

CITY OF LONGMONT



REPORT

to the community





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LONGMONT *works*

The City of Longmont operates each and every day with a focus on making Longmont a more sustainable and resilient community.

This update is intended to share highlights of what's been done and what's to come – as guided by the Envision Longmont Plan.

➤ RESILIENCY

Anticipating risk, limiting impact and bouncing forward rapidly by adapting and learning in the face of disruptive shocks and stresses.

➤ SUSTAINABILITY

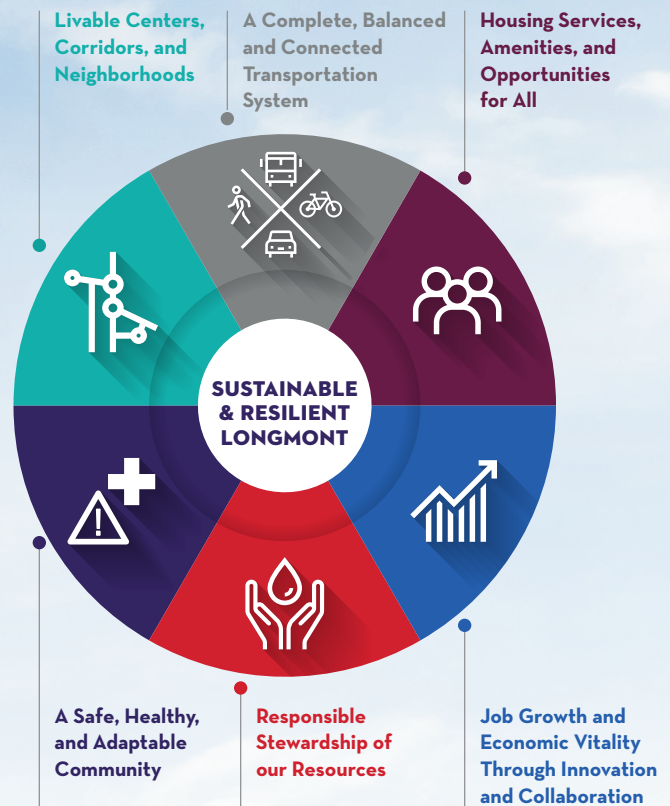
Taking care of the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future generations.

ENVISIONLONGMONT

Developed through a community-wide conversation about Longmont’s vision for the future, this plan identifies Longmont’s priorities.

It provides strategic guidance for the long-term needs and desires of the community and describes ways to achieve them. The plan is organized around six guiding principles that encompass living, working, doing business, and recreating in the city, while caring for residents and visitors, and being good stewards of our resources.

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SUSTAINABILITYPLAN

As a companion to the Envision Longmont Plan, Longmont’s Sustainability Plan establishes a roadmap for achieving the vision of an engaged community that promotes environmental stewardship, economic vitality and social equity to create a sustainable and thriving future for all. The Sustainability Plan outlines detailed objectives, targets, strategies and timelines in ten key sustainability topic areas.

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ALIGNING BUDGET & PRIORITIES

In early 2018, Longmont took another step forward in implementing Envision Longmont and the Sustainability Plan by aligning the City’s budgeting system with the guiding principles of these plans. This alignment allows city programs and services to be scored and ranked against these core principles to ensure investments support the plans and the community’s vision. City Council can use this when reviewing the operating budget.

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Homeless Solutions

FOR BOULDER COUNTY



The City of Longmont collaborated with Boulder County, the City of Boulder, and area service providers to create a coordinated, countywide approach for serving adults experiencing homelessness.

Services consist of three primary components:

Coordinated Entry that provides single entry access into the homeless services system through use of a comprehensive screening tool.

Navigation Services that focus on short-term resolution assistance for individuals who have fewer barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

Housing-Focused Shelter, which is provided to individuals who need more intensive supports to obtain and maintain housing.

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In the first six months:

1,448
single adults throughout Boulder County were screened for homeless services

184 adults exited services to successful outcomes

72 clients got their own housing

84 clients reunified with support systems

28 clients enrolled in other programs

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Spring Creek Senior Apartments

FUNDING FOR Affordable Housing Projects



Grants totaling \$12.1 million for new construction of rental housing were provided from the 2013 flood recovery funding. With this, the City leveraged

over \$109.8 million in other public and private investment funds to build over 550 affordable rental homes in four developments:

60 Homes at Spring Creek Senior Apartments

240 Homes at Copper Peak Apartments

140 Homes at Centennial Park Apartments

114 Homes at Crisman Apartments

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Crisman Apartments

\$12.1 M
for new construction of affordable rental housing

Recovery to Resilience



With support from the community, Longmont continues to make great strides toward protecting people, property, and infrastructure from

floods through Resilient St. Vrain. This project intertwines flood resilience, wildlife habitat protection, and community access to the St. Vrain Creek.

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St. Vrain Creek at Martin Street

New Public Safety Programs



Longmont Public Safety opened its doors to residents struggling with substance abuse and/or mental health. Three new programs were launched that have become an integral part of public safety.

Law Enforcement

Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

Referring individuals facing arrest for low-level drug or prostitution offenses to a case manager who can provide resources for housing, treatment services, or vocational training.

Co-Responder

Pairing law enforcement officers with behavioral health specialists to assess and treat individuals with mental health and substance use issues at the scene.

Angel Initiative

Encouraging people suffering with substance use disorder to seek recovery by providing emotional support, treatment scholarships, transportation services, and employment connections.

Since 2017:

90+
clients enrolled

100%
addiction treatment costs covered

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Blake Hendricks

Thriving Downtown



The Longmont Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) has a freshly updated Master Plan of Development. The updated plan, the first since 1995, reflects advances and changes in downtown Longmont over the last 20 years, while aligning the plan with *Envision Longmont* and other relevant City plans. It also integrates the Longmont Arts & Entertainment District Plan and allows ongoing resource allocations by both LDDA and the City to continue to preserve the character of Longmont, while encouraging smart development.

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Downtown Officially a National Historic District

Designated on **August 27, 2017**

Period of Significance: **1879-1967**

Areas of Significance:
Commerce and Social History

Number of Total Buildings: **83**

Number of Contributing Buildings: **69**

Safer Roads and Trails



An Enhanced Multi-use Corridor Plan has been adopted to create street corridors that provide safe, comfortable, low-stress bicycle and pedestrian facilities for connectivity within the City's trail system and transportation network. The Plan will guide future street construction and improvements as well as future development.

New Pedestrian Underpasses

SH 119 at Hover Street

Hover Street at Dry Creek

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SH 119 at
Hover Street



4th & Main c. 1918-1921

Photograph courtesy Longmont Museum

Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Targets



In the fall of 2017, the City completed the first greenhouse gas inventory for Longmont. Greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide, from human activities are key contributors to climate change. The study identified strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while promoting significant additional benefits: environmental justice, energy cost burden, public health, economic development, and pollution prevention. These strategies fall into five core categories: building efficiency, electric grid, renewable energy, transportation, and oil and gas.

Target to reduce core emissions

66%

by 2030

and

69%

by 2050

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Renewable Natural Gas Will Power Trash Trucks



In 2018, the City of Longmont will begin construction of a project at its Waste Water Treatment Plant to make renewable fuel from gas produced in the treatment of Longmont's sewage. The project will

convert dirty biogas into clean renewable natural gas, which will then be used to power the City's trash trucks. Longmont will be the first city on Colorado's eastern slope to convert biogas to vehicle fuel.

Effects of this project, per year:

60,000 gallons of fossil fuels offset

800 metric tons of CO₂ eliminated, reducing greenhouse gases

Waste Water Treatment Plant



100% Renewable Electricity



In 2018, the Longmont City Council adopted a resolution calling for Longmont's electrical energy supply to exceed 50% non-carbon by 2022 and be 100% renewable by the year 2030, while still maintaining the high reliability and low rates that residents expect.

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COLORADO'S FIRST GIG CITY



Standing in the NextLight Spotlight



When a community becomes Colorado's first Gig City, people notice. And NextLight has had all eyes on Longmont. Recently declared the fastest internet service provider in the country by PC Magazine, the community-owned gigabit internet service has deep roots. Longmont first envisioned a citywide fiber-optic network in 1996, a commitment to innovation and the future of the city's economic growth. With the support of Longmont voters, and Longmont Power & Communication's solid history of reliability and customer service behind it, NextLight was rolled out in 2014 to immediate high demand.

Since its debut in 2014, NextLight:

- Has boosted Longmont to the fastest internet speeds of any American city (2017), and been declared the fastest internet service provider in the country by PC Magazine (2018).
- Was named the 2017 Community Broadband Project of the Year by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers.
- Has drawn new companies to Longmont, enhanced business for many existing ones, and even drawn international attention with its success.
- Has been enthusiastically embraced by the community. Current take rates are 53%, significantly above initial projections (37% by 2019).
- Had a \$25.9 million economic impact on the Longmont community as a result of the citywide network build, and contributed \$526,000 to Arts in Public Places.
- Has tightly focused on its customer-owners, continually working to exceed their expectations.

SIGN UP TODAY

Community-owned, high-speed fiber internet at an unbeatable price.

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