

# HEALTHY LIVING IN BENNETT

Economic Benefits of Healthy Community Design DRCOG

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#### H.E.A.L. PRINCIPLE

- <u>H</u>ealthy
- <u>E</u>ating
- Active
- Living

#### Land Use

• Cities' planning, zoning, and infrastructure investment can have a positive effect on health.

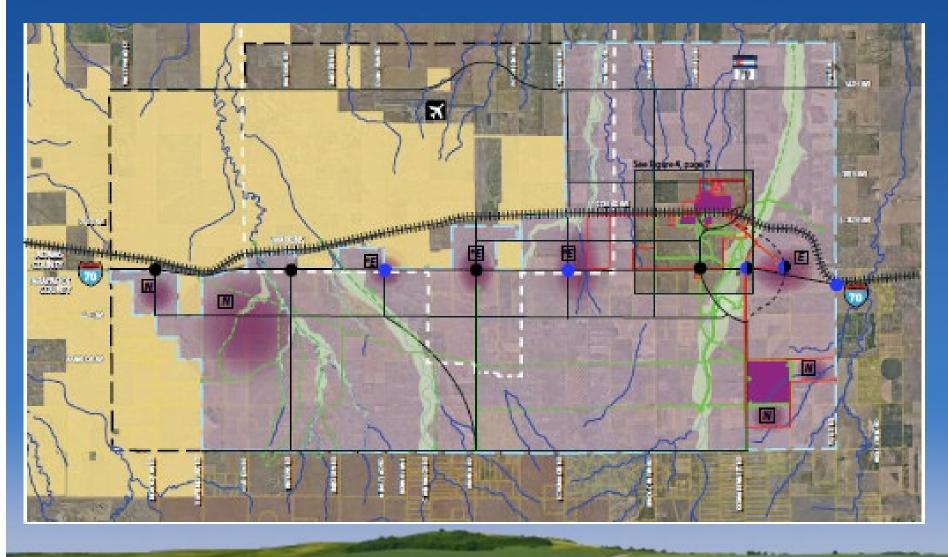
#### **Healthy Foods**

 Cities have powerful planning, economic development, and public relations tools for attracting and supporting healthy food retailers.

#### H.E.A.L. PROJECTS IN BENNETT

- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Downtown Planning Study/Overlay District
- Trails
- Street Striping
- Flat 14ers
- Bennett Days Community Walk
- Community Center Recreation Program

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



## Comprehensive Plan Guiding Principles

Develop town and neighborhood centers with mixed land use and greater land density to shorten distances between homes, workplaces, schools, shopping, places of worship, cultural facilities, and recreation and social activities

Design new developments in a manner to blend with the rural setting and preserve natural features and areas designated for agricultural production

Ensure that affordable housing and access to healthy living is available for people of all ages and income levels

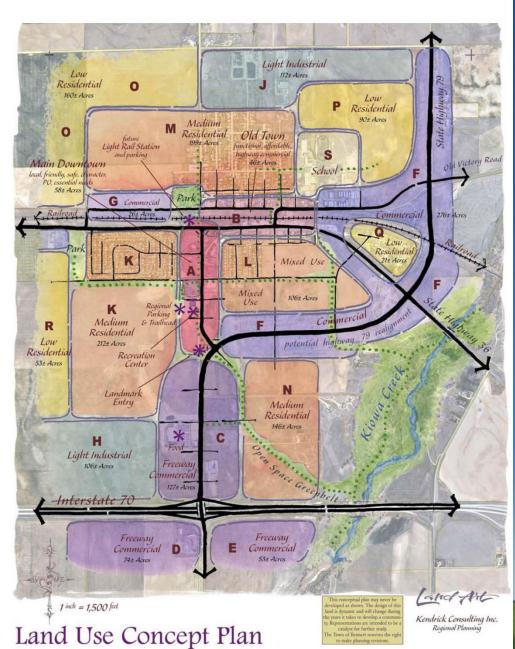
## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN Guiding Principles

Offer access to open space, trails and parks to provide more opportunities for walking, biking, recreation, and contact with nature

Preserve open space, farmland, and areas that have environmental significance to the region, particularly that are susceptible to flood hazard; are identified aquifer recharge areas; have natural mineral wealth; or are prime agricultural land

Provide a variety of transportation choices including bicycle trails; sidewalks; and mass transit to reduce the dependence upon automobiles; and create streets that are safe for use by automobiles, pedestrians, and bicyclists

# DOWNTOWN PLANNING STUDY



## DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT

The purpose of the Downtown Overlay District (DOD) is to establish building, site development and streetscape regulations that:

- encourage a greater mixture of land uses with higher densities; and
- provide for multimodal transportation opportunities that increase mobility and access for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

The development criteria encourage quality development through the use of a variety of design and site techniques while continuing to provide for a wide range of economic development opportunities.

#### WALKABILITY



The Main Street District is intended to enhance the convenience, ease and enjoyment of transit, walking, shopping, and public gathering.

Streets provide pedestrian and vehicular connections with alleys in some sections of this District. The streetscape amenities may include: sidewalks, street trees, lighting, benches, plazas, and signage.

The local trail system is designed to weave through this District providing access to the surrounding community.



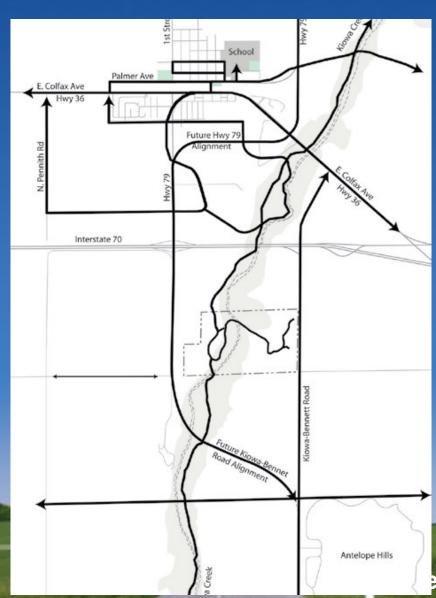
#### TRAILS SYSTEM

- Spring 2010 Adams County and Arapahoe County Open Space both funded the Regional Trail plan study.
- Study was completed in January 2011.
- Identified connections for existing and future trails.

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#### **Trails Master Plan (2010)**

- Trail system connects the North and South sections of the Town.
- Coordinates with Adams and Arapahoe Counties.

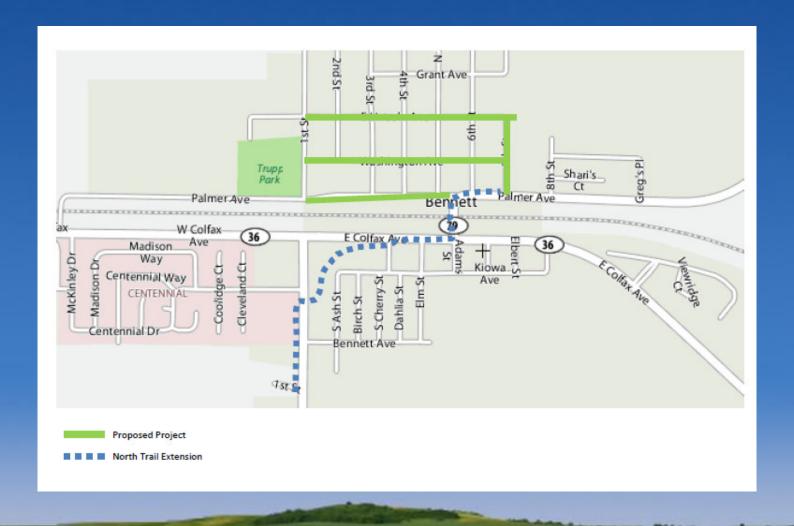


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In Spring 2011,
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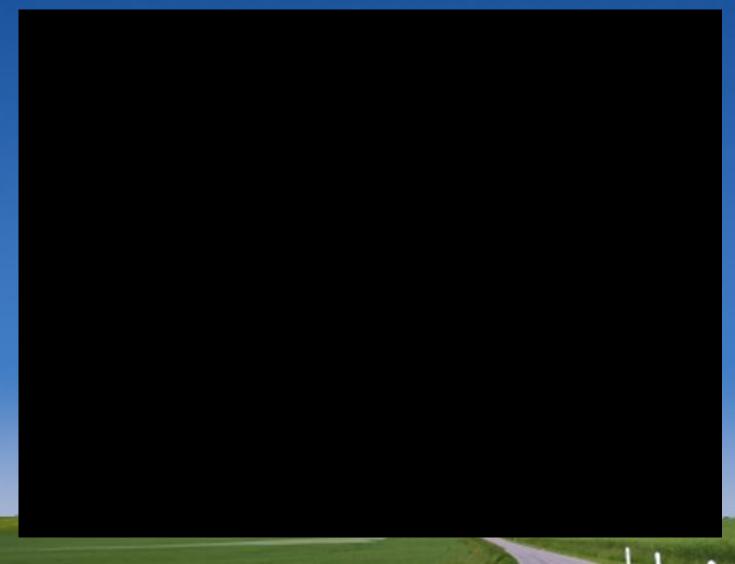
#### SIDEWALK/STRIPING PLAN



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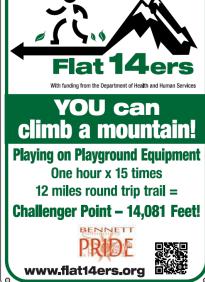
## BENNETT WALKS TO SCHOOL

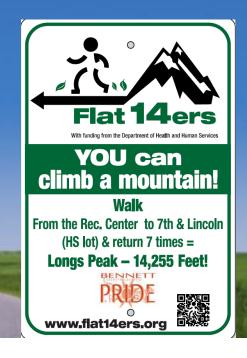


#### CBS 4 FLAT 14ers PROGRAM

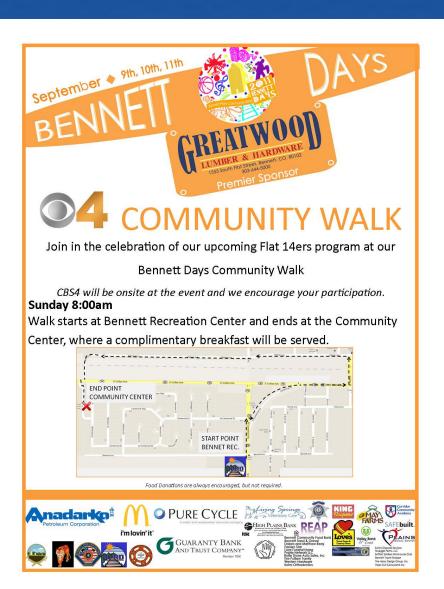
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#### BENNETT DAYS COMMUNITY WALK







Please join CBS4 and the Town of Bennett for a Fit 4 Colorado Community Walk.

Sunday, September 11th 8:00 AM Bennett Recreation Center, Bennett, CO A complimentary breakfast will be served immediately following the walk

The Fit 4 Colorado Community Walk promotes physical activity in local communities. Each month, CBS4 partners with a different municipality to host a Community Walk. Each walk is 1-2 miles in length (2000-4000 steps) and encourages people to make small behavioral changes in order to improve their health.

The walks are free of charge and are open to all those interested in finding a fun way to stay active. Walkers are encouraged to dress for the weather, use sunscreen and bring their own water bottle.

The first 50 participants will receive a free Fit 4 Colorado pedometer.

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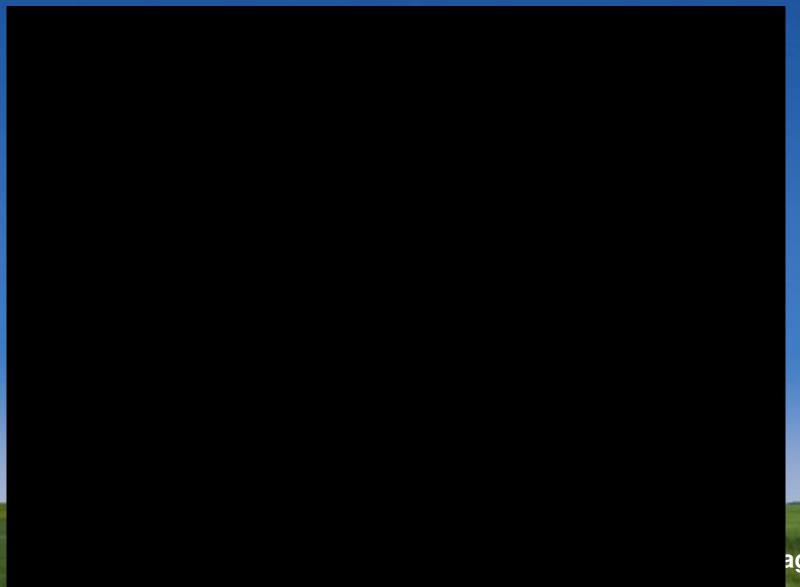








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# BENNETT COMMUNITY CENTER RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS







Community Center Path and Redevelopment
Town of Bennett, Colorado















