

Mill Street Neighborhood Plan

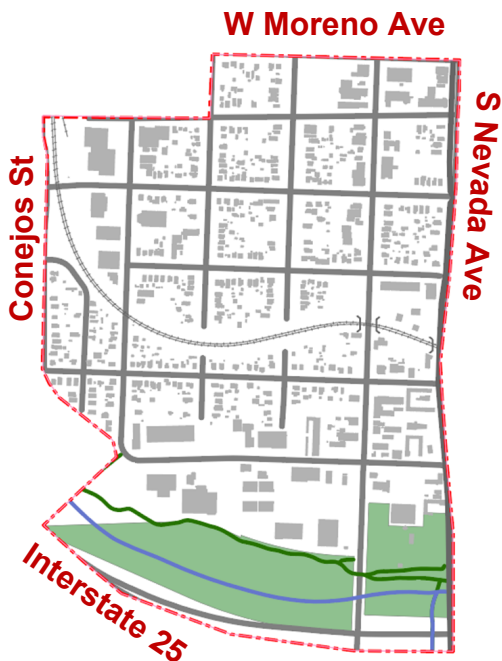
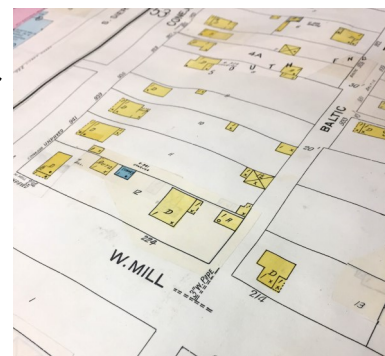
Introduction

Downtown Colorado Springs has seen remarkable growth and development recently and will see even bigger changes ahead. The Community Development Division worked with the residents of the Mill Street neighborhood to develop a plan that would provide tools to preserve neighborhood history and character while maintaining affordability and improving safety and connectivity. The goals of the Mill Street Neighborhood Plan are consistent with PlanCOS.

Process

The Plan was informed by over a year of engaging with residents, business owners, and other stakeholders, who shared their vision and concerns via surveys, polls, interviews, and email.

City Council adopted the Plan on February 12, 2019.



Neighborhood Goals

The goals below capture the recurring themes that the planning team heard over several months of listening to and engaging with the community. These goals provide the framework for the specific strategies and tactics that the City and neighborhood will pursue to achieve the residents' vision: Mill Street Neighborhood will be a thriving, dynamic place that celebrates its diversity and history.

Enhance the Quality of Life
for Mill Street
Residents

Cultivate Mill Street
Character

Reconnect Mill Street
People & Places

Create a Resilient Future
for Mill Street








Developing in the Mill Street Neighborhood

The table below shows elements that Planning staff will look for in **new** development project applications in the Plan area. For more information on available affordable housing incentives and financing tools, please visit the Plan appendix at www.coloradosprings.gov/MillStreetPlan.

Enhance the Quality of Life for Mill Street Residents	Cultivate Mill Street Character	Reconnect Mill Street People and Places	Create a Resilient Future for Mill Street
<p>How will this project contribute to the safety and public health of the neighborhood?</p> <p>Will this project provide public gathering spaces?</p> <p>How does this project impact the environment?</p>	<p>How will this project highlight the neighborhood's history and/or complement the area's architectural styles?</p> <p>How will the project's proposed density impact the surrounding uses?</p> <p>Does this project preserve residential structures?</p>	<p>How was the project owner engaged with the neighborhood during the project planning phase?</p> <p>How does this project provide/complement pedestrian accessibility?</p> <p>How does this project promote street vitality?</p> <p>How will this project activate previously vacant or underutilized space?</p>	<p>How has this project considered affordability in the neighborhood?</p> <p>Will this project create employment opportunities for local residents?</p> <p>How will this project address retention of current residents?</p> <p>Will this project provide or support a land use/service that fills a need in the neighborhood?</p>

Implementation Priorities

The community's two most pressing priorities involved improving neighborhood safety and cleanliness and sustaining the area's affordability. The following strategies are just a selection of those in the Action Plan—a collection of short-term strategies—that the City, neighborhood, and partners can start in the near term.

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail cleanups Air quality monitoring Quiet Zone study Neighborhood events  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street & trail lighting CSPD safety updates SRM communication 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and protect historic features Create local history exhibit Oral histories  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway and signage More public art Support neighborhood identity projects 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve accessibility of crossings Trail access point upgrades  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create neighborhood communication tools Involvement in major development projects 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADU construction subsidy in exchange for rent affordability Historic home preservation guidance  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use HOME rehabilitation funds to add units to single-family homes
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