

## Market Lead-Executive Summary

The Market Lead (Lead) is a rail line extension currently owned by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) that was originally built to extend service from the main line at 60<sup>th</sup> Ave and Brighton Blvd. To Market St in downtown Denver. The Lead is active today from 60<sup>th</sup> to 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave in the North Sub-area but is now disused south of the UP tracks between N. Madison and N. Monroe St and along the alignment for E 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue from N York Street to N Cook Street (100 ft. right-of-way). This segment of the Lead was significant from 1939 to 1977 as the main rail line servicing Denargo Market, as well as other businesses on Market and Walnut Streets.

The City and County of Denver intends to purchase the segment of the Lead that is inactive (100-ft right-of-way). Opportunities of this purchase include:

- Minimize urban flooding
- Enhanced Water quality
- Improved multimodal connectivity
- Economic Development
- Implementation of the Elyria and Swansea Neighborhood Plan

