

2019 Comprehensive Plan Community Comments

This document includes public comments from community events, as well as email submittals. As can be seen, there are many comments and it would be difficult to address these in detail within the existing time frame. An attempt has been made to address the comments most commonly listed that are within the realm of the Comprehensive Plan. Note: Comments may appear in multiple sections if they reference more than one topic area.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS	
PHASE 1: VISION AND VALUES (see details in Visioning Outreach Summary)	
Meeting/Activity	Date
City Council Orientation Meeting	May 17, 2018
Ice Cream Socials/ Movies In The Park (Latino Focus)	June and August 2018
Board and Commission Meetings	July and August 2018
Stakeholders Interviews, Forums, Focus Groups	July and August 2018
Special Outreach Events	July and August 2018
Senior Facilities	August 2018
Community Meetings (Huron Anythink Library, Infrastructure Maintenance Center (IMC), Skyview Campus)	Sept 5, 6 and 12 , 2018
Harvest Fest	Sept 8, 2018
Smaller Neighborhood Meetings	Sept and October 2018
High School Class Presentations	Sept 2018
Thornton Idea Exchange Focus Group (TIE)	Nov 28, 2018
City Council Planning Session	Dec 11, 2018
PHASE 2: POLICY AND LAND USE CHOICES	
Meeting/Activity	Date
City Council Planning Session	March 21, 2019
Community Meetings (IMC, City Hall, Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center)	April 24, 25 and 29, 2019
Thornton Idea Exchange Focus Group (TIE)	May 1, 2019
Thorntonfest	June 8, 2019
City Council Planning Session	June 10, 2019
Community Open Houses (City Hall, Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center)	July 10 and 17, 2019
Thornton Idea Exchange Focus Group (TIE)	July 18 , 2019
PHASE 3: DRAFT PLAN	
Meeting/Activity	Date
City Council Planning Session	Sept 3, 2019
Community Open Houses (City Hall, Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center)	Sept 6, and 9, 2019
PHASE 4: FINAL PLAN ADOPTION	
Meeting/Activity	Date
City Council Public Hearing	October 8, 2019

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NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSING

Quality Neighborhoods:

- So. Thornton property standards
- Recommend property maintenance code and elevate standards in South
- Improve the quality and image of residential areas in the south parts of Thornton
- Develop more TOD at 104th and Colorado
- Address the blight that is the Thornton shopping center with more retail and mid-level townhomes and condos
- Let's tie in the development of 88th and Washington with the new train station
- Connect green spaces and neighborhoods
- Cementerio para huma nos (Cemetery for humans in Thornton)
- Develop mixed use/ retail/ dining at park and ride bus locations
- Mix of uses around 88th station, inspire pride
- 88th Station should make a good impression because it is the first station and have lights, amenities, and good development
- Need to Improve connections to and from neighboring communities (136th in particular)
- Link schools/shopping/rec/mixed use with transit lines/hubs
- Need continuity from south to Thornton for access to retail
- Would love to see downtown area
- Downtown area, mixed use
- In our existing communities could we limit the number of cars per home, restrict parking RVs on the property in the front yard. These issues are really degrading our community
- More local restaurants. Less banks and liquor stores
- Would love to see mixed use
- places that are both beautiful and functional
- We love it as is
- Park between businesses and commercial. Would help aesthetics. Complete neighborhoods.
- Mixed use, mixed income, variety of housing options, senior housing, commercial, more roof tops...strong retail base?
- More mixed use! Would like to see more opportunities for areas like Stanley Marketplace
- 88th station - some place retail or restaurants to walk to
- Too many high density properties that influence schools and traffic
- Open space and buffers between residential/recreation and business
- A Downtown Thornton Area similar to Old Town Arvada
- Olde Town Arvada/Littleton feel
- Higher density uses lose land and water
- Zip Code – We need our own zip code. Let's get our marketing people to petition our legislators.
- Along Washington in particular – we need more restaurants/eating options. No more apartments along major streets. We end up going to Westminster, Broomfield and soon w/ light rail can go downtown for dining and entertainment options. We need to keep sales tax \$\$ in Thornton.
- Overarching planning principles:
 - 1. Use compatibility
 - Single family

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- Multi family
- Open Space/Parks
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Regional Commercial
- Office
- Mixed Use
- Light Industrial
- Heavy Industrial
- 2. Buffering
 - Transition from low intensity to high intensity (don't see this currently)
- Numerous incompatible uses in Washington street corridor north of 124th
- More open space buffers between residential and business
- Emulate Stapleton neighborhoods mixed housing, small retail, walkable neighborhood
- Future growth will be largely focused around the light rail system – therefore plan on many many many paths that will spiral around these connection points
- Trailer park owners treatment of tenants, need more oversight. Long Process (real problem).
- Create a “downtown” like area
- Houses are nice
- Abuse from tow trucks in mobile home parks
- So chopped up, no cohesive feel
- Love that Olinger Cemetery is here
- Congestion, density
- Less building at end blocks, especially at busy intersections
- Doesn't want Marijuana shops in Thornton anymore
- Concerned about the area around Riverdale Road becoming more urbanized – want it to remain a rural corridor.
- Residential lots larger with greater set back
- Bigger properties, more set backs
- Too expensive, too many people
- More single family homes, fewer multi-family apartments
- Dog friendly neighborhoods and parks
- More dogs and chickens (backyard)
- More sound barriers around developing areas
- Noise buffering of neighborhoods
- A park in every neighborhood
- Walkable, fewer parking lots, closer together businesses, more small less chain
- Animal friendly
- Need more Community/Neighborhood mixed in the north, on purpose to bring more jobs to the people and help the crowdedness of the area
- Distribute Community/Neighborhood mixed use more to the north. Not just in the southwest area ☺
- Less rentals, more ownership in South Thornton
- So you are bringing in lots of new people with light rail and additional high density housing. We will need more open space – buffer areas, parks. Is that being planned? Please remember we folks who have lived around Eastlake for years. You are changing our world a lot.
- I would like the city to go back to enforcing code in our neighborhoods that don't have HOAs. Our neighborhoods are turning into slums and nobody seems to care. Most people are happy to comply to requests by the city.
- I would like for Thornton's code enforcement to go back to the way they used to keeping our neighborhoods looking nice. Most people are more than willing to cooperate and a friendly reminder About weeds, trash, unlicensed cars,

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yards with no landscaping, etc. our neighborhoods with no HOAs are turning into slums and its depressing. If I could afford to move I would. Seems a push from the city might be all that is needed in most cases.

- City of Thornton planning is ruining the small town atmosphere making parks when they don't even take care of the existing parks prairie dog/goose poop all over – over grown with weeds/vegetation – The City workers go to these parks and hide out. And the transit system – high rise senior homes! Totally unnecessary

- Concerns about the Post Office, Lease in building, maybe not being renewed, Wants PO to remain in the area. Heard from PO employee that the PO be combined with another PO in the area. Q about status of redev. of property
- Concerns about residential being allowed in commercial areas in south Thornton

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy CII-d.** Improving the city's image through streetscape enhancements and public art projects and programs.
 - **Strategy QDN-e.** Provide residents with information regarding home repair resources, and water and energy efficiency upgrades and practices.
 - **Strategy QDN-f.** Continue to use the CDBG Annual Action Plan as a mechanism to prioritize funding for qualifying projects.
 - **Strategy QDN-h.** Review and update the existing Thornton City Code, and other applicable city standards, to help implement the desired mix of housing types reflected on the Future Land Use Map and in the supporting Placemaking Guidelines and area plans.
 - **Strategy QDN-i.** Identify opportunities to attract and encourage diverse housing types and residential price points in areas that are well-served by public transit and other services, and are identified within the Growth Framework chapter as Activity Centers or Complete Neighborhoods.
 - **Strategy QDN-j.** Work with the community and explore ways to improve the exterior appearance of homes and surrounding properties within non-managed residential neighborhoods.
 - **Strategy SG-f.** Consider developing alternative development standards for infill areas.
 - **Strategy SG-i.** Update zone districts in the Thornton City Code to facilitate the types and intensities of mixed-use development and other land uses contemplated in the Growth Framework.
 - **Strategy SG-k.** Implement existing area plans and identify new area plans that are needed to further the Goals of the Comprehensive Plan (pending funding availability), such as:
 - Eastlake Streetscape Plan
 - 144th Station Area Master Plan

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- Niver Creek Land Use and Connections Plan
- Station Area Master Plans (STAMPs) have been prepared for existing N-Line transit station areas including the Original Thornton at 88th that emphasize compatible and high-quality development. These are used when development review applications are reviewed.
- The Comprehensive Plan encourages the development of Complete Neighborhoods and mixed use neighborhoods through the identification of new land use categories on the Future Land Use Map
- The upcoming transportation and Mobility Master Plan will address connectivity
- Attracting retail is one of the “building blocks” of the Future Land Use Map
- The Growth Framework chapter includes the “Placemaking” to encourage the development of places that create a positive identity for Thornton and where people can visit for live work and play locally, for example restaurants and entertainment areas.
- The Future Land Use Map allows for commercial mixed-use in existing commercial areas in the south part of Thornton. Desired and needed redevelopment of these area has not occurred for many years. In addition, this area no longer plays a role as a regional commercial center as it once did back 50 or 60 years ago. The amount of commercially designated land exceeds the market needs of today. Allowing for a small amount of residential and other supportive uses will help stimulate commercial development in these areas. To help ensure commercial uses will still be primary uses in this area the placemaking guidelines included in the Comprehensive Plan recommend that only up to 25% of these areas be residential and residential uses not be established before the commercial use unless extenuating circumstances are present.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the parties concerned

Affordable and Balanced Housing:

- Congestions now due to building too many apartments
- Approve tiny home communities
- Lots of traffic on Quebec from E470 and new development. Concerned about more residential development adding more cars.
- Better mix of housing. Would like to see mixed price points
- Cheaper house prices
- Mixed use, mixed income, variety of housing options, senior housing, (???) commercial, more roof tops...strong retail base?
- Affordable housing (<300k)
- Affordable housing = Young professionals don't have to live 3 to a house
- Multi-Family Dwellings
- Less high density living quarters
- Less homes close together
- Less apartment's high density – we seem to have more and more apartments in locations better suited for restaurants/entertainment and getting too much traffic.
- Less multi-family housing
- More affordable housing
- housing cost compared to other places
- Need more affordable housing
- More affordable housing – rent prices getting too high
- Rent is getting too high
- No because rent is getting too high and soon I will have to move because I can't afford it
- Add more houses, townhomes

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- Afford a house in nice place
- I am looking forward to see more new and affordable apartment complex or town homes in city of Thornton
- Cheaper housing with access
- Too expensive, too many people
- More single family homes, fewer multi-family apartments
- Housing is affordable
- More houses
- More upscale senior housing, senior community with stores and amenities
- More partnerships around transportation and housing.
- Team with churches to build affordable housing
- During an outreach event at the Senior Center for our Comprehensive Plan today, a woman inquired about information on how to get on a list for affordable housing or how to get more information on what might be available to seniors for affordable housing

How comments have been addressed:

- A number of Implementation strategies addressing balanced and affordable housing have been included in the Comprehensive Plan document under Vision Theme: Creating Quality and Diverse Neighborhoods
 - **Strategy QDN-a.** Evaluate funding mechanisms and other tools to address gaps in affordable housing.
 - **Strategy QDN-b.** Periodically update the city's housing needs assessment and Housing Master Plan, as needed, to confirm and identify housing gaps in the community.
 - **Strategy QDN-c.** Identify opportunities to attract and facilitate affordable and attainable housing projects north of 120th Avenue.
 - **Strategy QDN-d.** Identify opportunities to attract and facilitate underrepresented housing south of 120th Avenue.
 - **Strategy QDN-h.** Review and update the existing Thornton City Code, and other applicable city standards, to help implement the desired mix of housing types reflected on the Future Land Use Map and in the supporting Placemaking Guidelines and area plans.
 - **Strategy QDN-i.** Identify opportunities to attract and encourage diverse housing types and residential price points in areas that are well-served by public transit and other services, and are identified within the Growth Framework chapter as Activity Centers or Complete Neighborhoods.
- The land use categories for the Future Land Use Map have been made more flexible allowing for a greater range of housing types
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan but are addressed by others

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Equity and Inclusion:

- Creating more accessible spaces for nonprofits/orgs that provide support/resources to communities
- Require universal design/accessibility elements particularly in 55+ community homes
- Inclusion of all ethnicities, not just Spanish
- People of all incomes can afford to live
- Universal design to accommodate senior and people of differing abilities
- More and better homes and facilities for seniors
- Place for homeless people to live

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 - **Strategy QDN-f.** Continue to use the CDBG Annual Action Plan as a mechanism to prioritize funding for qualifying projects.
 - **Strategy QDN-g.** Implement key recommendations identified as part of the city's DRCOG Boomer Bond initiative.
 - **Strategy QDN-h.** Review and update the existing Thornton City Code, and other applicable city standards, to help implement the desired mix of housing types reflected on the Future Land Use Map and in the supporting Placemaking Guidelines and area plans.
 - **Strategy SHC-j.** Continue to collaborate with local and regional partners on initiatives that eliminate homelessness, substance abuse, and poverty.
- The land use categories for the Future Land Use Map have been made more flexible allowing for a greater range of housing types including senior housing
- Thornton's sustainability initiatives address social sustainability in addition to economic and environmental sustainability.
- Thornton's Community Connections division strives to enable access to services for all members of our community.
- Thornton is actively participating in efforts to ensure that the 2020 Census includes participation of residents throughout the city.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

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CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Transportation (Multi-modal):

- Let's make sure our train stops are safe. There is terrible lighting at the Original Thornton Station
- Need more cross city bus connections for those who can't drive, more on weekends and evenings
- Desire for more vertical parking structures on N-line stations
- Back up the bus and improve what we have
- Allow golf carts to be used within certain housing areas to cut down on auto traffic
- Let's have a development we are proud of at 88th and Washington Station please
- Themed train stops. Learn history and culture at each stop
- We were told 2010 completed [train station by 160th and Colorado] will we have flying cars first?
- Bus - train lines generally support college educated white collar jobs. Bus lines help the rest of us
- Need local Thornton transportation system - local circular buses (shouldn't have to pay to ride the bus, should be free for residents to get around to rec center, library, etc.) makes it easier for seniors
- Develop mixed use/ retail/ dining at park and ride bus locations
- 88th Station should make a good impression because it is the first station and have lights, amenities, and good development
- Ensure east-west connectivity on 88th street - stronger multi-model connections
- Need to improve connections to and from neighboring communities (136th in particular)
- Link schools/shopping/rec/mixed use with transit lines/hubs
- More East/West connections throughout the city
- Rentable electric carts for use on trails at Eastlake train station and nearby senior centers
- No continuity to light rail station - first and final mile problems
- End line needs to be finished - to support our future development and investment
- More bus service down in original Thornton. Takes 1.5 hours to go 7 minute drive.
- Need at least one over/under rail crossing (work with ADCO). Lack of road connectivity to south and east (SE Thornton) McKay/ Monaco, not bridge (widen to Holly)
- Commuter rail on Eastlake side. Don't lock in businesses; need accessibility
- Consider access to fairgrounds from 120th
- Would be great to see the dots come together, trails, restaurants, river, and transit.
- Accessible public transportation for all areas of Thornton.
- Don't put rock designs at corners and bus stops.
- Public transportation for all ages.
- Indoor small venue for ensemble music near RTD 124th Station
- Open 144th train station
- Rapid transit in E-470 + link with N line + DIA
- More bus routes north of 120th

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- Need better transit access in the evening
- Need more busses after 9pm that go to places where there are evening activities to enjoy, for those who are bus-dependent (I'm a senior), there's no bus options that enable you to go out somewhere fun at night
- Good neighbors, more bus service, double decker bus, get rid of RTD, get vendor
- Get people up to ski slopes using public transit. Monorail?
- More public transit run by city. People mover – Disney.
- Really want to see the north line complete
- Shuttle for major events
- Light rail
- Want more public transit, have to drive to the bus station
- More public transit for seniors
- More public transit for people with disabilities/seniors.
- N-Line, easier to get to thing to do
- Public transportation please!!!
- Electric Cars
- Traffic congestion, not public transit solution
- Extended commuter rail
- Questions about status of 112th and York (Northglenn station)
- I just took the Neighborhood Survey and feel it was inadequate. Housing is not the only problem or issue Thornton residents are facing. The following are my concerns:
 - Transportation and Roads:
 - + There is no bus service available in my neighborhood or any nearby neighborhood. The closest service is one mile or more away. I live in Northeast Thornton area between 128th (south) and 136th (north) and Holly (east) and Quebec (west). I have to use Uber/Lyft services whenever I am without a car. Additionally, I have to drive to Wagon Road Bus Station to use bus service.
 - + Road construction in North Thornton seems to be a constant problem and completion of these road projects takes far too long to complete. I remember when Holly Street south of 128th and north of 120th was being worked on for approximately 3 different summers. The construction south of 120th on Holly is ongoing. Why? The construction on Riverdale Road south of 120th still isn't done. Why?
 - + The traffic and congestion on I-25 and Highway 85 is unbearable. And, the constant and ongoing road construction makes it worse than unbearable. Every morning there is an accident at Thornton Parkway, 104th, and or 120th making the drive down I-25 a nightmare Monday through Friday and simply disgusting on the weekends when you cannot count on any traffic reprieve.
 - + I-25 Express Lanes are cost prohibitive; thus, making these will not make my commute nor the commute of 1000s of other Thornton residents any better.

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- + There are limited ways to drive to and from Thornton to Aurora or Denver. I live in North Thornton and am frustrated and disgusted there is no simple, useful way to drive to other cities south of Thornton.
- + The one-lane divided roads on 128th Avenue between Colorado Blvd and Washington are infuriating. Not only are they congested, but Thornton/Westminster has decided that high school students and schools ought to have multiple ways for parents, students, and teachers to get into a school, while we tax paying residents and homeowners must move from one lane to the next, wait between many, many cars to drive on this road. e.g., Horizon High School, Middle school on Holly street north of 120th, and high school and middle school at 128th and Huron.
- Additionally, city workers repaved 128th between Lafayette and Washington without offering commuters any reprieve from traffic, congestion, and or the one-lane divided highway. I could care less that there is a new paved road. I want my commute to be less infuriating.
 - + The Metro Line at 128th in East Lake is still not open for service. And the way it looks, there won't be enough parking for all the residents who will (or could use it).
- + There are limited on/off ramps on I-25 up north (Thornton Parkway, 104th, 120th, 136th, 144th, and 160th. This sucks for residents who live up here. Many of us have to get off blocks before/after where we actually live.
- +There are limited bike lanes available in North Thornton. And those that are available do not clearly mark them for cyclist; thus, drivers use these lanes to drive upon.
 - Overall, I am not happy that I moved into the City of Thornton. I have a difficult time figuring out what the benefits of living in this city are and why I'd want to stay living in this city.
- Hi, so I recently went to your thortontomorrow.com website, and what I would like to add to the city is more ride share options, because if you go to Denver you can see a lot of ride share options that are available like buses, scooters, bikes. You can rent them. And as I go here, there are not a lot of bus stops around and not a lot of Lyft drivers or Uber drivers. So what I would like to see is more access to those for the people, because I think that would help a lot of people get around more easily. Thank you

How comments have been addressed:

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- All these comments will be included in the outreach comments for the Transportation and Mobility Master Plan. This planning process will begin soon.
- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy CPP-a.** Update the city’s Transportation and Mobility Master Plan to align with the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Place a particular emphasis on:
 - A holistic view of interconnected multimodal transportation network and mobility plan;
 - Expanding mobility options;
 - Improving land use and transportation connections;
 - Leveraging regional transportation investments through enhanced local connections; and
 - Exploring the role of emerging technologies and modes in Thornton’s future.
 - **Strategy CPP-c.** Maintain and pursue interagency partnerships. Update and add new IGAs with neighboring communities and service providers as necessary to facilitate regional collaboration.
 - **Strategy SG-k.** Implement existing area plans and identify new area plans that are needed to further the Goals of the Comprehensive Plan(pending funding availability) , such as:
 - Eastlake Streetscape Plan
 - 144th Station Area Master Plan
 - Niver Creek Land Use and Connections Plan
 - **Strategy SHC-c.** Make streets safer by:
 - Implementing the city’s Complete Streets principles through updates to the Thornton City Code and other applicable standards and specifications;
 - Continuing programs such as the city’s speed awareness program; and
 - Continuing cross-departmental collaboration on data-sharing and other strategies to promote efficient and effective speed enforcement and reduction of crashes.
- Traffic concerns will be forwarded to the to the city Traffic Division
- Station Area Master Plans (STAMPs) have been prepared for existing N-Line transit station areas including the Original Thornton at 88th that emphasize compatible and high-quality development. These are used when development review applications are reviewed.
- The Station Area Master Plans (STAMPs) were specifically designed to guide the development of areas surrounding the new N Line stations to enable more people and businesses to benefit from the new transit services that will be available in those areas.
- Connectivity is an important consideration in the site design associated with all development proposals that come to Thornton.

Walk and Bike Opportunities:

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- Bike improvement throughout Thornton
- Park and dog park, bike, sidewalks
- Let's increase the walkability of Thornton, especially in South Thornton
- The walkability of South Thornton needs to be improved
- Colorado Blvd bike lanes / Yes!
- Increase bike lanes. Some great bike lanes that suddenly stop and there's nowhere safe to ride
- We need bike lanes to be expanded, protected, and to connect to South trails in Thornton
- Bike lanes are too dangerous to be properly used. Maybe we need more bike paths rather than lanes? / Yes!
- 88th East of Washington - add 2 protected bike lanes, one each direction
- Need to encourage more bike riding. There are too many big pickup trucks polluting the city.
- Trail Safety - trail connectivity E/W
- Better bike connection under 120th
- Bike lanes on Colorado Blvd and Washington Ave are too narrow to be safe with all the big trucks and pick ups
- Connect bike paths throughout the city and to other bike paths
- Connection and safe crossing for Lewis Pl / Homestead Hills down 136th to (across Holly)
- Bicycles and safe connections: 1. 144th Ave from Holly west to I25 is not at all suitable to ride. No connector between neighborhoods. No connection to schools, amazon, shopping, gym. 2. No safe connection to Big Dry or other trails. Not marked. Bld Blk #4/5 + #7
- Connect walking trails together for longer (multi mile) walks. Big Dry Creek, etc.
- Sometimes have to drive to where sidewalks are to cross street to access trails
- Bike lanes
- More pedestrian friendly traffic. Shopping center on 120th + CO. This is not pedestrian friendly. What does pedestrian continuity look like? Get people on a straighter corridor
- More parking for bikes and other modes
- Bike Lanes, bike friendly trails
- Think about commuter trails, not just recreation! Wider? Type of pavement, direct routes
- Want functional trails for commuters. Continuity between residences and jobs. Think US 36 Trail for bikers
- Need trail to light rail
- Incorporate bike and scooter sharing (& incentives/infrastructure) to essentially expand "walkshed buffers" to be "Rideshed buffers"
- Eastlake #1 could be an excellent walkable and bikeable regional park including partial water park. Eastlake #2 could be another regional park with water
- Complete bike paths! Many are dead-ending. Can't wait for landscaping to be completed, just build the path.
- Centros Comunitarios mas accesible - Walk distance to (latino) community centers
- Majores sendevos - Improvement on sidewalks
- Better trail signs, bike/walking
- Wider sidewalks in Original Thornton
- Textured areas at curb cuts are hazardous to wheelchairs and strolls (also don't last --)
- As road maintenance is performed add bike lanes
- Overpasses and underpasses! They connect our community and create safer pedestrian routes. For example, Hunters Glen Century middle school kids cross 128th at Lafayette St. With light rail entering the area, an underpass under 128th (paralleling the irrigation ditch) would help kids get to school.
- parks and bike paths
- bike trails and the people

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- Have more bike paths leading to parks
- Add bike lanes on the side of 88th Avenue where they are missing (like that there are now bike lanes on 88th, but please finish)
- More bike friendly
- More bike friendly transportation
- Want more bike paths
- Open space parks bike paths in North Creek Farms
- Better connection of bike paths (Better bike connection between paths)
- Love bike paths. Places for kids to travel on scooters and bikes off the streets
- Breweries that are popping up, ride bikes there
- Easy to bike
- Flashing lights/pedestrian crossing
- More bike paths connected up as we grow
- Bike riding in the community
- Increased bike trails
- Walkable, fewer parking lots, closer together businesses, more small less chain
- Riverdale Rd – a bike lane? Keep north side of road trimmed or thin bush growth out to road. Thnx
- To: High Authority. I have great concern about pedestrians (people) safety walking across 4 lanes of highway across 112th Ave at Steel St and 112th Av. Intersection. Do you have traffic light to help people crossing the street??? (P.T.O). Please advise of the increased risk for crossing a 4 line highway for adults and children
- Hi, so I recently went to your thorntontomorrow.com website, and what I would like to add to the city is more ride share options, because if you go to Denver you can see a lot of ride share options that are available like buses, scooters, bikes. You can rent them. And as I go here, there are not a lot of bus stops around and not a lot of Lyft drivers or Uber drivers. So what I would like to see is more access to those for the people, because I think that would help a lot of people get around more easily. Thank you

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- All these comments will be included in the outreach comments for the Transportation and Mobility Master Plan. This planning process will begin soon.
- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy GSA-d.** Continuously review and update the connectivity requirements and alternative transportation options in the Transportation and Mobility Master Plan, Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the City Code to ensure clear, direct pedestrian and bicycle connections as part of future development.
 - **Strategy CPP-b.** Review the list of priority bike lane, trail, and sidewalk gaps as a part of the annual Capital Improvement Plan and budgeting process to identify feasible projects for completion, paying particular attention to:
 - First and last mile connections;
 - Gaps for mobility challenged individuals;
 - Connections between established neighborhoods, nearby services and amenities, and other communities; and
 - Connect neighborhoods with access to a park and/or green space within a ten-minute walk of their residence.

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- **Strategy SHC-c.** Make streets safer by:
 - Implementing the city's Complete Streets principles through updates to the Thornton City Code and other applicable standards and specifications;
 - Continuing programs such as the city's speed awareness program; and
 - Continuing cross-departmental collaboration on data-sharing and other strategies to promote efficient and effective speed enforcement and reduction of crashes.
- Sidewalk gaps and other infrastructure items will be forwarded to the Infrastructure Department
- Pedestrian and cycling-friendly features are emphasized in all development review processes.

Technology (Smart City)

- Incorporate bike and scooter sharing (& incentives/infrastructure) to essentially expand "walkshed buffers" to be "Rideshed buffers"
- Incentives for city and county buildings to convert to smart sprinklers (sensors so they don't go off in the rain/when ground is moist)
- City app
- Photo radar to control traffic – new technology
- Still work on communication
- Better advertisement of community events and amenities. Email.
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 - **Strategy SG-m.** Continue to evaluate opportunities to introduce Smart City initiatives into city operations.
 - **Strategy CPP-a.** Update the city's Transportation and Mobility Master Plan to align with the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Place a particular emphasis on:
 - A holistic view of interconnected multimodal transportation network and mobility plan;
 - Expanding mobility options;
 - Improving land use and transportation connections;

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- Leveraging regional transportation investments through enhanced local connections; and
- Exploring the role of emerging technologies and modes in Thornton's future.
- Thornton has recently revised its website
- Thornton City Council Meetings are recorded and available for viewing online
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned.

Partnerships

- City Team needed to interface with regional partners/opportunities/neighboring counties. Who is tasked with this on Thornton staff?
- Connect communities from the east to Thornton
- More partnerships around transportation and housing. Team with churches to build affordable housing

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan Document included an implementation strategy under Vision Theme: Connecting Community, people and places:
 - **Strategy CPP-c.** Maintain and pursue interagency partnerships. Update and add new IGAs with neighboring communities and service providers as necessary to facilitate regional collaboration.
- Thornton has recently established a Community Partnerships division.
- Thornton has engaged many partner organizations in the development of its long range plans
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Traffic and Roads

- Congestions now due to building too many apartments
- Lots of traffic on Quebec from E470 and new development. Concerned about more residential development adding more cars.
- Keep commercial, area needs retail, local business, and restaurants. Traffic on Quebec is already bad
- Address Traffic impact from 27J Schools at Yosemite + 136 and better access across Platte River. Intersection at Riverdale and 128th is horrible and only will get worse when 2nd school opens
- No areas have 4-way continuity in the City
- Need corresponding roadways to deal w/ traffic

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- Road impacts, Traffic, Cmty feel, Diff btwn Warehouse + Manuf.
- Residential streets are way too wide and invite speeding, narrower roads would save money, and slow traffic. Bulb structures at cross walks would attract drivers' eyes and slow them down. Traffic calming devices should aim for 20 mph, not 5-10 mph
- Residents of Thornton are at cross purposes with themselves. They do not want anyone driving through their neighborhood, even 15 minutes of morning commute is the critical time. Bigger half miles section lines roads would help alleviate section line road congestion
- Better roads, traffic relief
- Change the development process to get stakeholder (citizens/business) feedback before design. (Ex 128th widening community meeting for feedback we were told 75% the design was 75% complete, too late for feedback.
- TOV/Managed – Lanes are not being used because no one wants to pay toll, so doesn't help traffic
- Too many high density properties that influence schools and traffic
- Traffic
- Use ½ mile section roads to carry more traffic
- Enforcement of ordinances – speeding and teenage hangouts
- Address traffic patterns of flow away from neighborhoods
- Too many large vehicles on residential streets getting off I-25 and perhaps more thoroughfares to accommodate traffic
- Better aimed lights e-w and n-s; reduce unnecessary stoplights
- Synchronizing lights
- Focus on traffic control and congestion
- Photo radar to control traffic – new technology
- Get rid of speed bumps or cut down
- Get rid of speed bumps
- Traffic – I-25 & 76 bottleneck
- 30 year plan on roads flawed, growing faster than streets capacity
- I-25 clogging
- I-25 traffic increasing
- Need more parking for community events
- Congestion, density
- HOV lane in I-25 from 104th to 82th – Prevent people from cutting (Has lots of accidents)
- Less traffic
- Traffic congestion
- Safety. More control for motorcycles speeding
- Sound wall (Mostly for road traffic) Colorado
- Traffic is in the right place (on arterials)
- Faster road constructions
- Traffic
- traffic
- traffic
- Pools widen York – lots of traffic
- Better road maintenance (big trucks messing them up, need to be levelled)
- Better landscaping in Parks and along streets
- Better timed traffic lights
- Traffic calming
- Traffic
- Improved street system for commuting, more routes
- Speeding

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- Traffic
- Traffic congestion, not public transit solution
- Traffic congestion
- Improved traffic flow
- Better roads
- Quebec should be improved to 4 lines from 128th to Hwy 7
- Need better E-W streets in North Thornton
- How is 124th between Colorado and Lafayette going to handle all the new traffic for light rail and additional housing around the light rail station? 128th too. People in Eastlake area very concerned
- Unsafe road at 124th as it crosses the rail road. Need a roundabout
- Concerned about traffic plans for Hwy 7 and York, 1268th and Wash, 160th west of York
- Need turn lanes and drop off zones
- Traffic flows from north into Quebec and 120th intersection troublesome, 5:45am-9:30am, 3:00pm-6:15pm. Left turn light needed for turns onto 120th

How comments have been addressed:

- All these comments will be included in the outreach comments for the Transportation and Mobility Master Plan. This planning process will begin soon.
- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy CPP-a.** Update the city's Transportation and Mobility Master Plan to align with the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Place a particular emphasis on:
 - A holistic view of interconnected multimodal transportation network and mobility plan;
 - Expanding mobility options;
 - Improving land use and transportation connections;
 - Leveraging regional transportation investments through enhanced local connections; and
 - Exploring the role of emerging technologies and modes in Thornton's future.
 - **Strategy GSA-d.** Continuously review and update the connectivity requirements and alternative transportation options in the Transportation and Mobility Master Plan, Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the City Code to ensure clear, direct pedestrian and bicycle connections as part of future development.
 - **Strategy GSA-f.** On a regular basis, conduct needs assessments or customer surveys to determine the adequacy and general satisfaction with, and inclusiveness of, city services and facilities. This evaluation should also consider the changing needs of the community.
 - **Strategy SHC-c.** Make streets safer by:
 - Implementing the city's Complete Streets principles through updates to the Thornton City Code and other applicable standards and specifications;

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- Continuing programs such as the city's speed awareness program; and
- Continuing cross-departmental collaboration on data-sharing and other strategies to promote efficient and effective speed enforcement and reduction of crashes.
- Complete street principles are designed into new roads in Thornton
- Bicycle lanes have been added to arterial streets as resurfacing occurs
- Traffic concerns will be forwarded to the city Traffic Division

ART AND ENTERTAINMENT

Destination activities and Entertainment Options

- Bring the arts center to South Thornton
- Theater with multilevel parking that fits in with terrain
- Consider locating new theater in Thornton Shopping Center
- ice skating
- Shopping/ dining near (hopefully) Perf. Arts Complex near I-25/Thornton Parkway
- Demolish Thornton Shopping Center and build into destination
- Need to clump restaurants for them to do well. Better for restaurants to be grouped than stand-alone
- Need corresponding roadways to deal w/ traffic
- More barbecue, a really good barbecue joint
- More restaurants throughout the city
- Places that are both beautiful and functional
- We love it as is
- City Town center w/ performing arts, dining, brewery, small retail
- Restaurants
- Movie theaters, better dining options
- Partner w/ Adams County about partnering with fairgrounds. This is an opportunity
- Marathon run, food truck site, events - community
- A new movie theater, possible company such as AMC, HoKns, etc., drive ins
- More mixed use! Would like to see more opportunities for areas like Stanley Marketplace
- More local places, restaurants, breweries, etc.
- Outdoor venue for concerts
- Trails/waterways made into an amenity/ gathering place
- Would be great to see the dots come together, trails, restaurants, river, and transit.
- Outdoor events, family oriented
- Indoor small venue for ensemble music near RTD 124th Station
- Unique uses for empty buildings, e.g. malls/warehouses (indoor drone spaces)
- Steak house
- Reasons to go into south Thornton
- More restaurants in South Thornton
- Move restaurants in South Thornton
- Fewer chain restaurants

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- Turn vacant warehouse type buildings into indoor drone flying spaces/racing drones with obstacles
- More small business development (i.e. restaurants), provide incentives. Less chain stores.
- Fewer chain restaurants
- Bilingual family activities
- Parks and Ice Cream Socials
- Can get good stuff; Walmart; Waterworld
- Very accommodating; you don't have to venture out far to get to restaurants, etc.
- Wants Top Golf, shopping and entertainment
- More entertainment like The Orchards
- Need more cultural activities and restaurants like Old Town Arvada (walkable)
- Better restaurants – sit down restaurants
- Don't really have a main street or downtown
- Needs a downtown, even a small area, like 16th Street Mall
- Have modern shopping areas with modern, healthier restaurants like Stapleton (restaurants currently not good here); fun staff/concerts
- Fewer shopping centers and more community and nature areas
- Restaurants, parks and strip malls
- Stores that are here
- Places to go hang out/go to on weekends so I don't go to other cities
- More places in Thornton to grab a beer
- More sit-down restaurants close by – Fuzzy's Tacos
- Places to eat that are not chains
- Good restaurants
- Want more areas in Thornton like Westminster's 'The Orchards'
- Water park in Thornton
- Love to have a community theater
- Breweries that are popping up, ride bikes there
- Want more good sit down restaurants on north end
- little outdoor mall like orchards
- non-chains – bars, restaurants and breweries, not to have to drive to Broomfield or Westminster
- More sit down restaurant
- Want more shopping and restaurants – family owned
- Starbucks, a little downtown
- More good, independent restaurants
- Good Restaurants, cheesecake factory, destinations
- More Starbucks!
- More retail shops
- Top golf
- More unique restaurants (Less chains)
- Fast food restaurants
- Less chains
- More restaurants, more shops
- Walkable, fewer parking lots, closer together businesses, more small less chain
- Zoo
- Family owned restaurants
- Breweries
- More restaurants
- More restaurants throughout the city

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How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy CII-c.** Promote the city's diverse selection of entertainment, artistic, and cultural offerings. Pursue performing arts opportunities as directed by City Council.
 - **Strategy GSA-e.** Develop and determine funding for an Arts and Culture Plan to guide future investments and partnerships that enhance the city's cultural vitality, vibrancy, and landscape.
 - **Strategy EV-a.** Continue to protect commercially zoned and allocated land to ensure a strong economic future for the city.
 - **Strategy EV-c.** Continue to facilitate the development of important employment sites.
 - **Strategy QDN-h.** Review and update the existing Thornton City Code, and other applicable city standards, to help implement the desired mix of housing types reflected on the Future Land Use Map and in the supporting Placemaking Guidelines and area plans.
 - **Strategy QDN-i.** Identify opportunities to attract and encourage diverse housing types and residential price points in areas that are well-served by public transit and other services, and are identified within the Growth Framework chapter as Activity Centers or Complete Neighborhoods.
 - **Strategy SG-b.** Review the city's current codes, standards, and criteria used to ensure proposed developments meet the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and other long-range plans.
 - **Strategy SG-f.** Consider developing alternative development standards for infill areas.
 - **Strategy SG-i.** Update zone districts in the Thornton City Code to facilitate the types and intensities of mixed-use development and other land uses contemplated in the Growth Framework.
 - **Strategy SG-k.** Implement existing area plans and identify new area plans that are needed to further the Goals of the Comprehensive Plan (pending funding availability), such as:
 - Eastlake Streetscape Plan
 - 144th Station Area Master Plan
 - Niver Creek Land Use and Connections Plan
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Recreation

- Dog park by the Platte River
- Park and dog park, bike, sidewalks
- Ice skating
- Skydiving facility, "fan" sky diving
- New rec center, Replace
- Boating in gravel pits. Unstable banks. But, this is a natural basin
- hockey rink
- Feature a climbing wall opportunity
- Gravel Lake, develop a park/ trails, trailhead, gold driving (???)

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- Open one for fishing, doesn't matter which [Gravel Lakes]
- More picnic at S Pratt Platte. At Spanish and other languages to signs and QR code
- Make sure parks are kept modern, updated, safe, clean
- As things develop North, be sure that parks are incorporated, all types of use at park, community center, places to gather
- Hockey rink
- Splash pads
- Public pools
- Skate park
- Rec. Ctr./outdoor pool, similar to Countryside in Westminster, one level
- Same price for all swimming pools
- Grave Rec town center
- New rec center
- Camp, fish
- Camp sites, make a wish, fishing boating
- Gravel lake fishing
- Lambertson farm petting zoo
- Unified recreation in water reservoirs and Platte river
- Need swimming pool/rec facilities for South Thornton
- Great Rec center
- Social events; playgrounds/park, sports, rec opportunities
- Waterworld; like everything all around us
- Lots of fun things
- Close to park, pool, waterpark
- Community center; basketball
- Can get good stuff; Walmart; Waterworld
- Outdoor activities; community events; wildlife; open spaces
- Rec Center, bathing suit, spinner
- Rec centers
- Another rec center
- Love Rec Center & park
- Parks
- Parque
- Love parks and rec. center
- Carpenter Rec Center + Carpenter Park
- Open space, Dog friendly places
- Love the rec center
- I love Thornton because it has lots of parks and other fun activities for kids all ages. We love to go to the Carpenter Rec Center and also they have so many classes for kids. My girls love to go to the movie night at the park. Thank you for doing it!
- Family events, pet friendly places, more sport options for lessons & teams + affordable options
- Football clubs
- Likes the dog parks
- Needs more baseball fields
- More dance studios
- I love our parks!! J
- More basketball clubs
- Splash pads
- Love being dog friendly
- Really love the playground design
- Rec center
- Rec centers up and coming
- Pool
- Dog park with water feature
- Another indoors pool, more pools
- More skate parks

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- More dog parks
- Swimming pool to swim laps
- Young people hang out rec center, Cherry Park
- Rec center
- Community pools with slides
- Add family changing rooms in new rec facilities... look at lifetime fitness
- Swimming Pools
- Golf Course
- Rec center
- Rec Center
- Rec Center
- Margaret Carpenter Center
- Rec Centers
- Water Parks, like the bay Broomfield
- Tennis courts by the new rec center
- Horse jumping, animals
- Splash parks and pool and water parks
- More sports
- Splash parks
- Diving boards
- Playgrounds for children under five
- Thornton Recreation centers
- Community Gardens
- Moe swimming classes for kids
- Silver sneakers programs
- Better water amenities including another outdoor pool
- More rec centers
- Neighborhood pools
- More sports venues
- Do you know the status and estimated completion of the new rec center off 136th & Holly? And, any discussions about developing a “City Center/Downtown”?

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy GSA-a.** Periodically update the Parks and Open Space Master Plan to ensure inclusivity. Continue to focus on completion of the overall parks and open space system, and to identify gaps or underserved areas of the community.
 - **Strategy GSA-b.** Continue to seek grants and establish a phased funding strategy for the completion of the seven remaining Heritage Trail loops identified as part of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan.
 - **Strategy GSA-f.** On a regular basis, conduct needs assessments or customer surveys to determine the adequacy and general satisfaction with, and inclusiveness of, city services and facilities. This evaluation should also consider the changing needs of the community.
- The Trail Winds Recreation Center will open soon in the north part of Thornton, which will substantially expand recreational services in that area.
- The Thornton Active Adult Center offers a range of services to the adult community.
- The Denver Premium Outlets has a free and publically-accessible large playground facility.

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Art, Culture, Humanities

- Where is the new theater? / Yes, where is it? / Indeed!
- Farming historic preservation site at Washington and 136th. Opportunity for site [to the south] to tie into cool CMU
- Art display - changing art/media venue featuring social, humanity issues or history. E.g., San Diego, CA display of "secrets" ...mental health. Not sure where?
- "Secrets" San Diego, arts experience, (???) arts
- Native American - historical influences museum "Thornton before we existed"
- Performing arts center
- Visual arts/ artist space
- More activities for families – events, farmers markets, plays, talent shows.
- Theater – plays and music
- Indoor small venue for ensemble music near RTD 124th Station
- More art festivals (not just community oriented)
- community events
- Parks nearby; events
- Ice cream social
- Ice cream socials
- Parks; ice cream socials
- Trees, parks; events like Ice Cream Socials
- It's cool that the city does events like free concerts and ice cream. I brag about Thornton to others
- More community activities
- Have more social gatherings similar to the Ice Cream Socials
- More community events; not choose same dates for events
- Events in Spanish
- More Latino events
- Have modern shopping areas with modern, healthier restaurants like Stapleton (restaurants currently not good here); fun staff/concerts
- Have more events, community get-togethers
- Have community and youth events
- Love fireworks show
- The decorated electrical boxes bringing so much life to Thornton
- Love Harvest Fest, 4th of July and Christmas events
- Love Family events
- Good community programs
- I love Thornton Fest & Ice Cream
- Positive gathering – sense of community
- Good parks and community activities
- Community events. Festivals
- Love family oriented activities
- Love Saturday farmer's market
- Love sunrise service at Margaret Carpenter
- Love the painting of electric boxes
- Love fireworks event
- I love Thornton because it has lots of parks and other fun activities for kids all ages. We love to go to the Carpenter Rec Center and also they have so many classes for kids. My

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girls love to go to the movie night at the park. Thank you for doing it!

- Family events, pet friendly places, more sport options for lessons & teams + affordable options
- More events for family and kids. Specifically on summer time. Keep Thornton clean and green.
- Sculpture Festival
- Would really like to see more events for young adults
- More Community events – More movies in the park and concerts --- Central Information site for community events
- More community-sponsored activities for kids and teens to participate in
- Would like to see more activities for 3-6 year old kids.
- Need more parking for community events
- Need more trash cans at events and parks
- Better advertisement of community events and amenities. Email.
- Shuttle for major events
- Places to play music
- Festivals rock!
- Programs in the park
- Concerts in the park
- More volunteer opportunities – regardless of age
- More festivities
- More community events, like movies in the park
- Movies in the park
- More concerts like this one
- More concerts in the park
- More scheduled events, get more people together
- more classic car shows

- Annual cultural event, not just by race but by age, orientation, etc.
- More concerts
- Art and Culture Center
- Want events that appeal to adults, 5K's, dog races, meet the neighbor night/adults only night
- Community Events
- Public Art, especially the traffic murals
- Farmers Market
- Events you can get to in Thornton
- Community Events
- Community Concerts
- Destination for events
- More community/neighborhood events
- More fireworks
- Thorntonfest and other events more North
- Love art on traffic/utility boxes
- More public art – murals
- More events
- More music events
- More neighborhood events
- More events
- Activities like this
- Local charitable events
- Events like these
- More big parks and events
- Community service and more volunteer opportunities
- More public art – Art boxes
- Moe functions like tonight
- Where will the Arts Center be?

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How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
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 - **Strategy CII-d.** Improving the city’s image through streetscape enhancements and public art projects and programs.
 - **Strategy GSA-e.** Develop and determine funding for an Arts and Culture Plan to guide future investments and partnerships that enhance the city’s cultural vitality, vibrancy, and landscape.
 - **Strategy RR-c.** Support organized events and activities that embrace diversity and inclusion.
- The city is in the process of evaluating options for the development of a performing arts center.
- Thornton offers at least three venues for art displays within its facilities.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Sense of community and identity

- This is an opportunity to define identity of Thornton - this still feels like a bedroom community. North Thornton can have parks, restaurants, CMUs, connected trails
- Farming historic preservation site at Washington and 136th. Opportunity for site [to the south] to tie into cool CMU
- Leave open space as is for wildlife and view corridors – we are losing our Western Identity
- It’s a good place to live
- Have been here whole life, like the community, safety and what the city does for people
- It’s not too big or small
- Friends who live outside metro area; spacious and nice
- Have family here, love the small community atmosphere
- Bike trails and the people
- Friendliness; nice people when out shopping
- Its friendly
- Neighbors
- Community-oriented; city has people who are here to help
- I live in Brighton, but people in Thornton are welcoming
- Friendly and kind people
- I grew up here and I feel like I’m part of the community
- We have fun; ice cream
- Family and friends nearby
- Parks; family; schools
- Friends; ice cream
- It’s a family community
- Spread out but small town feel
- Small town in between other cities
- Family-oriented suburb
- Sweet neighborhood; safe

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- Very accommodating; you don't have to venture out far to get to restaurants, etc.
- Nice family-friendly community
- Not Denver, cheaper
- It's cool that the city does events like free concerts and ice cream. I brag about Thornton to others
- Quiet suburb with big city amenities
- It's a well-maintained city that is responsive to taking care of issues
- City has friendly people
- Humble, quiet
- Nice area
- Lived here almost 40 years
- Growing and like it
- Overlooked, not friendly reputation
- Yes – good place, good schools
- Yes
- Yes, it's where I grew up
- Yes, staying because I grew up here and it's safe
- Yes, grew up here and am familiar with it and comfortable
- Yes
- Yes, have grown up here
- Yes, close to commute to the city but far enough to be out of city
- Yes, I like it for the most part
- Yes, jobwise it has a lot to offer & activities for the kids
- Yes, love it here, like ADCO
- Yes, paid off house
- Yes, like location
- Yes, conveniently located around everything, like the community center, friendly neighborhood
- Yes, because its friendly
- Yes because of schools, neighbors and it's a fun place to live
- Lived here 18 years, slow and easy
- Not going anywhere, I lived 23 years here
- No because rent is getting too high and soon I will have to move because I can't afford it
- No, moving away after retiring
- Not with children, bad school system
- Its home! J
- Good community. Feels like a community. Friendly.
- Friendly neighborhoods
- Most of the places are clean & green. I lived here for 14 years. I love Thornton. The parks, the houses, community I hope it continues to be like that
- Green! Environmentally friendly
- Family friendly.
- Good neighbors, more bus service, double decker bus, get rid of RTD, get vendor
- Convenience of getting downtown Denver
- Family in area can't find anything better
- Like the friendly suburbs, people, bigger lawns, not all crunched up space, mountains
- Quiet neighborhoods but easy access to thing you need
- Getting plenty of things to do
- Friendly community
- It's a very kind place
- The people are friendly, especially at the rec center
- More social
- What is the heart of Thornton?
- Positive friendly people

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- Earth friendly, Earth focused, focus on renewables, honor the earth
- Progressive, Culturally sensitive
- Each out to LGBT community, say we are welcoming
- Family friendly
- Family-oriented community with culture (mutually exclusive)
- Satisfied with the way it is
- People need to connect more – neighbors
- Less chaotic and quieter than Denver
- Community!
- Family Oriented
- Options for all ages
- Inclusive Community
- People, family
- Diverse in Ethnicity
- Diverse in Age
- Neighborhood Feel
- Great neighborhoods
- Family Oriented
- It is clean and safe
- Community
- Sense of community
- Very safe
- Cleanest and Safest
- Small Town
- LGBT Friendly
- Parks
- Destination for events
- Community feeling, get along, welcoming
- Smart and forward thinking
- Healthy safe environment with no fracking
- Drug free
- Overall, I am not happy that I moved into the City of Thornton. I have a difficult time figuring out what the benefits of living in this city are and why I'd want to stay living in this city.
- I like the quiet and tranquil life. I like that I feel safe here

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy CII-a.** Determine the strengths and weaknesses of Thornton's current branding to identify opportunities for future enhancements. Consider hiring outside expertise to assist in the establishment and enhancement of the city's image.
 - **Strategy CII-b.** Collaborate with partner organizations on strategic planning for potential catalyst projects that may help enhance Thornton's visibility and notoriety as a regional destination.
 - **Strategy CII-c.** Promote the city's diverse selection of entertainment, artistic, and cultural offerings. Pursue performing arts opportunities as directed by City Council.
 - **Strategy CII-d.** Improving the city's image through streetscape enhancements and public art projects and programs.

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- The city of Thornton offers multiple community events and festivals each year which provide opportunities for members of the community to gather, relax, enjoy food and entertainment, and get to know each other.
- Thornton is known for having outstanding parks, trails, and open spaces.
- The new N Line will provide an additional way for people to move around Thornton without the use of a car.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Aesthetics

- So. Thornton property standards
- Increase aesthetics along I-25 specifically Amazon and American Furniture, but whole warehouse
- Recommend property maintenance code and elevate standards in South
- Add to the outlet mall with like Castle Rock outlets. Landscaping, architecture, design
- Improve the quality and image of residential areas in the south parts of Thornton
- How could you ever envision residential next to a parking lot for Larry Miller with zero landscaping?
- 88th Between Wash and Colorado is ugly, we need street scaping
- Preserve sight lines west of Hunters Glen Lake. Consider ordinances limiting stories (height limitations)
- Mountain views should be preserved
- Park between businesses and commercial. Would help aesthetics. Complete neighborhoods.
- Orient buildings and parks for mountain vistas and river
- “Parkitecture” theme for public buildings
- Beautify South Washington
- Better design and implementation of detention/retention ponds
- Clean up south Thornton
- Clean up South Thornton
- Lighting Updates, down lighting instead of up lighting to reduce light pollution
- I’ve been a little sad to see the pretty view of the city at Thornton Pkwy and Washington St become obstructed by new buildings. Would it be a consideration to add an area of green space or walking paths to the area where the water treatment system is going in? Perhaps higher up toward Thornton Pkwy to capture the view. There is also a view at 84th and Federal if that might be a consideration too.
- Light pollution
- Great views of mountains & the sunrise and sunset
- Pretty area; ice cream; parks
- View of Mountains and Denver Skyline

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:

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- **Strategy CII-d.** Improving the city’s image through streetscape enhancements and public art projects and programs.
- **Strategy QDN-e.** Provide residents with information regarding home repair resources, and water and energy efficiency upgrades and practices.
- **Strategy QDN-j.** Work with the community and explore ways to improve the exterior appearance of homes and surrounding properties within non-managed residential neighborhoods.
- Continued implementation of Complete Streets principles will help improve the Aesthetics of Thornton’s streets.
- Thornton has a property maintenance code which applies within the South Thornton Urban Renewal Area
- The Placemaking Guidelines included in the Comprehensive Plan promote high quality development
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Central Community Space

- As things develop North, be sure that parks are incorporated, all types of use at park, community center, places to gather
- Trails/waterways made into an amenity/ gathering place

How comments have been addressed:

- The Trail Winds Recreation Center will open soon in the north part of Thornton, which will substantially expand recreational services in that area.
- The new Thornton Active Adult Center will open near the intersection of 112th and Colorado Blvd, providing a substantially increased range of services in the central part of Thornton
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

North/South Thornton

- Can building blocks 3 and 4 be combined especially in South Thornton?
- Let's change the narrative about South Thornton. It is original Thornton and has amazing history
- This is an opportunity to define identity of Thornton - this still feels like a bedroom community. North Thornton can have parks, restaurants, CMUs, connected trails
- Need more CMU designation in north (building block 4)

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- Realize the plan created in previous meetings (revitalization) to recreate original Thornton along Washington.
- Clean up south Thornton
- Develop commercial space in south Thornton
- Balance activities between north and south – taxes are an issues, Ward 4 does not (?) to support Ward 1
- Clean up South Thornton
- Reasons to go into south Thornton
- Need new buildings and revitalization in south Thornton

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy CII-b.** Collaborate with partner organizations on strategic planning for potential catalyst projects that may help enhance Thornton’s visibility and notoriety as a regional destination.
 - **Strategy CII-c.** Promote the city’s diverse selection of entertainment, artistic, and cultural offerings. Pursue performing arts opportunities as directed by City Council.
 - **Strategy CII-d.** Improving the city’s image through streetscape enhancements and public art projects and programs.
 - **Strategy QDN-j.** Work with the community and explore ways to improve the exterior appearance of homes and surrounding properties within non-managed residential neighborhoods.
 - **Strategy QDN-e.** Provide residents with information regarding home repair resources, and water and energy efficiency upgrades and practices.
 - **Strategy QDN-f.** Continue to use the CDBG Annual Action Plan as a mechanism to prioritize funding for qualifying projects.
 - **Strategy SG-b.** Review the city’s current codes, standards, and criteria used to ensure proposed developments meet the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and other long-range plans.
 - **Strategy SG-f.** Consider developing alternative development standards for infill areas.
- The Future Land Use Map allows for commercial mixed-use in existing commercial areas in the south part of Thornton. Desired and needed redevelopment of these area has not occurred for many years. In addition, this area no longer plays a role as a regional commercial center as it once did back 50 or 60 years ago. The amount of commercially designated land exceeds the market needs of today. Allowing for a small amount of residential and other supportive uses will help stimulate development in these areas. To help ensure commercial uses will still be primary uses in this area the placemaking guidelines included in the Comprehensive Plan recommend that only up to 25% of these areas be residential and residential uses not be established before the commercial use unless extenuating circumstances are present.
- Thornton has a property maintenance code which applies within the South Thornton Urban Renewal Area
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Plentiful high quality jobs and education

- Post-secondary education: tech, manufacturing, health care (all location dependent)
- Yes, jobwise it has a lot to offer & activities for the kids
- More Class A office space in the north area for professionals
- Oil Exploration, fracking
- Be balanced in the approach to oil/gas

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy SG-I.** Update city codes and requirements that regulate development around oil and gas facilities in Thornton as directed by City Council.
 - **Strategy RR-a.** Implement a resource center for the community located in the Community Connections Division.
 - **Strategy EV-a.** Continue to protect commercially zoned and allocated land to ensure a strong economic future for the city.
 - **Strategy EV-b.** Continue to implement strategies and work towards the Council adopted goal of 0.75 jobs-to-housing ratio.
 - **Strategy EV-c.** Continue to facilitate the development of important employment sites.
 - **Strategy EV-d.** Continue to increase awareness and actively market the benefits of investment in the Opportunity Zone in Thornton.
 - **Strategy EV-e.** Develop a priority list of, and funding strategies for, infrastructure improvements and amenities needed to attract the most important employment center projects.
- Developers incentives to keep green space

- More higher education opportunities
- More professional job opportunities
- Local job search program/guidance

- **Strategy EV-g.** Review, evaluate, and if necessary, develop a new Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- **Strategy EV-h.** Review and assess Thornton's jobs-to-housing ratio based on changing trends, technology, etc.
- **Strategy GSA-f.** On a regular basis, conduct needs assessments or customer surveys to determine the adequacy and general satisfaction with, and inclusiveness of, city services and facilities. This evaluation should also consider the changing needs of the community.
- Thornton's Economic Development office has a Primary Employment Strategic Plan that helps guide the attraction of new businesses.
- Adams County Workforce Center offers vocational training and job search services to Thornton residents.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned
- **Growth**Let's tie in the development of 88th and Washington with the new train station

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- Less requirements for construction permits. This is the reason there are not upgrade in older homes in south area
- Zoning on S.E. corner of 136th and Holly in question. We were told it was changed from commercial to something more Xcel substation friendly.
- Need more CMU designation in north (building block 4)
- One property - why employment? Should be single family
- More offices and manufacturing around Amazon area
- Would love to see mixed use
- Less Walmart's
- Diff between Warehouse and Manuf.
- #Note: there has to be a balance between res. + bus because of tax law. Example Tabor Law, more res. The higher tax on bus
- Limit growth, how big is too big
- Mixed use, mixed income, variety of housing options, senior housing, (???) commercial, more roof tops...strong retail base?
- Menard's Outdoor lumber yard
- Why growth?
- Less development of open space – E-470, less big box development.
- Develop commercial space in south Thornton
- Fiscally responsible development project
- Use of vacant buildings
- Land prioritized for a tech center like area, jobs close to Thornton
- Growing and like it
- Growth to slow down
- Keeping up with the growth
- The growth (population)
- 30 year plan on roads flawed, growing faster than streets capacity
- Need new buildings and revitalization in south Thornton
- Not grow, tired of growth
- Not at all
- Managed growth, don't do Broomfield which sold out to everyone, sold out to businesses and exploded
- Slow down growth, had open space behind my house when I moved here
- Quit building – barely any open space
- Less building
- Concerned about the area around Riverdale Road becoming more urbanized – want it to remain a rural corridor.
- New development 350 feet away from oil gas
- Rewrite building code to be more stringent – less variance
- Uphold and abide by current residential building code. Make the city mistakes right
- Too much growth
- Growing too fast
- Rural areas keep it rural
- Re-shape dying commercial
- Starbucks, a little downtown
- Balance new growth and past development
- Not grow any more, infrastructure not keep up, taxes go up.
- Don't forget our past – Focus on revitalization/redevelopment
- Grow slower
- Construction and taking up nice fields and landscapes
- Development
- People
- Growth, or at least slower

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- Keep some of the space open
- More open space
- Keep the open space
- Better than Broomfield
- Walkable, fewer parking lots, closer together businesses, more small less chain
- Too much commercial on Ehler Parkway
- Work with Xcel and United Power so that future development has power

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy SG-a.** Regularly update the city's fiscal impact model to match major changes to the city's budget:
 - Track the growth of jobs and households by area to understand the impact of new development on expenditure factors;
 - Modify the model as needed to better reflect the differences in revenue generation and expenditures from new development versus existing development.
 - When appropriate, utilize the model to assess new development activity and land use changes
 - **Strategy SG-i.** Update zone districts in the Thornton City Code to facilitate the types and intensities of mixed-use development and other land uses contemplated in the Growth Framework.
 - **Strategy GSA-a.** Periodically update the Parks and Open Space Master Plan to ensure inclusivity. Continue to focus on completion of the overall parks and open space system, and to identify gaps or underserved areas of the community.
 - **Strategy GSA-f.** On a regular basis, conduct needs assessments or customer surveys to determine the adequacy and general satisfaction with, and inclusiveness of, city services and facilities. This evaluation should also consider the changing needs of the community.
 - **Strategy EV-a.** Continue to protect commercially zoned and allocated land to ensure a strong economic future for the city.
 - **Strategy EV-b.** Continue to implement strategies and work towards the Council adopted goal of 0.75 jobs-to-housing ratio.
 - **Strategy EV-c.** Continue to facilitate the development of important employment sites.
- Thornton is just about to begin a new Transportation and Mobility Master Plan
- Redevelopment have been underway for many years to help attract new businesses to the southern part of Thornton
- A policy is in place in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan to retain the rural nature of the Riverdale Road and South Platte River corridor along the east side of Thornton.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

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Small Business Development

- Do something with the old Thornton shopping center 88th and Wash.
- Consider locating new theater in Thornton Shopping Center
- Address the blight that is the Thornton shopping center with more retail and mid-level townhomes and condos
- Keep commercial, area needs retail, local business, and restaurants. Traffic on Quebec is already bad
- Farming historic preservation site at Washington and 136th. Opportunity for site [to the south] to tie into cool CMU
- More restaurants
- More local restaurants. Less banks and liquor stores
- Mas oportunidades para habrir pequenos negocios menos restricciones y requicites - Opportunities to welcome (latino) small business owners with less restrictions and requirements
- Meno requisitos para negocios Latinos - Accessibility for latino business
- More access for small businesses
- Not every business is a good business. More local retail and business
- Unique uses for empty buildings, e.g. malls/warehouses (indoor drone spaces)
- More independently owned businesses and restaurants
- More family owned business.
- Help with guiding and beginning a business.
- More small business development (i.e. restaurants), provide incentives. Less chain stores.
- A business person isn't going to start a business unless they are incentivized.
- More independently owned businesses and restaurants.
- Less strip malls, things that can last a long time, not just go out of business
- More focus on smaller, independent, local businesses and restaurants.
- Opportunities for small businesses to grow
- Family owned restaurants

How comments have been addressed:

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 - **Strategy EV-a.** Continue to protect commercially zoned and allocated land to ensure a strong economic future for the city.
 - **Strategy EV-b.** Continue to implement strategies and work towards the Council adopted goal of 0.75 jobs-to-housing ratio.
 - **Strategy EV-c.** Continue to facilitate the development of important employment sites.
 - **Strategy EV-d.** Continue to increase awareness and actively market the benefits of investment in the Opportunity Zone in Thornton.
 - **Strategy EV-g.** Review, evaluate, and if necessary, develop a new Economic Development Strategic Plan.
 - **Strategy RR-a.** Implement a resource center for the community located in the Community Connections Division.
- Thornton has established three Urban Renewal Areas for the purpose of blight elimination.
- Thornton is actively working toward the redevelopment of the Thornton Shopping Center

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- Thornton offers financial assistance grants to small businesses.
- There is a small business in Eastlake that provide coworking space for small businesses
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Good Governance and Fiscal Responsibility

- Fiscally responsible development project
- Balance activities between north and south – taxes are an issues, Ward 4 does not (?) to support Ward 1
- Enforcement of ordinances
- Use of Star
- Along Washington in particular – we need more restaurants/eating options. No more apartments along major streets. We end up going to Westminster, Broomfield and soon w/ light rail can go downtown for dining and entertainment options. We need to keep sales tax \$\$ in Thornton.
- Verification of Adequate Services prior to development: Transportation, Utilities, Parks and Recreation
- Change financing model to city paying for infrastructure with higher taxes instead of relying on developed
- Keep everyone on track with codes
- Good, responsive government
- City leadership
- Less taxes
- Responsiveness and availability of building inspections
- Taxes
- Taxes
- I would like the city to go back to enforcing code in our neighborhoods that don't have HOAs. Our neighborhoods are turning into slums and nobody seems to care. Most people are happy to comply with requests by the city.
- I would like for Thornton's code enforcement to go back to the way they used to keeping our neighborhoods looking nice. Most people are more than willing to cooperate and a friendly reminder. About weeds, trash, unlicensed cars, yards with no landscaping, etc. our neighborhoods with no HOAs are turning into slums and its depressing. If I could afford to move I would. Seems a push from the city might be all that is needed in most cases.

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 - **Strategy EV-a.** Continue to protect commercially zoned and allocated land to ensure a strong economic future for the city.
 - **Strategy EV-b.** Continue to implement strategies and work towards the Council adopted goal of 0.75 jobs-to-housing ratio.
 - **Strategy EV-c.** Continue to facilitate the development of important employment sites.

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- **Strategy EV-d.** Continue to increase awareness and actively market the benefits of investment in the Opportunity Zone in Thornton.
- **Strategy EV-g.** Review, evaluate, and if necessary, develop a new Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- **Strategy EV-h.** Review and assess Thornton’s jobs-to-housing ratio based on changing trends, technology, etc.
- **Strategy QDN-e.** Provide residents with information regarding home repair resources, and water and energy efficiency upgrades and practices.
- **Strategy QDN-j.** Work with the community and explore ways to improve the exterior appearance of homes and surrounding properties within non-managed residential neighborhoods.
- **Strategy SG-a.** Regularly update the city’s fiscal impact model to match major changes to the city’s budget:
 - Track the growth of jobs and households by area to understand the impact of new development on expenditure factors; and
 - Modify the model as needed to better reflect the differences in revenue generation and expenditures from new development versus existing development.
 - When appropriate, utilize the model to assess new development activity and land use changes.
- **Strategy SG-d.** Every five years, or as unique opportunities arise that are aligned with the city’s goals, reevaluate the impacts of potentially expanding into Weld County.
- **Strategy SG-e.** Explore the feasibility of establishing an intergovernmental agreement with Weld County that expands the city’s ability to review future development in the Weld County portion of the Future Growth Area.
- Thornton has established a property maintenance code for properties that are located within the South Thornton Urban Renewal Area.
- Thornton’s Code Enforcement Division enforces property maintenance conditions such as weeds, abandoned vehicles, and other concerns.
- Thornton’s Code Enforcement division performs graffiti abatement throughout the city
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Community Services

- City controlled high speed internet (Longmont model)
- City work together more with nonprofits

How comments have been addressed:

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- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy SG-j.** Develop a Fiber Master Plan for city facilities.
- The Anythink Libraries within Thornton have wifi hotspots and wifi-enabled computers available for check out.
- The Anythink Libraries within Thornton have internet-accessible computers within their facilities which are available for patrons to use.
- The city continues to cooperate with cellular service providers to expand services within Thornton which enables increased access to mobile internet services.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Services for Aging Population

- Desire for Sr. Living facility W of KRE
- Cementerio para huma nos (Cemetery for humans in Thornton)
- Need local Thornton transportation system - local circular buses (shouldn't have to pay to ride the bus, should be free for residents to get around to rec center, library, etc.) makes it easier for seniors
- Rentable electric carts for use on trails at Eastlake train station and nearby senior centers
- New style of senior memory care, single-level facility w. restaurants and office (medical), e.g. Netherlands eldercare style
- Mixed use, mixed income, variety of housing options, senior housing, (???) commercial, more roof tops...strong retail base?
- Require universal design/accessibility elements particularly in 55+ community homes
- Create/continue programs for seniors in original Thornton (Washington-CO; 88th and 92nd)
- Planning to move to Senior Center, why not keep current center and build new center?
- Useful purpose for seniors – Programs, volunteering, don't forget about seniors.
- Senior services (though I admit I haven't looked into what Thornton has)
- Senior outreach to lower isolation
- Share schools with older adults for activities
- More outreach to seniors who are isolated.
- Call-n-ride service
- Increased service (transit?)
- Need swimming pool/rec facilities for South Thornton
- I read that adult active center will be moved further north. Please don't abandon all senior and other facilities in south Thornton!
- Have more get-togethers and recreation for seniors
- Seniors do not have access to facilities like track/limitations to active areas
- Keep a senior center in southern Thornton
- More public transit for seniors

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- Make good use of the old senior center
- Meals for old folks senior center
- More public transit for people with disabilities/seniors.
- Senior classes, especially lectures
- More upscale senior housing, senior community with stores and amenities
- Universal design to accommodate senior and people of differing abilities
- More and better homes and facilities for seniors
- Silver sneakers programs
- During an outreach event at the Senior Center for our Comprehensive Plan today, a woman inquired about information on how to get on a list for affordable housing or how to get more information on what might be available to seniors for affordable housing.

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy RR-a.** Implement a resource center for the community located in the Community Connections Division.
 - **Strategy RR-b.** Work with local agencies to monitor the human service needs of the community to establish a system for measuring, monitoring, and reporting changes in needs, outcomes, or the efficacy of programs and services over time.
 - **Strategy GSA-f.** On a regular basis, conduct needs assessments or customer surveys to determine the adequacy and general satisfaction with, and inclusiveness of, city services and facilities. This evaluation should also consider the changing needs of the community.
 - **Strategy QDN-a.** Evaluate funding mechanisms and other tools to address gaps in affordable housing.
 - **Strategy QDN-b.** Periodically update the city's housing needs assessment and Housing Master Plan, as needed, to confirm and identify housing gaps in the community.
 - **Strategy QDN-g.** Implement key recommendations identified as part of the city's DRCOG Boomer Bond initiative.
 - **Strategy QDN-h.** Review and update the existing Thornton City Code, and other applicable city standards, to help implement the desired mix of housing types reflected on the Future Land Use Map and in the supporting Placemaking Guidelines and area plans.
- The new Thornton Active Adult Center is scheduled to open in mid-2020 with a larger facility and expanded services.
- The Boomer Bond Assessment (currently underway) is an organization self-assessment of the suitability of Thornton's services, facilities, infrastructure, and accommodation of the needs of aging residents.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Focus on Youth and Young Adults

- New schools close to 104th and Riverdale, grades 6-12
- Identify schools [on the FLUM], ex Horizon H.S.?

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- Parques con acceso por personas incapacitadas (Inclusive playground areas for kids with disabilities)
- More activities for small children
- Areas to attract teens
- More safe places for children to play. Wonderful playground at Margaret Carpenter, 5 stars.
- Employ high school kids who are “leaders” to run programs to engage community.... – Student Council Reps.
- Attract more young professionals (25-35) with or without children
- Young to old mentorship opportunities – i.e. city of Northglenn bicycle volunteer program
- Need affordable daycare/every school to have bases
- More (or more obvious) opportunities for people (25-35) (with or without kids) to form friendships (clubs, small groups, etc.)
- More low cost learning activities for children
- Programs for teenagers to be involved and feel part of the community
- Volunteer opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities
- We need to provide more food banks and resources for our community. Also provide backpacks for foster children.
- Yes, jobwise it has a lot to offer & activities for the kids
- Develop more opportunities for parents to take their kids to work and be cared for and educated
- More community-sponsored activities for kids and teens to participate in
- Would like to see more activities for 3-6 year old kids.
- Mapleton has toddler program, day care at school for teachers kids, could have outside kids as well
- Improve kids program to serve in the community
- Playgrounds for children under five
- More summer activities for school age kids
- Nutrition classes for kids
- Toys, candy, kids activities
- Life skills classes for young people, teens, and early adults
- More swimming classes for kids

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy GSA-a.** Periodically update the Parks and Open Space Master Plan to ensure inclusivity. Continue to focus on completion of the overall parks and open space system, and to identify gaps or underserved areas of the community.
 - **Strategy GSA-e.** Develop and determine funding for an Arts and Culture Plan to guide future investments and partnerships that enhance the city’s cultural vitality, vibrancy, and landscape.
 - **Strategy RR-a.** Implement a resource center for the community located in the Community Connections Division.
 - **Strategy RR-c.** Support organized events and activities that embrace diversity and inclusion.
 - **Strategy SHC-b.** Continue to collaborate with school districts, schools, and parent teacher organizations to improve student safety to and from school. Such collaboration may include seeking appropriate grants.

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- Childcare services are available at the Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center.
- Thornton offers a variety of classes for children and teenagers.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Community Support Centers and Services

- Very happy with Thornton services, rec center, senior services and lighted street signs
- Libraries in north Thornton
- Centros Comunitarios sin tanto requisitos que hablen español - (Latino) Community centers
- Centros Comunitarios mas accesible - Walk distance to (latino) community centers
- Spaces set aside for support services – Police/Fire, Water/Sewer, Substations
- Anythink Libraries
- Help with guiding and beginning a business.
- We need to provide more food banks and resources for our community. Also provide backpacks for foster children.
- Library in the north.
- Less expensive rental fees for community facilities
- I miss bulk item pick-up (free)
- Can we do free mulch from what we compost?
- Excellent trash and recycling pick up services

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy RR-a.** Implement a resource center for the community located in the Community Connections Division.
 - **Strategy GSA-f.** On a regular basis, conduct needs assessments or customer surveys to determine the adequacy and general satisfaction with, and inclusiveness of, city services and facilities. This evaluation should also consider the changing needs of the community.
 - **Strategy SHC-a.** Continue to provide safe and reliable drinking water to all water customers.
 - **Strategy SHC-e.** Continue to explore the best way to ensure public safety services are adequately distributed throughout the city and can be provided in the most efficient and cost-effective manner as the city's population continues to grow.
 - **Strategy SHC-f.** Continue to pursue the development of a new police training facility.
 - **Strategy SHC-g.** Continue to evaluate the potential need for additional fire stations in north Thornton as the future land use patterns and long-term strategies for the Weld County portion of the Future Growth Area are defined.
 - **Strategy SHC-h.** Continue to support access to locally-produced healthy food by:
 - Attracting healthy food stores and restaurants in areas with limited food options

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- Where needed, amending the city's zoning and development standards.
- Attracting farmer's markets and community gardens
- Providing educational opportunities for backyard vegetable gardens
- Free mulch is available to Thornton residents near the Wes Brown Water Treatment facility.
- A new Thornton water treatment plant is under construction currently
- The new Thornton Active Adult Center is scheduled to open in mid-2020 with a larger facility and expanded services.
- Thornton has recently established the Community Connections Division.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Safe and Healthy Community

- Let's make sure our train stops are safe. There is terrible lighting at the Original Thornton Station
- Enforce lower speed limits in residential areas - please!
- More stop signs on Cotton Woods Blvd.
- Acceso a centros de recreación (Access to recreation centers)
- Hospitals? More in Thornton in the new homes/area
- Encourage a marathon through the city, highlighting the sites and attributes
- Help fix the food desert :)
- Grocery or fresh food stores in South
- Healthy and vegetarian restaurants
- Whole foods
- Walmart's, King Soopers, grocery
- Residential streets are way too wide and invite speeding, narrower roads would save money, and slow traffic. Bulb structures at cross walks would attract drivers' eyes and slow them down. Traffic calming devices should aim for 20 mph, not 5-10 mph
- Una clinica para salud mental aqui en la cd. De Thornton - Mental health clinic in Thornton
- Community health center
- Grocery stores
- Public lighting
- More farmer market grocery stores. Access to more produce
- Trader Joe's grocery
- It's safe and clean
- Have been here whole life, like the community, safety and what the city does for people
- Glad for the increased police presence
- Area is clean (much cleaner than Adams County or Commerce City)
- Police department
- Professionals who work at the city, especially the police officers
- It's safe for kids; spending time with family and dog
- Police

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- It's safe; ice cream
- Police; ice cream
- It's a clean city
- Police officers, ambulance, fire fighters
- It's a safe place so you don't need to have an adult with you
- Police, ice cream, parks
- Clean, more than new (?)
- More police in this area (Ward 1)
- More police in this area (Ward 1)
- More police in the manufactured home community off Pecos & 100th
- Crime, I don't feel safe; family neglect; violence situation
- Crime
- Access to healthy food
- Yes, staying because I grew up here and it's safe
- It's a safe city
- I like the quiet and tranquil life. I like that I feel safe here
- Quiet, clean
- The city keeps it clean, streets, parks, etc.
- Clean streets and the roads are nice
- Stop people from smoking in parks and trails
- Safety. More control for motorcycles speeding
- Sound wall (Mostly for road traffic) Colorado
- More traffic control in neighborhoods, people go too fast
- P.D. and fireman
- Slow traffic down, speed bumps
- Police patrol
- Traffic control, slow cars down
- Motorcycle noise restrictions
- Crime
- Less crime (no knives in park)
- No more trash on the ground
- Not so much cigarette litter throwing at parks
- Tear out speed bumps – they don't help. Other speed controls.
- Cops
- Farmers Market
- Visible police presence, very friend and helpful
- It is clean and safe
- Very safe
- Cleanest and Safest
- Healthy safe environment with no fracking
- Drug free
- Increase safety when biking, skateboarding, and for motorcycles
- More Police presence
- More sound barriers around developing areas
- Noise buffering of neighborhoods
- Traffic calming
- Community Gardens
- Concerned with safety
- Police
- Police
- Improving neighborhood safety
- Unsafe road at 124th as it crosses the rail road. Need a roundabout
- I am very concerned about a quality of life issue, safety and community health. I moved to Thornton from Arvada in 2017. The noise pollution from racing cars and motorcycles is extremely loud on 104th between Colorado and Riverdale roads. People love to rev their engines and drive fast both directions. The speed limit here is higher than other city

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streets, and since there are no close by homes directly next to 104th there is open space on both sides of the roads both north and south) I assume this is why the speed limit is thus higher in that stretch of 104th between the two blocks mentioned. Not only is the noise so loud at all hours of the day, that a conversation between neighbors in local backyards (even with open space buffer) becomes halted until the vehicle or motorcycle passes but it can awaken neighbors and it just annoying as it is so prevalent through the entire day, and is relentless. There is many accidents and close calls at the merging of traffic travelling along 104th from Colorado Blvd heading east towards Riverdale road. On 104th there are two lanes at the intersection with Colorado Blvd. then shortly thereafter 104th then merges down to one (straight ahead lane) and the creation/start of one left hand turn lane for traffic to turn left onto Riverdale. Not only are cars racing to jockey into position to go straight as it merges down to one straight ahead lane but the drivers turning left also annoy straight ahead drivers who are traveling fast, as they slow to get into the left hand turn lane. As a new resident, I have witnessed no less than five accidents at this intersection in the past 13 months and experiences many tailgaters and near accidents myself from drivers going too fast through this intersection, or getting annoyed with slowing and turning traffic turning left onto Riverdale. One it is a very noisy area for local residents and a dangerous stretch of road to drive daily. I would I would highly recommend the following resolutions for your consideration: 1. Reduce the current posted speed limit to a LOWER SPEED LIMIT and to REGULARLY ENFORCE it, (I have yet to observe speeders pulled over on this stretch of road, even under the higher speed limits that is regularly

exceeded). Even if you decide not to lower the speed limit, can you at LEAST enforce the current limit? Goal: to reduce future traffic accidents and speeding, not currently enforced. Further, In light of the new affordable senior housing apts. on the south side of this section 104th I think a lower speed limit would be a sound plan when considering the new, and additional traffic emerging from the housing apts unto 104th. It would be highly reasonable to assume not only would this traffic be much slower as they turn on to 104th from a stop, but that elderly drivers are also assumed from occupying the senior apts. Therefore increasing the risk of accidents especially in light of the current speed limits and the distraction and speeding of drivers as they jockey into position to merge down to one lane heading toward the Riverdale intersection. It is already a troublesome spot but with additional traffic merging onto the road here and elderly drivers it is a guaranteed recipe for accidents and unsafe conditions, harming the lives and quality of lives of local citizens. 2. Monitor sound levels from speeding and "revving" cars and motorcycles, especially traveling from east to west as they go up the street which inclines and seems to promote faster driving with two continuous straight ahead lanes on 104th when traveling from Riverdale going east to Colorado Blvd. The posting of noise limits; such as Db signage and day time hours (acceptable limits of Db as I see in many other parts of the town and close by towns, i.e. Northglenn) would be a recommendation to alert the public/drivers that there is a new rule to the noise allowed and of course logically enforcement would or should be followed up as well, until drivers learn this area is under enforcement and thus the area can quiet down. Noise pollution is an almost

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completely preventable and enforceable health and quality of life that directly affects residents stress levels and health; it ruins current residents living conditions, and increases my stress levels tremendously and I advise others not to move to Thornton due to this specific vicinity as well as the general noise pollution created by drivers of excessively loud big trucks and motorcycles all over Thornton and the slow stressful commute on 104th due to noisy, rude and speeding drivers that seem rather endemic in this town. I had no idea until I moved here how awful this was to be and is by far the WORST part of living here in Thornton much to my regret. Further, this noise pollution will be even more of an issue for the elderly who are generally less able to tolerate stresses and sleep disruption. I am referring to the senior apt. occupants who will be living right close to 104th Ave and even have less of any form of open space buffer where they are being currently built. 3. Is there any way to make the altered mufflers on some young people's cars illegal? Mufflers are to soften and dampen exhaust noises, however these particular drivers alter and replace the stock

mufflers with a vibrating muffler that is designed to INCREASE NOISE output; when revved these cars can be heard from blocks away and no open space area (prairie dog) does a thing to decrease it. It is really unacceptable people are allowed to increase the noise of cars. Big diesel trucks and motorcycles revving are on par with these cars and all contribute to the noise pollution. Perhaps not much can be done but can we look at possible solutions? A lowering of the speed limit and enforcement will help reduce the noise output greatly even if laws are not changed on muffler alterations and is most likely a much easier and quicker way to deal with overly loud noise production, as when they travel slower they do tend to put out less noise as well.

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy SHC-c.** Make streets safer by:
 - Implementing the city's Complete Streets principles through updates to the Thornton City Code and other applicable standards and specifications;
 - Continuing programs such as the city's speed awareness program; and
 - Continuing cross-departmental collaboration on data-sharing and other strategies to promote efficient and effective speed enforcement and reduction of crashes.
 - **Strategy SHC-e.** Continue to explore the best way to ensure public safety services are adequately distributed throughout the city and can be provided in the most efficient and cost-effective manner as the city's population continues to grow.
 - **Strategy SHC-f.** Continue to pursue the development of a new police training facility.

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- **Strategy SHC-g.** Continue to evaluate the potential need for additional fire stations in north Thornton as the future land use patterns and long-term strategies for the Weld County portion of the Future Growth Area are defined.
- **Strategy SHC-h.** Continue to support access to locally-produced healthy food by:
 - Attracting healthy food stores and restaurants in areas with limited food options
 - Where needed, amending the city's zoning and development standards.
 - Attracting farmer's markets and community gardens
 - Providing educational opportunities for backyard vegetable gardens
- **Strategy SHC-i.** Explore the use of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) for
 - Review of new development projects
 - Design of parks, amenities, and facilities
 - Other city projects where appropriate
- Each development review application is examined by the Thornton Fire Department to ensure that public safety services will be able to access the facility.
- The Trail Winds Recreation Center is expected to open in the fall of 2019, expanding opportunities for Thornton residents to participate in a wide variety of healthful activities
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Education Opportunities

- New schools close to 104th and Riverdale, grades 6-12
- Identify schools [on the FLUM], ex Horizon H.S.?
- Use it as educational center to teach backyard Chickens, COTTAGE Industry School, etc.
- Learning center @ Dinosaur place
- Nice nature; schools
- Parks; family; schools
- Better school system
- Schools, I personally choose Jefferson County
- Yes – good place, good schools
- Yes because of schools, neighbors and it's a fun place to live
- Not with children, bad school system
- Better schools
- Better schools
- Good schools
- More schools
- More security in schools
- Cooperation between Adams 12 and Thornton
- Locate schools away from busy intersections

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How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy SHC-b.** Continue to collaborate with school districts, schools, and parent teacher organizations to improve student safety to and from school. Such collaboration may include seeking appropriate grants.
- The city of Thornton also offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for members of the Thornton community.
- The Thornton Police Department provides School Resource Officers to schools located within Thornton to enable safe learning environments.
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Culturally Appropriate Communication

- More bilingual signs
- Centros comunitarios biculturales (Bicultural community centers)
- Trying to connect those trails with Riverdale. Trail signs in Spanish. Also - easy to get lost! Know they can go further, but don't know where it leads
- More picnic at S Pratt Platte. At Spanish and other languages to signs and QR code
- Inclusion of all ethnicities, not just Spanish
- Bilingual family activities
- Events in Spanish
- More Latino events
- Public hearing process in Spanish (how process goes)
- Translate document and put on the web
- Map translations at parks and rules and regulations so people feel comfortable using these
- Does someone in speak Spanish in Community Connections?
- Thank you for making materials accessible to more residents, i.e. having materials in Spanish as well as English
- Regarding the invitation to come to meetings for ideas, feedback and opinions: it seems exclusionary and negligent to insinuate that English speakers and Spanish speakers are the only communities/residents of Thornton interested or having ideas about the future of Thornton. Thornton has a Hmong, Vietnamese and Russian residents besides other ethnic populations who upon receiving this invitation might read it as unwelcoming since the emphasis is on Spanish speakers... Wouldn't it be better to at least include salutations in other languages spoken by Thornton residents to make it at least appear that diversity is welcome, appreciated, acknowledged and valued. I attended another meeting several years back and the Spanish speaking family even though there was translation looked lost, inattentive and were failing to comprehend the purpose of the meeting. Additionally, they brought several children under 5 who were disruptive and running around unattended. Thank you for providing child care. The future of Thornton is

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about recognizing ALL segments of the population/residency, NOT focusing solely on Spanish speakers. Diversity, recognizing all ethnic groups must be an integral part whereby everyone feels welcomed and not excluded in any decisions, feedback, opinions and idea sharing regarding the community in which they live.

- I received a pamphlet in the mail about the Thornton community vision. It's written in both English and Spanish. This is a relatively looked over fact, but the official language of Colorado is English. This was enacted on November 8, 1988 under the Colorado English as an Official State

Language Initiative. Thornton, and Adams County as a whole, are continuously catering to a community that has either chosen not to learn the English language or has failed to do so. As an American citizen and longtime Colorado resident, I'm getting tired of seeing everything translated into two languages. It's unnecessary. This is a slap in the face to people here legally. Not to mention, it's a complete waste of time. Is Thornton going to hold the meeting in English and Spanish too? I assume it will. This is not Mexico or Colombia. This is Colorado. There are tax payers paying for this nonsense that do not want to. This needs to end.

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy CII-c.** Promote the city's diverse selection of entertainment, artistic, and cultural offerings. Pursue performing arts opportunities as directed by City Council.
 - **Strategy GSA-c.** Convert directional and informational signage in city parks and open spaces and along trails to universal design symbols wherever possible (as existing signs are replaced or new ones added). Incorporate the latest in information technology.
 - **Strategy RR-a.** Implement a resource center for the community located in the Community Connections Division.
 - **Strategy RR-c.** Support organized events and activities that embrace diversity and inclusion.
 - **Strategy RR-d.** Consider inclusivity in the provision of all aspects of city governance and services.
 - Establish funding sources and conduct a needs assessment in consultation with residents and business owners who speak languages other than English to determine needs for translation and interpretation services.
 - In accordance with the results of the needs assessment, encourage publication of city documents, online information sources, and other resources in languages that reflect those that are used commonly throughout the city, as appropriate.
 - In accordance with the results of the needs assessment, support the provision of verbal interpretative services at city facilities and all public meetings hosted by the city, as necessary and appropriate.
 - Encourage diversity within the city's hiring and recruitment processes.
 - Increase awareness of the diverse resources and services that the city provides.

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- Thornton recognizes that a significant portion of our population is Latino and that some members of that population speak only Spanish or primarily Spanish. In ongoing efforts to enable the voice of our Latino population to be heard, Thornton chooses to make documents available in Spanish and to have interpretation services available at identified public meetings.
- Interpretation services in language other than Spanish are available upon request, but are not provided automatically because residents who speak only other languages represent comparatively small portions of our population in comparison to Spanish-only speakers
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

Parks/Trails/Open Space

- Dog park at Riverdale Baseball fields
- Dog park by the Platte River
- Park and dog park, bike, sidewalks
- More Parks
- Open space trails need to connect with existing trails / Yes!
- We need bike lanes to be expanded, protected, and to connect to South trails in Thornton
- Trail Safety - trail connectivity E/W
- Remodelar el parque de Community Park (96 y York, centro de recreación Thornton) que hubieron áreas para niños de 1 año a 5 años (toddlers) y más seguridad (Remodel the Community Park (96th and York Recreation center), more playing areas for small children from 1-5 years old (toddlers) and more surveillance.)
- Public Lighting in the park. The dark areas allow teens to do drugs and have sex
- Connect trail and mark Big Dry Trail 128th / Huron to
- Connect walking trails together for longer (multi mile) walks. Big Dry Creek, etc.
- Trails that parallel E-470 work with tollway
- Anywhere in South "Original" city
- No trails in Northern Thornton
- Connect the trails
- Connectivity of Thornton trail system to Adams county/Riverdale Regional Park
- Trying to connect those trails with Riverdale. Trail signs in Spanish. Also - easy to get lost! Know they can go further, but don't know where it leads
- Sometimes have to drive to where sidewalks are to cross street to access trails
- Bike Lanes, bike friendly trails
- Trails that connect the parks and entertainment hubs, like Boulder Creek Park, etc., to allow walk, bike, scooter, etc.
- Think about commuter trails, not just recreation! Wider? Type of pavement, direct routes
- Want functional trails for commuters. Continuity between residences and jobs. Think US 36 Trail for bikers
- Street access to trails - identify safe route to get to trails
- Need trail to light rail
- Brantner Gulch still not developed to west of King Ranch - can't bike on a trail to ride west
- Cleaner trails that are well lit
- More parking for bikes and other modes
- Eastlake park - remove wetlands to expand lake

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- Gravel Lake, develop a park/ trails, trailhead, gold driving (???)
- Open one for fishing, doesn't matter which [Gravel Lakes]
- More picnic at S Pratt Platte. At Spanish and other languages to signs and QR code
- Make sure parks are kept modern, updated, safe, clean
- Eastlake #1 could be an excellent walkable and bikeable regional park including partial water park. Eastlake #2 could be another regional park with water
- As things develop North, be sure that parks are incorporated, all types of use at park, community center, places to gather
- Complete bike paths! Many are dead-ending. Can't wait for landscaping to be completed, just build the path.
- Park around lakes/river where possible
- Make sure our parks are well maintained and safe
- building awareness of existing parks
- Renovate Parks. New Pavilion at Woodglenn. Splash pads at Community Park.
- Better trail signs, bike/walking
- Connect Brantner gulch trail with a park
- Trails/waterways made into an amenity/ gathering place
- Would be great to see the dots come together, trails, restaurants, river, and transit.
- Outdoor events, family oriented
- Maintain lake park @ lakeshore at hunters glen
- Open space and buffers between residential/recreation and business
- Open Space
- More open space buffers between residential and business
- Leave more open space, xeriscape landscaping
- Enhance and better maintenance of lake areas
- More dog parks with water
- I've been a little sad to see the pretty view of the city at Thornton Pkwy and Washington St become obstructed by new buildings. Would it be a consideration to add an area of green space or walking paths to the area where the water treatment system is going in? Perhaps higher up toward Thornton Pkwy to capture the view. There is also a view at 84th and Federal if that might be a consideration too.
- Trail maps above 104th along South Platte not up to date.
- Parks and bike paths
- Good parks
- different parks, bike trails
- Parks
- Parks
- Parks nearby; events
- Parks and Ice Cream Socials
- Close to park, pool, waterpark
- Love having park right next to my house and my friends
- Pretty area; ice cream; parks
- Outdoor activities; community events; wildlife; open spaces
- Playing in park next to house
- Nice nature; schools
- Parks to play in
- Playing in the park; kitties
- Parks; ice cream socials
- Trees, parks; events like Ice Cream Socials
- There's lots of animals (dogs, cats, birds); like going to park with family
- Parks; family; schools
- Police, ice cream, parks

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- More dog parks in this area ever[?] gated ones
- Dog park fenced in this area
- Better bathroom access in parks
- Put in more trash cans at the Gravel Lakes, particularly by pier 1. Number of people using Gravel Lakes has increased and the trash is out of control and unpleasant
- More parks
- Coyotes in trash cans
- Parks, big spaces
- Great parks
- Most of the places are clean & green. I lived here for 14 years. I love Thornton. The parks, the houses, community I hope it continues to be like that
- I love Thornton because it has lots of parks and other fun activities for kids all ages. We love to go to the Carpenter Rec Center and also they have so many classes for kids. My girls love to go to the movie night at the park. Thank you for doing it!
- Some type of bathrooms at the neighborhood parks
- More lighting on trails & in parks for night walking
- Open space parks bike paths in North Creek Farms
- Would like to see more nature and open space
- Open spaces
- Stop people from smoking in parks and trails
- Need more trash cans at events and parks
- Love the parks
- Love having water around me
- Platte River trail
- Love the 88 parks
- Love being dog friendly
- Parks
- More parks
- Parks, parks, parks!!!
- Layout with all the parks, 3 parks within walking distance
- More parks like Cherry Park in ward 1
- Designate more open space
- More parks in Thornton, walk from house
- More dog parks
- Bigger Parks, more to climb on
- Building parks where there has been a natural place for years
- Less weeds in homestead park
- Parks and playgrounds
- More connection to trails and parks
- Parks
- Trails that are safe for kids
- Parks
- Parks
- Dog friendly neighborhoods and parks
- More bathrooms in parks
- Fruit Trees on trails
- Better landscaping in Parks and along streets
- More parks
- More parks
- A park in every neighborhood
- Elimination of trail gaps
- Pop up parks
- Neighborhood parks with more equipment and more shade
- More big parks and events
- More open space
- Walk trails
- Adult Parks

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- Expansion of Big Dry Creek Open Space
- Lots of trails
- Running paths next to trails
- New and good amenities in our parks, rock walls, spinning things
- Parks close to house
- Consideration for “sprucing” up existing parks, especially in South Thornton
- Suggestion: Near 127th and Clermont, Woodglen Park needs at least a basketball hoop, playground, xeriscape – anything but grass
- Riverdale Rd – a bike lane? Keep north side of road trimmed or thin bush growth out to road. Thnx
- So you are bringing in lots of new people with light rail and additional high density housing. We will need more open space – buffer areas, parks. Is that being planned? Please remember we folks who have lived around Eastlake for years. You are changing our world a lot.
- City of Thornton planning is ruining the small town atmosphere making parks when they don’t even take care of the existing parks prairie dog/goose poop all over – over grown with weeds/vegetation – The City workers go to these parks and hide out. And the transit system – high rise senior homes! Totally unnecessary

How comments have been addressed:

- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy GSA-a.** Periodically update the Parks and Open Space Master Plan to ensure inclusivity. Continue to focus on completion of the overall parks and open space system, and to identify gaps or underserved areas of the community.
 - **Strategy GSA-b.** Continue to seek grants and establish a phased funding strategy for the completion of the seven remaining Heritage Trail loops identified as part of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan.
 - **Strategy GSA-c.** Convert directional and informational signage in city parks and open spaces and along trails to universal design symbols wherever possible (as existing signs are replaced or new ones added). Incorporate the latest in information technology.
 - **Strategy GSA-d.** Continuously review and update the connectivity requirements and alternative transportation options in the Transportation and Mobility Master Plan, Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the City Code to ensure clear, direct pedestrian and bicycle connections as part of future development.
 - **Strategy GSA-f.** On a regular basis, conduct needs assessments or customer surveys to determine the adequacy and general satisfaction with, and inclusiveness of, city services and facilities. This evaluation should also consider the changing needs of the community.
- The city is in the process of improving its wayfinding signage
- Trail/pedestrian connectivity is considered in every development review so as to work toward a city that is increasingly pedestrian-friendly, accessible, and connected as time goes by.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Green Thornton

- Developers incentives to keep green space
- Keep our Wildlife in our plans. Children learn empathy from interaction with wildlife. And prairie dogs are expert water conservationists. This keystone species is vital to all wildlife.
- Eastlake park - remove wetlands to expand lake
- Enhanced, prioritized Master Plan fulfilled: sustainable form, education opportunity, and destination (yes - agree!)
- Use it as educational center to teach backyard Chickens, COTTAGE Industry School, etc.
- Make sure parks are kept modern, updated, safe, clean
- Critical: consider resiliency and importance of environmental health to the health of the community. Natural floodplains needs to be preserved and restored to ensure community bounce back after disaster. (Ecosystem services preserved alongside rec; road; and trail development)
- How can we use the northern water sources better?
- Conserve Water, don't require so much grass. Use more natural grasses.
- Incentives for city and county buildings to convert to smart sprinklers (sensors so they don't go off in the rain/when ground is moist)
- On northeast growth, use non-potable water for parks and medians
- Less development of open space – E-470, less big box development.
- Water quality
- Balance tax collection + open space protection
- Better design and implementation of detention/retention ponds
- Erosion control
- Preserve prairie dog towns in order to help the 26 species that depend on them to thrive
- Higher density uses lose land and water
- Wasteful irrigation in medians and other places
- More efficient use of water | irrigation à xeriscaping instead of grass| trees in medians, etc.
- Leave more open space, xeriscape landscaping
- Leave open space as is for wildlife and view corridors – we are losing our Western Identity
- Wildlife is a huge issue, we have not been sustaining their habitats.
- Yes- preserve our wildlife.
- We are losing all of our wildlife – foxes for example, are no longer able to keep all the rabbits in check, in my neighborhood. I also miss the birds of prey and tree-lined waterways* which how I convinced my 10 y.o. to move here (in 1995!!).
- Energy saving
- More opportunity for solar panels and wind turbines
- Leave us more open space and wilderness.
- Yes on more wilderness
- Leave all the open space pls
- Outdoor activities; community events; wildlife; open spaces
- Fields; trees
- Population of bugs, animals, coyotes

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- Trees
- Water planning
- Wildlife in parks
- Recycling.... One bin = muy bueno!
- Earth friendly, Earth focused, focus on renewables, honor the earth
- More trees
- Flowers in a box
- Building parks where there has been a natural place for years
- Recycle more
- Leave some trees and grass/nature. This is why people come to Colorado.
- Should have done the water planning 25 years ago when got rights.
- Impressed with water planning planned for growth ahead
- Animals
- Emphasis on saving water
- Response to water problems is awesome
- Xeriscape rebates!
- Xeriscape on public property (instead of grass) x2
- Less pollution plastic
- Fracking
- Oil Exploration, fracking
- Be balanced in the approach to oil/gas
- Dead trees
- Reduce H2O waste
- Tree program
- Zero pollution
- More trees
- Solar, renewable energies
- Environment and wildlife protection very important for our future
- I'm writing to ask that current and proposed oil and gas drilling operations that are near Thornton be shown on your map of opportunities for growth, in the Thornton Tomorrow plan. Many citizens in Thornton are not aware of the close proximity to proposed residential developments, such as those near the drilling site at 156th street and Colorado Blvd. In addition, residents should know that the city continues to permit disruptive seismic testing in our neighborhoods, related to propose fracturing operations.
- I would love to see Thornton lead the way toward sustainable materials management for Colorado. Recycling markets are in trouble right now with China's National Sword no longer permitting a lot of what we used to recycle to be sent there. And, as our population grows, we have more and more waste to dispose of. Thornton can develop a comprehensive solid waste management plan that incentivizes source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting before landfilling. There are many resources out there on how to encourage these practices. EPA has a great tool that showcases great zero waste policies and plans that have worked in other communities. You can find it here: <https://www.epa.gov/transforming-waste-tool> [epa.gov]

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- The Comprehensive Plan includes the following implementation strategies that address these comments:
 - **Strategy SG-b.** Review the city’s current codes, standards, and criteria used to ensure proposed developments meet the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and other long-range plans.
 - **Strategy SG-c.** Advance the city’s ongoing sustainability initiatives through the creation of a two-pronged Sustainability Action Agenda that establishes:
 - A formal sustainability program for the city organization; and
 - A framework for a community-wide sustainability effort.
 - **Strategy SG-g.** Develop an integrated Utility Master Plan that combines the:
 - Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Master Plan
 - Raw Water Supply Master Plan
 - Water Treatment Facilities Master Plan
 - **Strategy SG-h.** Develop an Agricultural Stewardship Plan for the city’s northern properties. As part of this effort, explore potential uses and management strategies to help maximize the long-term value of these properties for the city and their positive impact on the northern region.
 - **Strategy SG-l.** Update city codes and requirements that regulate development around oil and gas facilities in Thornton as directed by City Council.
 - **Strategy SG-n.** Explore options for expanding solid waste diversion from the landfill by increasing recycling, composting, and waste reduction at special events.
 - **Strategy SG-o.** Continue to prioritize water conservation measures at city facilities as well as promote water conservation among the city’s water customers
- Thornton has two employees dedicated to stewardship of the land the city owns in Larimer and Weld counties.
- The city continues to make considerable progress toward reducing fuel consumption in its vehicle fleet.
- The city has established a dedicated website which contains an extensive inventory of social, economic, and environmental sustainability programs that are available to residents and businesses. The website also outlines the efforts that the city is making to reduce its carbon footprint and provide services to all members of our community.
- The city’s recycling pick-up schedule was recently changed from twice monthly to an every-other-week schedule. This results in two additional recycling pick-ups per year.
- Environmental sustainability measures are identified in the development review process.
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ABOUT THE PROCESS AND PLAN

- Thank you for the opportunity to have input
- Can building blocks 3 and 4 be combined especially in South Thornton?
- Changes to map should be at least lateral (in terms of value) for property owner. Concern about property at 109th and Riverdale Rd, went from neigh. Retail to estate res
- Wow!! That is and has been a lot of work. I appreciate the city's work on trying to look into the future and make life easier/better for citizens as well as the city. Constant planning and analysis is required for a city to move forward. I am proud to live in a city that not only thinks of itself and its preservation, but also the citizens, who really are the backbone of any city. I always try to think of the "for the greater good" instead of a personal agenda, and I believe the city is doing that. Putting a plan together like this illustrates a variety of important points, and it will indicate where the strengths and weaknesses are. Thanks to everyone who worked on this plan. I plan to be at the session on Monday at some point.
- Thanks for the info I have been to one of the open events and think it is great
- Comp Plan should include short section addressing street safety as an important element of development
- Public hearing process in Spanish (how process goes)
- Translate document and put on the web
- Thank you for making materials accessible to more residents, i.e. having materials in Spanish as well as English
- Provide more detailed definition of TOD and mixed use. What are the ranges for % retail or % residential etc.? Is there a range?
- South of 144th Avenue the FLUM designates Regional Mixed Use while north of 144th Avenue is designated for Employment Center. The land use language for primary and supporting uses is instructive but reads as broad and not prescriptive. There appears to be no clear criteria for the location and amount of "Supporting Uses" – for example of percentage of the area or percentage of building floor-area. While current staff may understand the intent of the distribution of "Primary" and "Supporting Uses" we have concern that long term this may be difficult to manage and weaken the integrity of the planned land use designation. Within the Regional Mixed Use area south of 144th Avenue (adjacent to "the Grove") multi-family has already been permitted – how much additional multi-family could be permitted as a Supporting Use? Retail areas generally have a limited shelf life, as these centers change in the future what is to stop significant portions of the area being filled with "Supporting Uses" instead of "Primary Uses"?
- We also reviewed the Employment Center-Warehouse Overlay as it is mapped north of 144th Avenue along I-25. There is indication in the document of a desire to provide buffering and screening from adjacent uses however we would request some additional language be added to the plan text relative to buffering and screening from public rights-of-way and specifically I-25. While little can be done to the incredible mass of these types of uses the placement of features such as loading docks facing I-25 and rooftop equipment that is not screened with parapets detracts from the development quality of the area and is a detail that should be addressed.

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- 1. How can disabled residents who can't attend one of the meetings give input? 2. Will you put a link on the Thornton Tomorrow Together web page for people to comment if they can't attend meetings? 3. Will you provide a map of current and proposed oil and gas drilling sites on your maps of current and proposed development?
- I'm writing to ask that current and proposed oil and gas drilling operations that are near Thornton be shown on your map of opportunities for growth, in the Thornton Tomorrow plan. Many citizens in Thornton are not aware of the close proximity to proposed residential developments, such as those near the drilling site at 156th street and Colorado Blvd. In addition, residents should know that the city continues to permit disruptive seismic testing in our neighborhoods, related to proposed fracturing operations.
- I suggest that you include a footnote on the maps with a link to the COGCC website, so that citizens are better informed.
- I received a pamphlet in the mail about the Thornton community vision. It's written in both English and Spanish. This is a relatively looked over fact, but the official language of Colorado is English. This was enacted on November 8, 1988 under the Colorado English as an Official State Language Initiative. Thornton, and Adams County as a whole, are continuously catering to a community that has either chosen not to learn the English language or has failed to do so. As an American citizen and longtime Colorado resident, I'm getting tired of seeing everything translated into two languages. It's unnecessary. This is a slap in the face to people here legally. Not to mention, it's a complete waste of time. Is Thornton going to hold the meeting in English and Spanish too? I assume it will. This is not Mexico or Colombia. This is Colorado. There are tax payers paying for this nonsense that do not want to. This needs to end.
- It's nice to have plans but the city doesn't comply. Plans are a waste of time. The city changes when they want. There is a lot of disrespect for the citizen. Maybe the city Council does not have the vision for future. GOOD Luck
- Should show future substation locations

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 - Continuing programs such as the city's speed awareness program; and
 - Continuing cross-departmental collaboration on data-sharing and other strategies to promote efficient and effective speed enforcement and reduction of crashes.
 - **Strategy SG-I.** Update city codes and requirements that regulate development around oil and gas facilities in Thornton as directed by City Council.
 - **Strategy RR-d.** Consider inclusivity in the provision of all aspects of city governance and services.
 - Establish funding sources and conduct a needs assessment in consultation with residents and business owners who speak languages other than English to determine needs for translation and interpretation services.
 - In accordance with the results of the needs assessment, encourage publication of city documents, online information sources, and other resources in languages that reflect those that are used commonly throughout the city, as appropriate.
 - In accordance with the results of the needs assessment, support the provision of verbal interpretative services at city facilities and all public meetings hosted by the city, as necessary and appropriate.
 - Encourage diversity within the city's hiring and recruitment processes.
 - Increase awareness of the diverse resources and services that the city provides.
- Efforts were made to connect with and engage speakers of language other than Spanish and English during the Comprehensive Planning process.
- Interpretation services in languages other than Spanish were available upon request.
- The 2019 Comprehensive Planning process has included the most inclusive and far-reaching public outreach efforts of any public planning process that Thornton has ever conducted.
- Other comments are noted but not addressed directly in the Comprehensive plan. Where possible these will be forwarded to the party concerned

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OTHER

- Right direction
- Keep the state Democratic
- Stuff
- Ballot Box Locations
- Pet shop for a dollar
- Pot fields
- City needs to address where electrical utilities go
- Access to the property is difficult

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