reach the park was through the Core Trail.) The other northern sidewalk was built at the airport to ensure pedestrian safety.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

The City spent \$1,134,000 on new sidewalk construction over the past three years.

## LOCAL ACTION 8: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Increase the mileage of striped or buffered bicycle lanes, cycle-tracks, parallel off-street paths and/or other dedicated facilities

*Percent increase in mileage of bicycle facilities added in the past 3 years*

101.8% increase in bike lanes

*Upload a map showing bicycle facilities added*

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*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

In the past three years, the City increased bike lanes by 2.84 miles, which is a 101.8% percent increase in bike lanes. Bike lanes were added along collector and arterial roads in identified priority areas in the community, as shown in the attached map.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

The City spent \$61,000 on maintenance (mostly repainting of stripes) and \$861,000 capital (new bike facilities) in the past three years.

## LOCAL ACTION 10: FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Construct or retrofit transportation infrastructure to meet standards in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

*List of major improvements in the past 3 years*

- Steamboat Springs Transit facilities and equipment all met ADA standards prior to 3 years ago. Over the

- past three years
- the City constructed six new transit shelters
- all of which are done to meet ADA standards.

*Describe the compelling characteristics of the improvement that advances progress towards the desired Outcome(s)*

All facilities and equipment currently meet ADA standards. This is a requirement and it is met for all construction projects. In the past three years, six new transit shelters were constructed and all six meet ADA standards.

*Briefly describe funding invested in facility or infrastructure improvement in the past 3 years*

Approximately \$200,000 was spent in shelter and bus stop improvements. Approximately \$100,000 was spent in GPS bus improvements letting passengers know where buses were to minimize wait time at the stop and improve the rider's experience and make transit a better option.