



CPD Workplan - 2026

City Council CPH Committee
April 21, 2026

Agency Overview

Mission: Building Community. CPD is responsible for visionary city planning, historic preservation, development review, and ensuring safe and sustainable buildings.



Plan

- Neighborhood
- Small areas
- Citywide

Implement

- Zoning codes
- Building codes
- Design standards

Preserve

- Culture
- History
- Demolition review

Review/Permit

- All construction
- New land uses

Inspect/Enforce

- Construction
- Zoning & neighborhood inspections

CPD – Mission and 2026 Goals

Mission



2026 Agency Goals



Continue the fundamental shift in permitting led by the Denver Permitting Office and improve customer service



Implement regulatory reform to improve the development process and development outcomes



Advance neighborhood planning and catalytic development across Denver



Promote a climate-resilient Denver

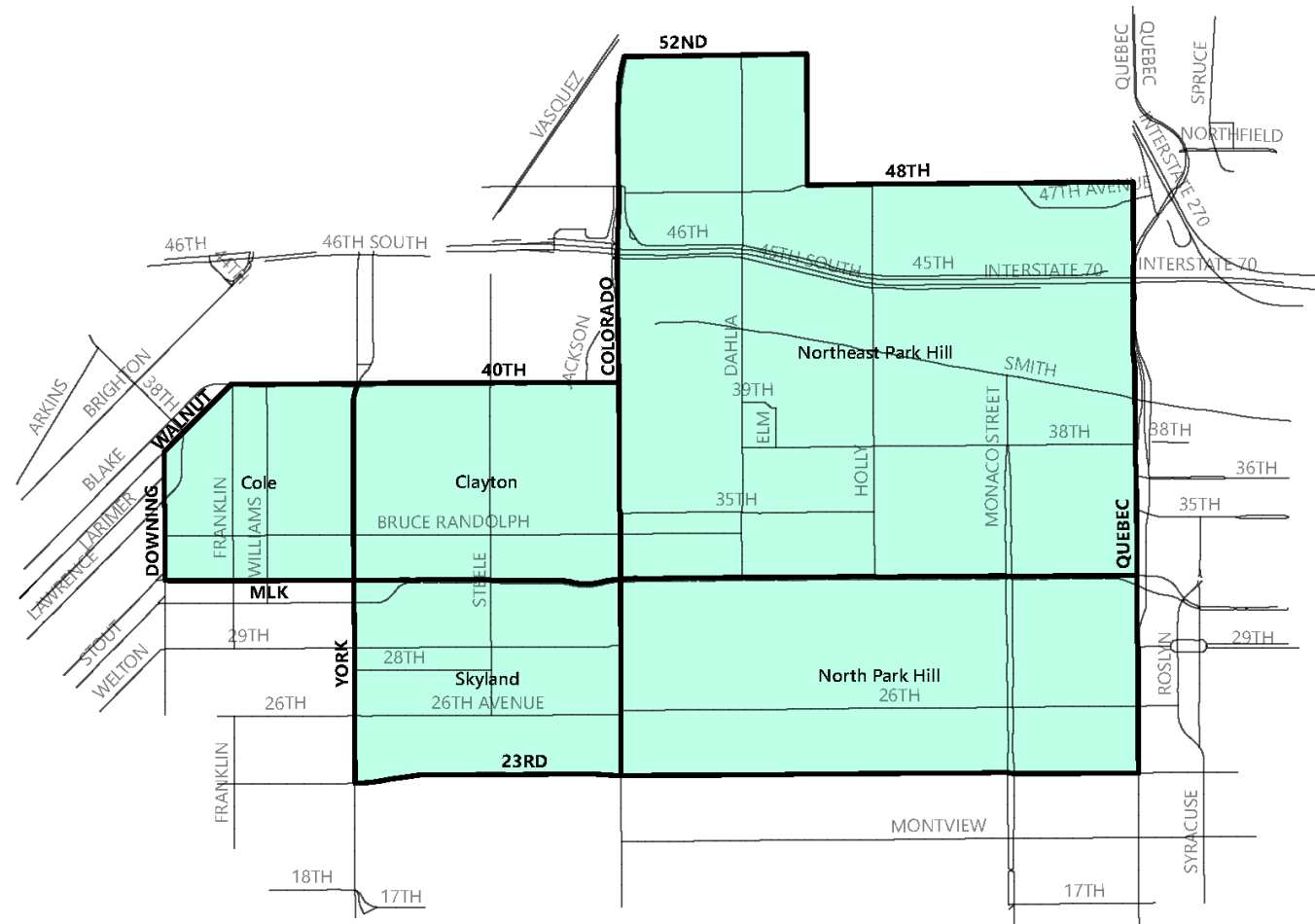
2026 Work Program Overview

Near Northeast Neighborhood Plan

Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)
plan

Council Districts 8 and 9

Public launch in spring 2026.
Anticipated City Council adoption in
2027

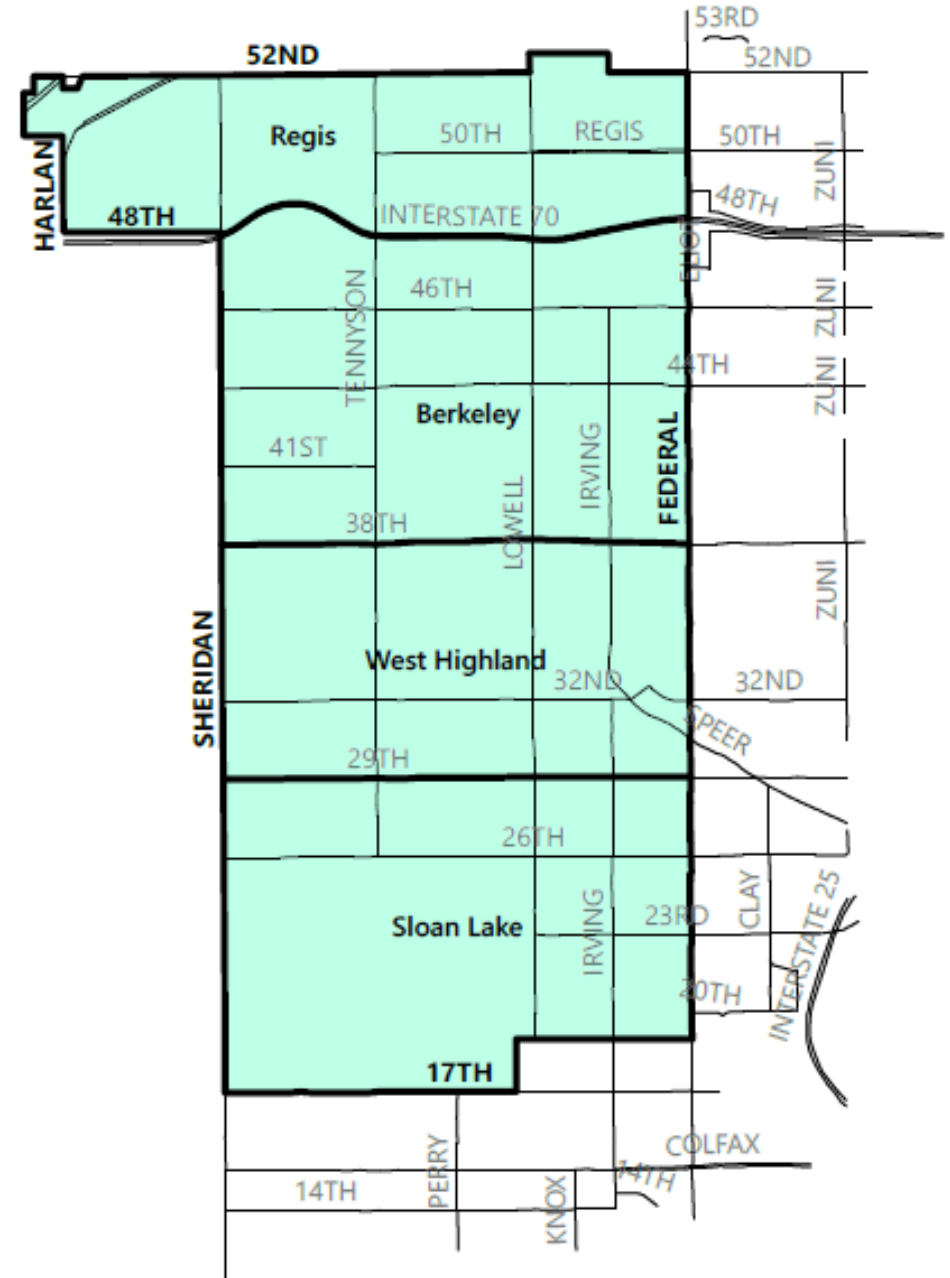


Far Northwest Neighborhood Plan

Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)
plan

Council District 1

Public launch summer 2026. Anticipated
City Council adoption in 2027



Burnham Yard Small Area Plan

Vision to guide redevelopment. Will guide rezoning, Infrastructure Master Plan, and other processes

Current phase: community engagement and visioning

Anticipated City Council adoption in late 2026, with rezoning, development agreement and other actions in early 2027



People's Budget – Cycle 3

Community-driven budgeting for capital projects. Cycle 3 includes \$1M for citywide projects and \$1M for the Near Southeast NPI planning area

This summer: project delegates will lead the process to review project ideas and create a list of potential projects for the community to vote on

Cycle 3 anticipated to finish in December 2026



Denver Resilient Landscapes

Update landscape regulations across multiple departments to increase and promote a more climate resilient city

Community symposium this Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the CSU Spur Campus

Anticipated City Council adoption in August 2026



Unlocking Housing Choices

Allow more middle housing forms in Denver's residential neighborhoods and update design requirements

Community engagement across Denver in March and April

Anticipated City Council adoption of Phase 1 in Q4 2026

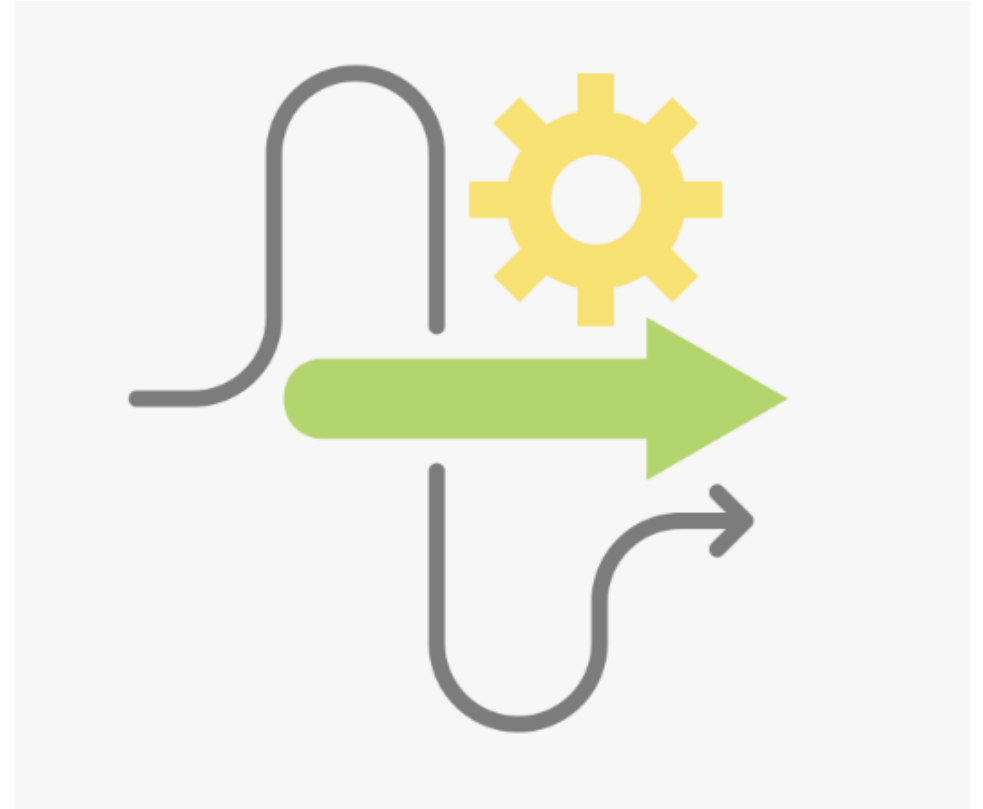


Regulatory Reform

Streamline the Denver Zoning Code and Urban Design Standards & Guidelines for efficiency and better outcomes

Implementation of 2025 Regulatory Diagnostic. Divided into Phases. Phase 1 scoped and advanced in Q2-Q4 2026

Phase 1 anticipated City Council adoption in early 2027



Denver Energy Code Update

Update the Denver Energy Code, which governs building energy use and sets local standards for efficiency in new and renovated buildings

Spring: Denver amendment proposals are submitted.

Summer: Subcommittees workshop the proposals before they are brought to the committees for a vote.

Fall: Committees will vote on code amendment proposals.

Winter: Draft complete for public comment.

Anticipated adoption in early 2027



URCO Implementation – Construction & Demolition

(Universal Recycling & Composting Ordinance - from Waste No More Voter Initiative)

Rules & Regulations drafted and subject matter expert stakeholder feedback sessions complete.

Posting for public comment the first week of May.

Large volume of projects (nearly all residential and commercial construction and demolition permits).

Executed a contract for a web-based tool to allow customers to more easily show compliance and automate approvals.

Significant lift with TS in Q2 to integrate accounting elements into automation for staff and customer efficiencies.



Permitting Improvements and Prop 123 Fast Track

CPD is consistently maintaining 90% on-time review and meeting the Denver Permitting Office's 180-day review timeline

Review and approve affordable housing units faster through the launch of the Prop 123 fast track process this spring

Partner with Denver Permitting Office to launch the CivCheck AI tool by Q4 2026



Resources

- ➔ **See details of major development projects:**
denvergov.org/Maps/map/sitedevelopmentplans
- ➔ **Search for permit records by address:**
denvergov.org/epermits
- ➔ **Find a property's inspector, zoning, and more:**
denvergov.org/Maps/map/developmentservices



Questions & Answers



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Thank You



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