



CU Denver Planning Studio Focuses On Steamboat Springs *Part of Master of Urban & Regional Planning in College of Architecture & Planning*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-June 6, 2023-Approximately 20 graduate students from the University of Colorado Denver will spend their summer working with the City of Steamboat Springs to kick-off the process to create a new Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan.

“We’re honored that CU Denver selected our project for their Colorado Mountain Town Studio and to have a group of talented students focus on our community and setting the stage for an updated Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan,” said Principal Planner Brad Calvert. “The studio provides real-world experience for the students and the community will benefit from hearing what they recommend based on their multi-faceted approach.”

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program is one of the top planning programs in the United States. This fully accredited program uses Colorado as its classroom to engage in real-world, experiential learning opportunities and interact with planning and design practitioners and the community. In this case, the City of Steamboat Springs.



The 2023 Colorado Mountain Town Studio will focus on timely policy issues, with an emphasis on ensuring Steamboat Springs is an equitable, inclusive, and welcoming community. The students will prepare a diagnostic report that will identify key issues and plan development methodologies that will inform the overall approach to creating a new Community Plan.

“We want the community to understand that these students will be here, what they will be doing, and that it’s for the benefit of the entire Yampa Valley,” continued Calvert. “I encourage everyone to participate in the process.”

While the students will complete most of their work from Denver, they will be in the town for seven days over two visits in June and again at the end of July. While here, they will conduct interviews with residents and businesses as well as host a series of Stakeholder/Focus Groups and an Open House, currently set for June 29 at the Steamboat Springs Community Center. The Open House will vet the studio’s initial findings and solicit input on the vision for the future of Steamboat Springs.

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