



DENVER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
& OPPORTUNITY



DENVER
HOUSING STABILITY

Anti-Displacement Policies and Programs

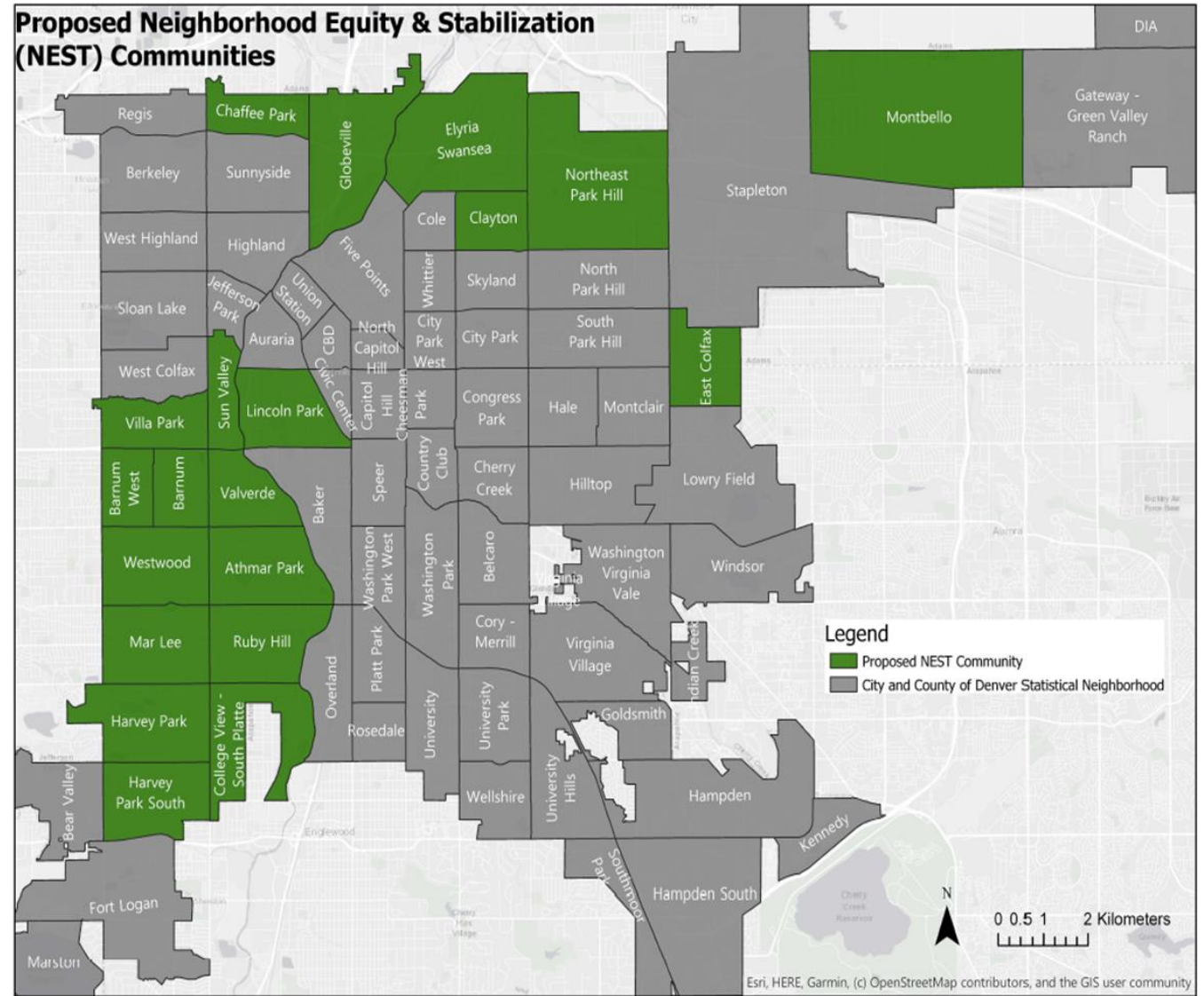
Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness
Committee – February 10, 2021

NEST Mission

To support neighborhoods experiencing significant change in elevating their voice to determine the future of their community by empowering under-resourced and marginalized residents and businesses.

NEST Vision

Vibrant, innovative, and interconnected communities with the means and opportunities to make a home, get a job, and build a future.



Department of Housing Stability (HOST)

The **Department of Housing Stability** builds a healthy, housed, and connected Denver. We invest resources, create policy, and partner with organizations to keep people in the homes they already live in, to quickly resolve an experience of homelessness, and to connect people to affordable housing opportunities. We do this by:

- **Stabilizing people at risk of involuntary displacement and connecting them to housing resources**
- Supporting people experiencing a crisis and connecting them to shelter services and short-term and permanent housing
- Creating and preserving existing affordable housing
- Connecting residents at any income level to new housing opportunities

Department of Housing Stability (HOST)

- HOST's [2021 Action Plan](#) outlines key priorities:
 - Advancing Equity: Race no longer predicts outcomes for involuntary displacement, homelessness, homeownership, or cost burden
 - Housing Stability: Residents have the choice in when and under what circumstances they move or remain in their homes and neighborhoods
 - Homelessness Resolution: Residents experience homelessness rarely and, if they do, it is brief and one-time
 - Housing Opportunity: Residents have equitable access to housing options that meet their needs and easy access to community resources

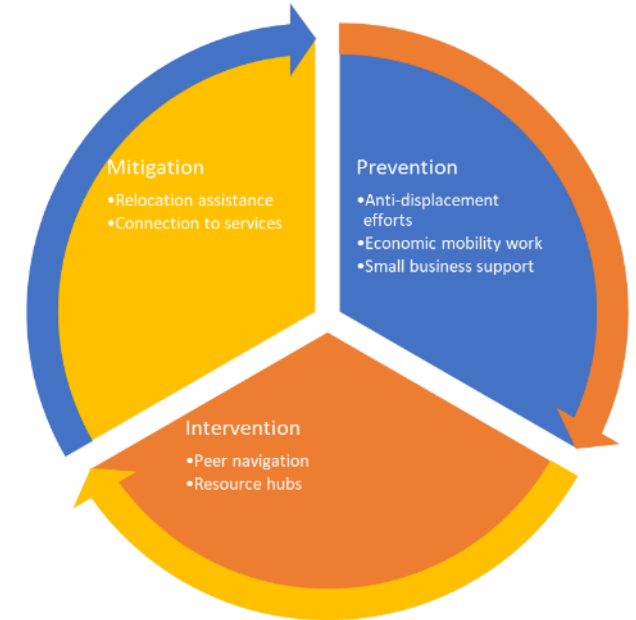
Neighborhood Equity & Stabilization (NEST)

Creating opportunities for residents and businesses in neighborhoods experiencing change



Overarching goals

- Partner with city and community stakeholders to implement culturally-responsive programs that narrow the social and economic equity gaps in prioritized neighborhoods
- Bridge the economic equity gap by investing in culturally responsive direct services within prioritized neighborhoods
- Support individuals and community organizations to make community-driven change within prioritized neighborhoods



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Use an equity lens & cultural responsiveness as we:

- Increase city responsiveness to established community groups: GES Coalition
- Promote establishment and growth of community groups in vulnerable areas: ECCC
- Provide funding for community-based projects: Mini Grants
- Identify and support development of community-based leadership and groups in other communities



Department of Housing Stability (HOST)

- Leverage NEST's support in development of community-based leadership
 - Community-based resource navigation
 - Assisting residents in applying for housing and other assistance
 - Coordination through direct referral processes and regular meetings
 - Continuing the work to reduce barriers and improve programs



Use an equity lens and cultural responsiveness as we distribute funds for programs promoting increased economic mobility for residents of all ages

NEST (HUD CDBG)

- Employment and Training
- Youth education, empowerment & outreach
- Business support
- Cooperative development
- Public Facilities & Improvements



HOST (HUD CDBG)

- Tenant/Landlord Counseling
- Homeowner Rehab/Repair/Access Modification
- Housing Counseling



Department of Housing Stability (HOST)

- **Protection**

- Rent/Utility Assistance
- Eviction Legal Defense
- Fair Housing Education and Investigation



- **Production**

- Prioritization Policy
- West Denver Renaissance Collaborative (WDRC) Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program
- Community Land Trusts

- **Preservation**

- Elevation Community Land Trust/WDRC Stay In Place Program
- Preservation Ordinance – Right of First Refusal



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Use an equity lens & cultural responsiveness as we advocate for community responsive changes within city departments

- Housing Advocacy Committee
- Interdepartmental Antidisplacement Team
- Inspections and liens
- TRUA
- City Attorney's Office



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Use an equity lens and cultural responsiveness as we:
Convene monthly meetings with internal/external partners to coordinate efforts to prevent involuntary displacement

- Citywide Anti Displacement Policy Network
- City Department NEST Team
- Foreclosure prevention team
- Eviction prevention team
- Investment Impact Committee
- Advancing Cities
- Community Voices in Equity



NEIGHBORHOOD EQUITY & STABILIZATION (NEST)

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Interdepartmental Coordination: Enhance and Target Anti-Displacement Efforts

- Review data on vulnerability to involuntary displacement (including potential impact of Capital Investment)
- Identify most at risk communities and design an intervention strategy for these communities
- Coordinate interventions to mitigate involuntary displacement
- Target 2022 interdepartmental budget requests to this effort
- Proposed Pilot communities: East Colfax, Globeville, Elyria-Swansea, and Westwood

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Community Voices in Equity

- Multi-agency (CPD, HOST, NEST) discussion begun with community members (GES Coalition, ECCC, WDRC, CCWB)
- Review CCD equity evaluation processes and provide suggestions on how to improve outcomes for vulnerable communities
- Discuss opportunities to revise city processes





DISCUSSION

THANK YOU!