North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

NDCC

Mayor Michael B. Hancock’s Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

project news

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North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Projects Map
Dear Friends,

Denver Days is an initiative of Mayor Michael B. Hancock that was created to help neighbors connect and get involved in their communities. This year, Denver Days is in its third year and GES is celebrating!

Join your neighbors to kick off Denver Days this Saturday to commemorate Colorado's 1965 flood. At this event, you'll also learn about storm drainage and waterway projects planned in the area and tips for minimizing your flood risk.

**The Importance of Water: Past, Present & Future**  
**Commemorating Colorado's 1965 Flood**  
**Saturday, August 1st**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
11:30 am Short Program  
Northside Park (1400 53rd Ave. - 53rd & Franklin St)

Free paletas and special activities for kids including Denver's Fire Truck will be available.

Next week, The Growhaus is hosting a Summer Fair as part of Denver Days. Join your neighbors for food, fun, and healthy living.

**Summer Fair**  
**Saturday, August 8th**  
**12:00 - 6:00 pm**  
The Growhaus (4751 York St.)

We encourage you to join us at either events and celebrate the pride of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
NDCC Team

**NDCC PROJECT UPDATES**

**National Western Center Campus**

**Advancing the Master Plan**

Denver, the Western Stock Show Association and CSU continue to advance and refine the future National Western Center ideas that have been generated as part of the master planning process. Current efforts include:

- Assembling a technical team that will help prepare a scope of work to consolidate the short line rail tracks
Restoration Study: South Platte River
5:30 - 7:30 pm
REI (1416 Platte St.)

NDCC Annual Report
Click here to read the 2014 NDCC Annual Report.

Michael B. Hancock Sworn in for Second Term as Denver Mayor
CLICK HERE for a video highlighting the accomplishments of the Hancock administration's first term.

In the News
A few stories regarding NDCC projects.

- Drainage project in I-70 deal aims to cut flooding in northeast Denver, Denver Post
- I-70 East Project draws familiar faces, Denver Post
- Sneak Peek at RTD's new commuter rail maintenance center, Denver Business Journal
- RiNo: The highlights of a Denver neighborhood, 9News
- CDOT reveals winners, losers in competition for I-70 East project, Denver Post

that presently run along the South Platte River. Moving the tracks will create access to nearly a mile of the river and begin to set the stage for 12 acres of new river front open space for a variety of uses.

- Issuing an Economic Study RFP that will explore and ultimately recommend how best to grow local to global agri-business and science opportunities in and around the NWC complex.
- Preparing, in partnership with History Colorado and Historic Denver, a work plan for the NWC complex to study options for the preservation of over 100 years of history about the site, including the 1909 Stadium Arena, 1916 Exchange Building, and Amour Administration Building and Water Tower.

Neighborhood Plans

The Urban Waterways Restoration Study
The second round of public meetings are confirmed and will be an opportunity to learn about the proposed preliminary alternatives under consideration as well as provide feedback and comment. There are 3 meetings scheduled.

Weir Gulch
Tuesday, September 15
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Barnum Rec Center (360 W. Hooker St)

South Platte River
Wednesday September 16
5:30 - 7:30 pm
REI (1416 Platte St.)

Harvard Gulch
Wednesday, September 30
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Harvard Gulch Rec Center (550 E. Iliff Ave.)

The meetings will begin with an open-house format at 5:30pm followed by a 45-minute presentation of the alternatives for the specific area at 6pm. The meeting will then resume as an open house format until 7:30pm to provide participants with an opportunity to speak directly with project team members.

For more information, visit www.DenverWaterways.com.

Globeville
Last year, the NDCC funded phase 1 of a walking loop around Argo Park. This past month, the NDCC met with Globeville
Business Journal

Train geeks can tour RTD rail facility, Denver Post

Former Asarco smelter site to get new build, Denver Post

Former NBA Star Kenny Smith On Hand in Globeville to Announce New Hoops Court, CBS4

For additional news stories, click here.

Quick Links

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Councilman Albus Brooks
NDCC Airport City Denver
NDCC 2013 Annual Report
Neighborhoods & Planning Committee

NDCC Presentations to Community & Business Groups

Interested in learning more about the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative? Does your organizations want to host a Coffee with Kelly to hear about the residents to discuss phase 2 and 3 of the loop through funding provided by Denver’s Office of Economic Development. Residents provided feedback to complete the loop around the park. This project is part of the recommendations made by the Health Impact Assessment that was released in 2014. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

MillerCoors Invests in Stapleton Rec

In July, MillerCoors announced their commitment to support the Stapleton Rec Center through their Full Court ReFresh program. Through this program, MillerCoors will provide funding to refurbish the basketball court at Stapleton with support from the NDCC and Denver Parks & Rec.

Mayor Hancock was joined by TV analyst and former NBA star Kenny "The Jet" Smith, Parks & Rec Scott Gillmore and others for the special announcement. We will keep you updated on this project.

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor

National Western Center Brighton Blvd. Improvements (44th - Race Ct.)

The NDCC hosted a public meeting this past month to gather feedback from residents regarding 30% design for the segment of Brighton Boulevard from 44th Street to Race Court (the "NWC Section"). The feedback is currently being compiled into the 30% design document which will be
NDCC?
If so, please contact Erika R. Martinez today!

Questions?
Feedback?
The NDCC team believes in an open door policy. Do you have a question or comment? Share them with our team.

ndcc@denvergov.org

Newsletter Distribution
Please help us build our distribution list! If you know someone who isn't getting the NDCC News Update, please share it with them.

In addition, printed bilingual newsletters are available for distribution throughout the community. If you would like to make these available at your business or organization, please contact Erika Martinez.

River North (RiNo)

RiNo Park
The NDCC and Denver Parks & Rec are planning for the future River North Park! The four acre park site located along the South Platte River will also include a promenade from 31st St to 35th St. Design ideas are just getting underway and we want to hear from you. A final plan will be developed in Fall 2015 with construction planned for Fall 2016. Join us at the upcoming public meeting.

Public Open House #1
Thursday, August 13th
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Short presentation at 6:15 pm
Summit Church (3300 Larimer St.)

RiNo Park Pedestrian Bridge Design
The second public meeting to gather community feedback for the RiNo Park Pedestrian Bridge, linking Taxi to the future RiNo Park, took place this past month. The project team will continue to work on preliminary design based on the community input. More info to come.

I-70 Reconstruction

Qualified Teams Announced for I-70 Project
CDOT, the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) and the Colorado Bridge Enterprise announced the four teams shortlisted to continue the process of qualifying to build the I-70 East Project.

In response to a March release of the I-70 East project's Request for Qualifications, five Statements of Qualifications...
(SOQ) from combined teams of construction and engineering firms, operators and equity investors were submitted in June. The teams were evaluated on their organizational structure, experience on like projects, approach to the Project and financial capacity. The four selected teams are:

- 5280 Connectors
- Kiewit/Meridiam Partners
- Front Range Mobility Group
- I-70 Mile High Partners

The selection process does not prejudge the final project to be constructed, which will be determined at the end of the Environmental Impact Statement process.

**Telephone Town Hall**
Interested in learning more about a public-private partnership for I-70 East? Call into the Telephone Town Hall on Tuesday, August 18th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Simply call 1-877-229-8493 and enter PIN 112034.

**Upcoming Public Meeting**
Join CDOT and the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) to learn about the I-70 East Environmental Impact (EIS) status, public-private partnerships and the next steps in the process - the Request for Proposals (RFP).

These meetings will provide an opportunity to learn more and give input on:

- The proposed projects mitigations
- Aesthetics through the project
- What the Phase 1 project includes
- Public - Private partnerships
- RFP process

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is also providing the public the opportunity to review and comment on how the project will affect and mitigate the South Platte River Trail.

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
**Formal presentation and Q&A start at 6:15 p.m.**

**Aurora**
**Wednesday, Aug. 19**
Aurora Strong Resilience Center
1298 Peoria St.
Aurora, CO 80011

**Denver**
Thursday, Aug. 20
Swansea Rec Center
2650 E. 49th Ave.
Denver, CO 80216

Spanish interpretation, childcare and refreshments will be available at both meetings.

RTD Station Development

**East Rail Line - A Line**
Click here to view the July Monthly Update for the A Line.

**North Metro Line - N Line**
Click here to view the July Monthly Update for the N Line.

**Gold Line - G Line**
Click here to view the July Monthly Update for the Gold Line.

**Riot Fest Announcement**
Riot Fest will be coming to National Western Complex August 28th-August 30th. Riot Fest is a three day music festival which will feature a wide diversity of rock and hip hop bands on stages both inside the event center and outside on Complex parking lots. Street closures will include Humboldt, Franklin and Baldwin North of 46th and on 47th west of Baldwin. Riot Fest organizers will have cleaning crews maintain the grounds and surrounding streets. For more information please see their website [www.riotfest.org/denver](http://www.riotfest.org/denver). For further questions, please contact Max Wagner, Festival Director, max@riotfest.org.

**Hopscotch Denver**
Did you have a chance to participate in Hopscotch Denver? Supported by Redline, The Biennial of the Americas, Radian and other partners, this event hosted Argentinean artist Agustina Woodgate, to bring her internationally-touring hopscotch installation to Denver.

By activating two city blocks of hopscotch in 7 neighborhoods in Denver, the opportunity to connect a city to its neighborhoods both physically and symbolically was created. It underscores the importance of connection and access to transit and resources for all communities.

The Valdez Perry Library was one of seven stops. Thanks to those who participated!
Funding Available for Improvement Projects

The Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) is accepting proposals for a wide range of neighborhood, housing, and improvement projects to be funded in 2016.

Through its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), OED is soliciting proposals from organizations that provide services to Denver residents in the following program areas:

- Neighborhood Public Service Programs
- Housing Support Services - Housing Counseling
- Down Payment Assistance
- Tenant/Landlord Rights and Related Housing Information and Referral Services
- Rental Housing Access Modification Program
- Emergency Home Repair
- Single Family Rehabilitation Program
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Community Housing Development Organizations
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

Programs must be ready to implement in the first quarter of 2016. Selected projects and activities are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program.

The deadline to submit funding applications in response to the NOFA is Friday, August 7, 2015, at 4 p.m.

In addition, throughout the year and contingent on funding availability, OED will also accept online applications for CDBG-funded projects in the following program areas:

- Neighborhood Improvement Projects
- Public Facility & Improvement Projects
- Brownfield Environmental Clean-Up Projects
Programs must be ready to implement shortly after funds are awarded.

Additional information and the online application forms for both the NOFA and the ongoing funding are available at denvergov.org/oed.

For more information, contact Cindy Gaertner at cindy.gaertner@denvergov.org.

Denver's Corridor of Opportunity

The Corridor of Opportunity represents a nearly 23-mile stretch between linking I-70 and East Commuter line from Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport.

The corridor is one of the most compelling commercial investment opportunities in the world, with thousands of developable acres. With nine commuter-rail stations along RTD’s East Line alone (slated to open in 2016), future plans for the area include transit-oriented development with housing, strategic locations for corporate headquarters and abundant options for additional open space.

The variety of opportunities, both existing and future, make this corridor a focal point for Denver’s future economy, with nearly 40,000 new jobs through new and expanded businesses and $2.6 billion in economic impact expected over the next three decades, including $13.4 million annually in additional city revenue.

About the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC)

The North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative was founded by Mayor Michael B. Hancock on January 25, 2013. Recognizing a convergence of upcoming projects in the Elyria-Swansea and Globeville neighborhoods, the Mayor identified an opportunity to energize a cornerstone of
the Corridor of Opportunity and create an updated gateway to downtown by aligning individual efforts into one coordinated vision. Kelly Leid manages the general oversight, planning, strategic coordination, financing and implementation of the six primary projects.

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