



Urban Centers: Making it Work in"Not-so-Urban" Places

DRCOG Office, 1290 Broadway, Independence Pass Conference Room, First Floor 10 a.m.-noon, May 14, 2014

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Discussion on what it means to be a "not-so-urban" urban center and what makes the center unique to the Denver region
- Share innovative policies and programs to advance the local and regional visions for urban centers
- Highlight local and regional initiatives and partnerships contributing to the implementation and outcomes of urban centers

10:00-10:15 Welcome, Introductions, and Urban Centers Background

Brad Calvert, Senior Planner, Denver Regional Council of Governments

10:15-11:15 Guest Speaker Panel

Troy Russ, Director of Planning and Building Safety, City of Louisville

Jeff Brasel, Deputy Director of Community Development, City of

Centennial

Martin Hudson, Long Range Project Manager, Town of

Castle Rock

11:15-11:55 Discussion

11:55-noon Wrap-up and Next Steps







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Speaker Biographies

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Troy Russ is the Director of Planning and Building Safety for the City of Louisville, Colorado, Money Magazine's 2009 and 2011 most livable small city (2nd place 2013). As the Director of Planning, Troy is responsible for all current and long-range planning as well as all transportation planning for the city. Troy has 21 years of experience integrating land use and transportation solutions throughout the United States and Canada. Prior to joining the City of Louisville, Troy was a Principal at the nationally recognized consulting firm Glatting Jackson, where he was at the forefront of integrating land use and transportation strategies for revitalizing urban and suburban environments.

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Jeff Brasel, AICP, is the Deputy Director of Community Development for the City of Centennial where he oversees the city's open space and long-range planning programs. In addition, Jeff is responsible for administration of the city's code compliance and animal services contracts. Previously, Jeff has engaged in a wide variety of planning activities with the Town of Castle Rock and City of O'Fallon, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree in geography and a master's in regional and city planning, both from the University of Oklahoma.

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Martin Hudson is the Long Range Project Manager for the Town of Castle Rock. He oversees the town's comprehensive planning, downtown development, affordable housing, CDBG, demographics and regional planning. Before coming to Castle Rock, Martin worked as a Senior Planner for the City of Hamilton, Ohio where he was involved in numerous planning and redevelopment projects. Some of these projects included developing a mixed-use overlay for Main Street, creating a Green Build Incentive Based Code, and the joint project management of the full rewrite of the city's comprehensive plan. Martin has also worked as a redevelopment specialist for multiple Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) in Martin County, Florida, including the 5,000-acre Indiantown CRA.