



Colfax D0-8

Request: Main Street district to include the D0-8

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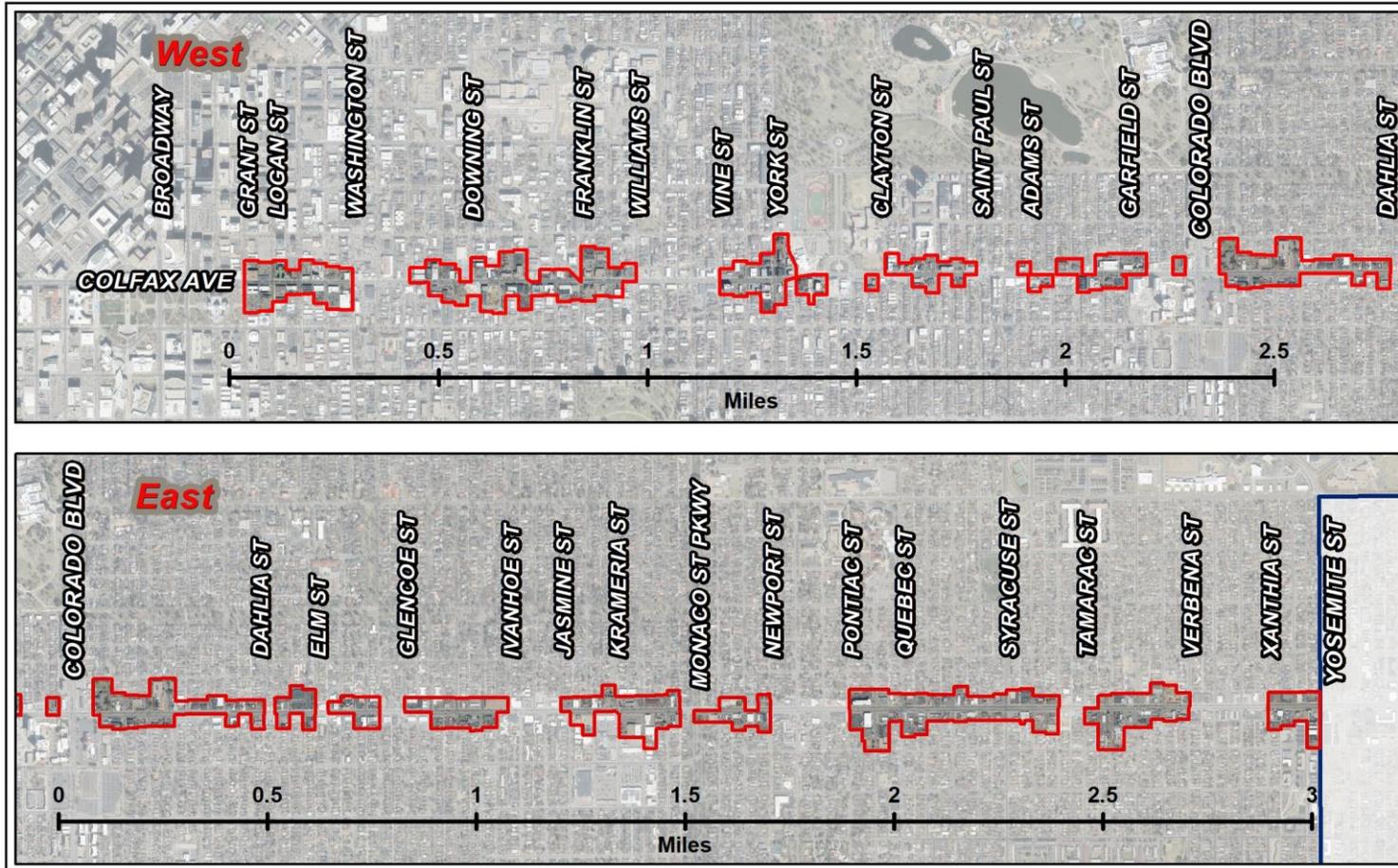
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Request: Map D0-8 along E. Colfax Ave.



- Apply Design overlay 8 to existing Urban Center, General Urban, Urban, and Urban Edge Main Street districts
- Legislative rezoning intended to implement adopted plan guidance and improve design outcomes along Colfax
- No developer-driven redevelopment in connection with legislative rezoning
- Proposed within 2 blocks of a future BRT station

Reminder: Approval of a rezoning is not approval of a proposed specific development project

Request: Map D0-8 along E. Colfax Ave.



- Requires nonresidential active uses for a portion of the Primary Street frontage on larger-sized lots
- Limits primary building forms to Shopfront and Townhouse
- Increases build-to range from 5 feet to 10 feet to allow more flexibility for outdoor dining and pedestrian area
- Requires a minimum 2-foot setback to increase pedestrian area
- Requires a minimum 7-foot setback for any street level residential units
- Allows permanent art as the only transparency alternative
- Requires a minimum 14-foot street level height

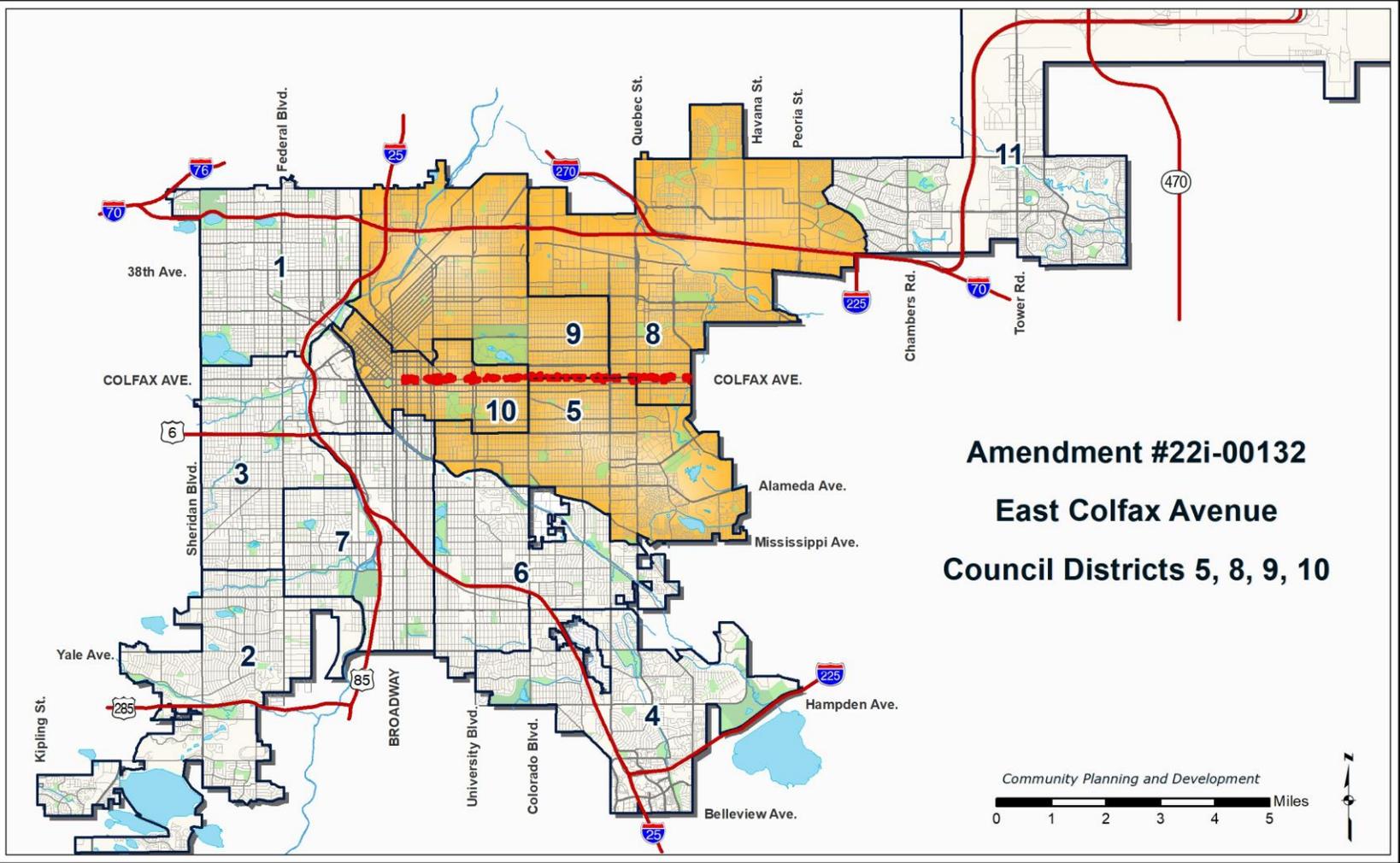
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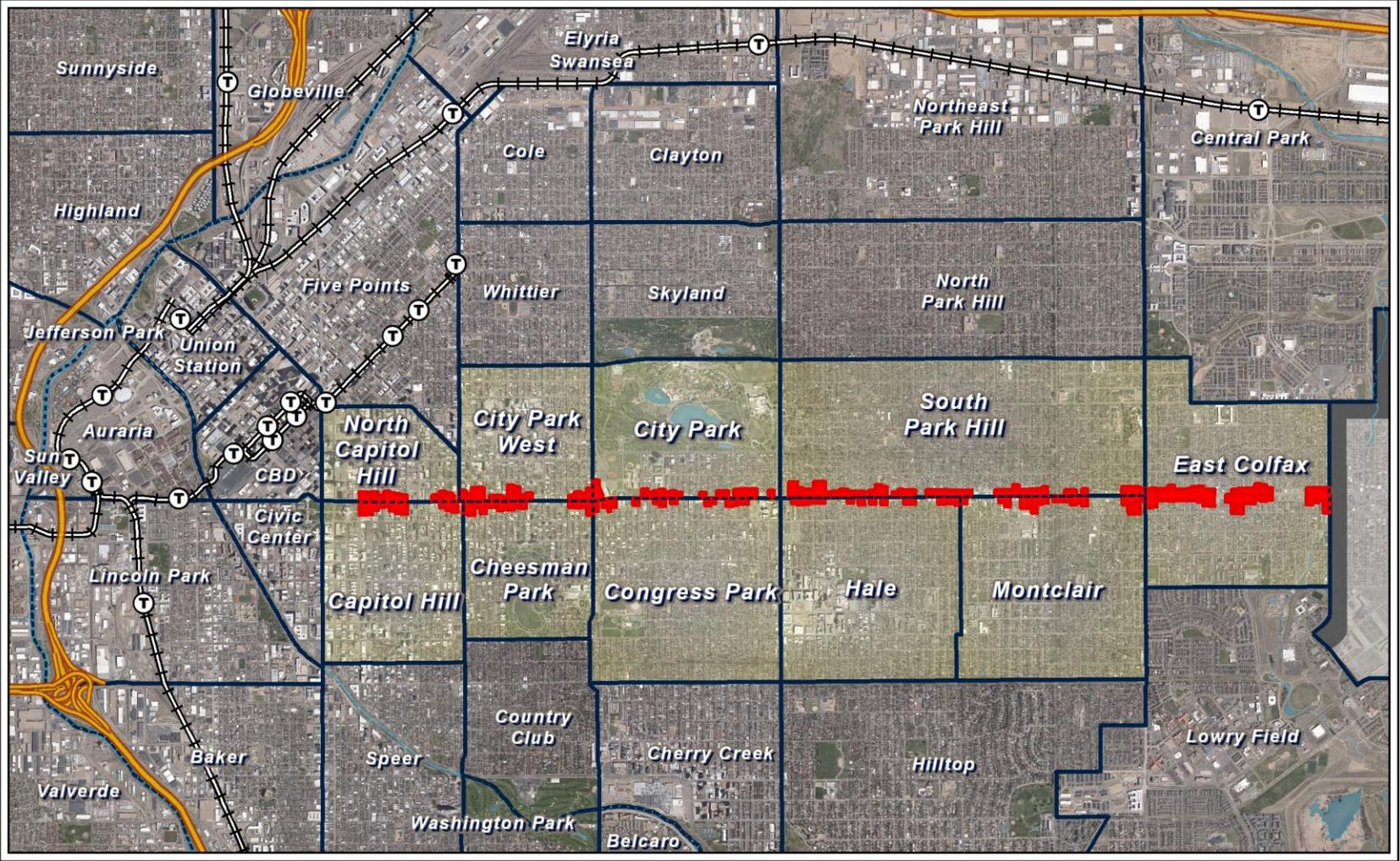


Council Districts 5, 8, 9, 10

Councilmembers Sawyer and Hinds are sponsoring this rezoning



Statistical Neighborhood



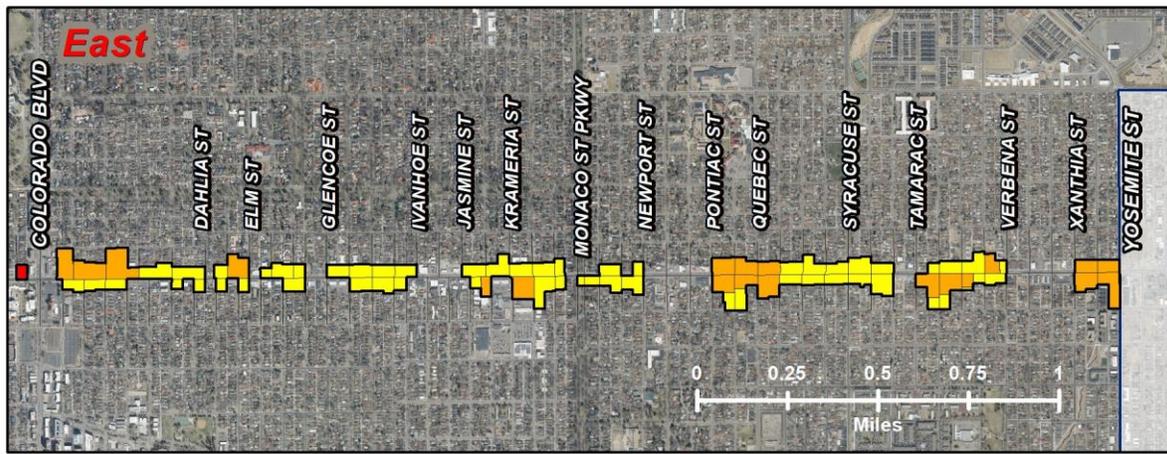
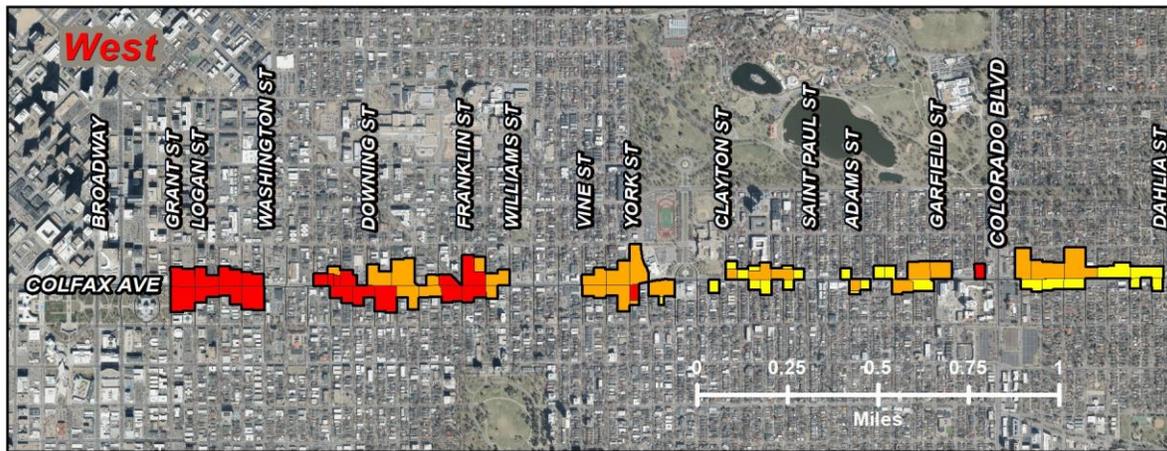
- North Capitol Hill
- Capitol Hill
- City Park West
- Cheesman Park
- City Park
- Congress Park
- South Park Hill
- Hale
- Montclair
- East Colfax

Existing Zoning

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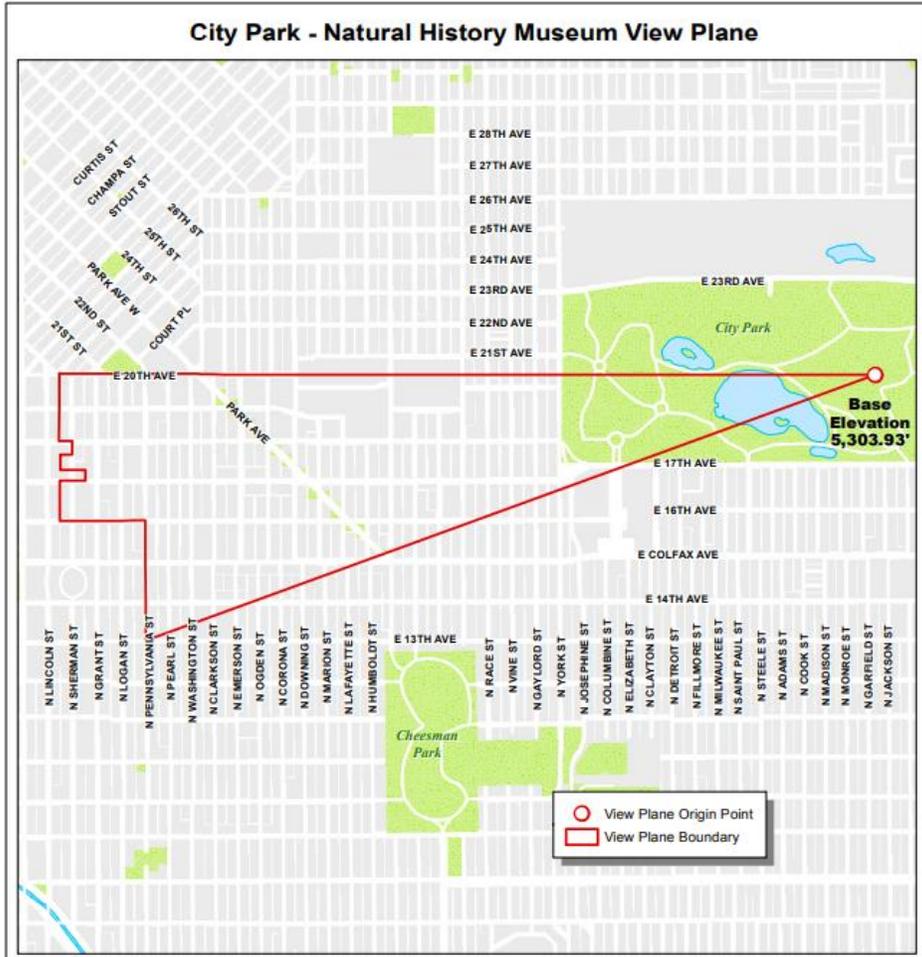
- E-MS-3; G-MS-3; U-MS-3
- C-MS-5; E-MS-5
G-MS-5; U-MS-5
- C-MS-8

Proposed DO-8 Overlay District



- C-MS-5/8
- G-MS-3/5
- U-MS-3/5
- E-MS-3/5

View Plane



City Park Natural History Museum View Plane

Max Building Heights Under the View Plane

- 1) 78 feet near E. Colfax Ave and N. Humboldt St
- 2) 125 feet at E. Colfax Ave. and N. Pennsylvania St.

Proposed zoning will not change existing heights

Historic Landmarks and Districts

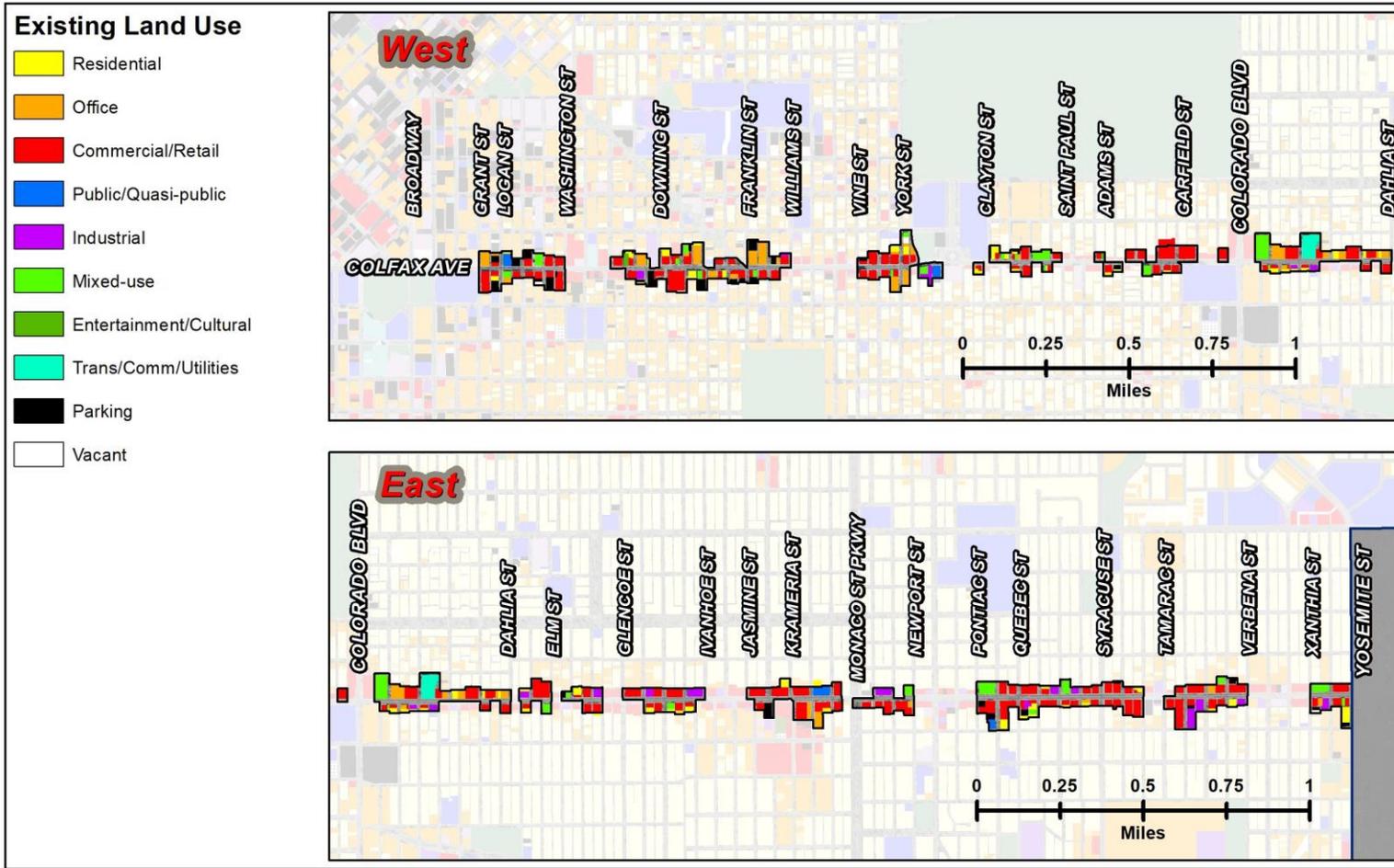


- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- Ogden Theater
- The Colonnade Building
- Hamilton Apartment Building
- Austin Building
- Fifth Church of Christ Scientist
- Bluebird Theater
- Wyman Historic District
- Park Historic District

All construction within the Historic Districts and Landmarks are subject to landmark design review



Existing Context – Land Use

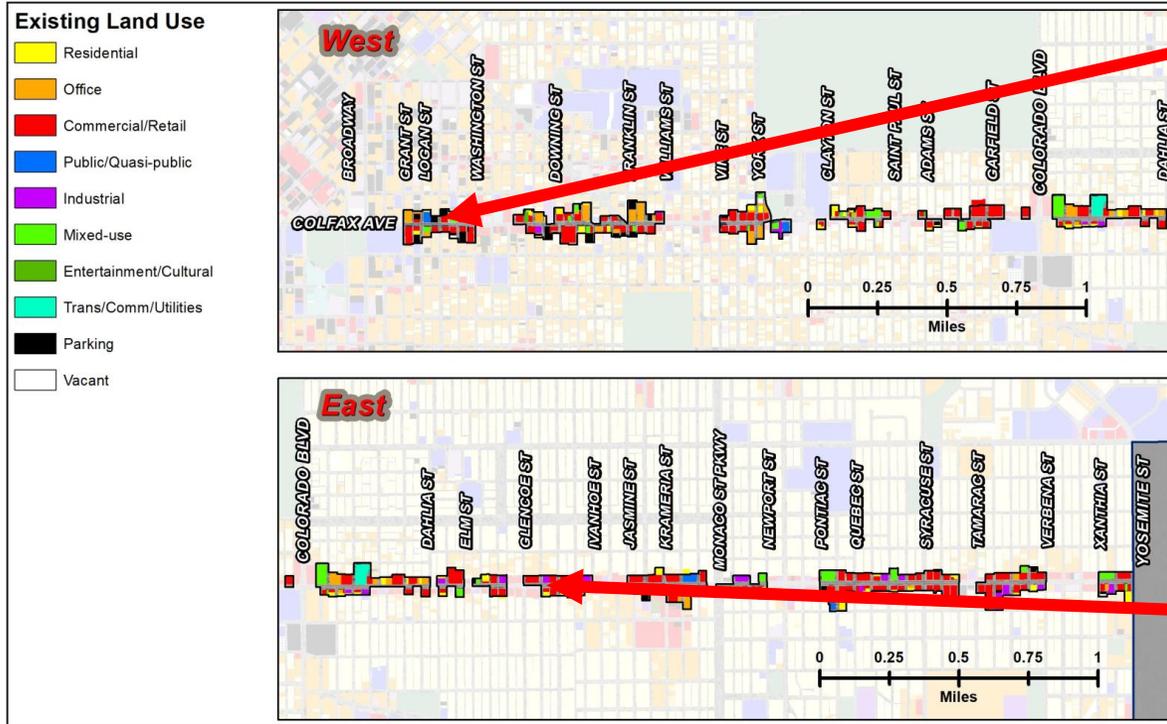


Variety of Existing Uses

Adjacent to:

- Mainly residential both multi-unit and single-unit

Existing Context – Building Form/Scale



Grace Period

- 10 projects in Site Development Plan (SDP) review
- 2 projects in concept
- Grace Period – projects not subject to DO-8 regulations
 - Projects submitted for concept by July 19, 2023, the date of the application notification
 - Need to receive SDP approval by December 19, 2025

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Process

- Informational Notice: 7/19/2023
- Planning Board Notice: 10/3/23
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 10/18/23
- **LUTI Committee: 10/31/23**
- City Council Public Hearing: 12/11/23

Public Comments

- RNOs
 - No comments from RNOs
- 3 comments from neighbors
 - 1 with concerns that 1801 E Colfax is not included when a drive thru is planned for the site
 - 1 in support because overlay will improve vibrancy and walkability of Colfax
 - Goddard School is concerned overlay will impact their expansion plans

Planning Board

- Planning Board held a hearing on this item on October 18, 2023
- The board voted 5-2 to recommend approval
- Key points raised in board deliberation included
 - The development potential of shallow lots
 - Some board members felt that Colfax needed its own overlay

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- *Blueprint Denver*
- *East Central Area Plan*
- *East Area Plan*

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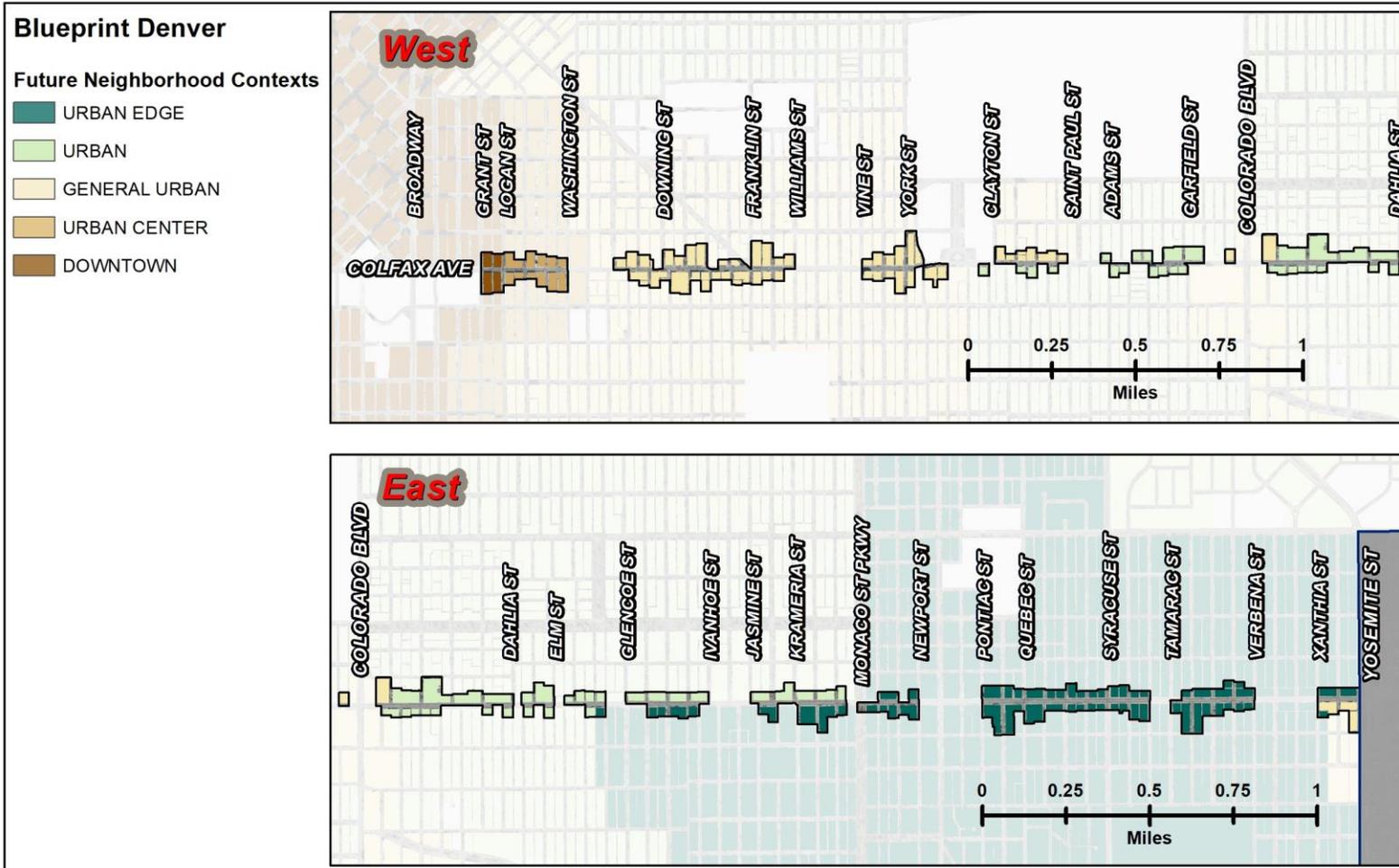
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Blueprint Denver 2019



Downtown

- Highest mix of uses in the City including multi-unit residential, commercial, office, civic and institutional

Urban Center

- Dense and vibrant areas with high intensity residential and significant employment areas

General Urban

- Offers a mix of uses, with good street activation and connectivity

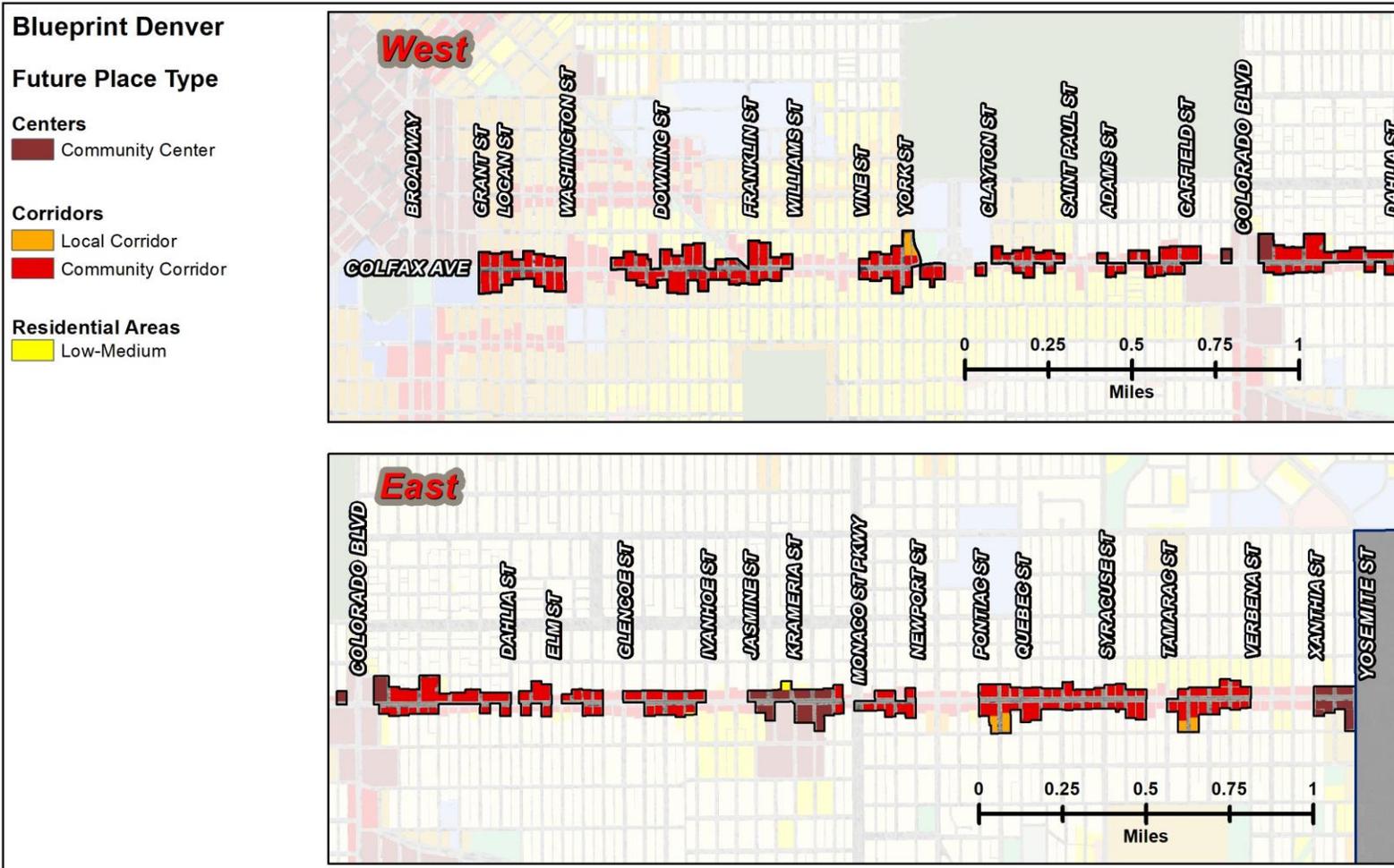
Urban

- Access to neighboring areas and commercial nodes, with some small mixed-use nodes within the neighborhood

Urban Edge

- Commercial and mixed-use development in this context tends to be found along the main corridors bordering traditional residential areas, with some larger center development.

Blueprint Denver 2019



Community Center

- Mixed-use places of different scales. Typically oriented around a shared space or set of places. People often go to centers to engage in social activities and entertainment, such as shopping, dining, and cultural events.

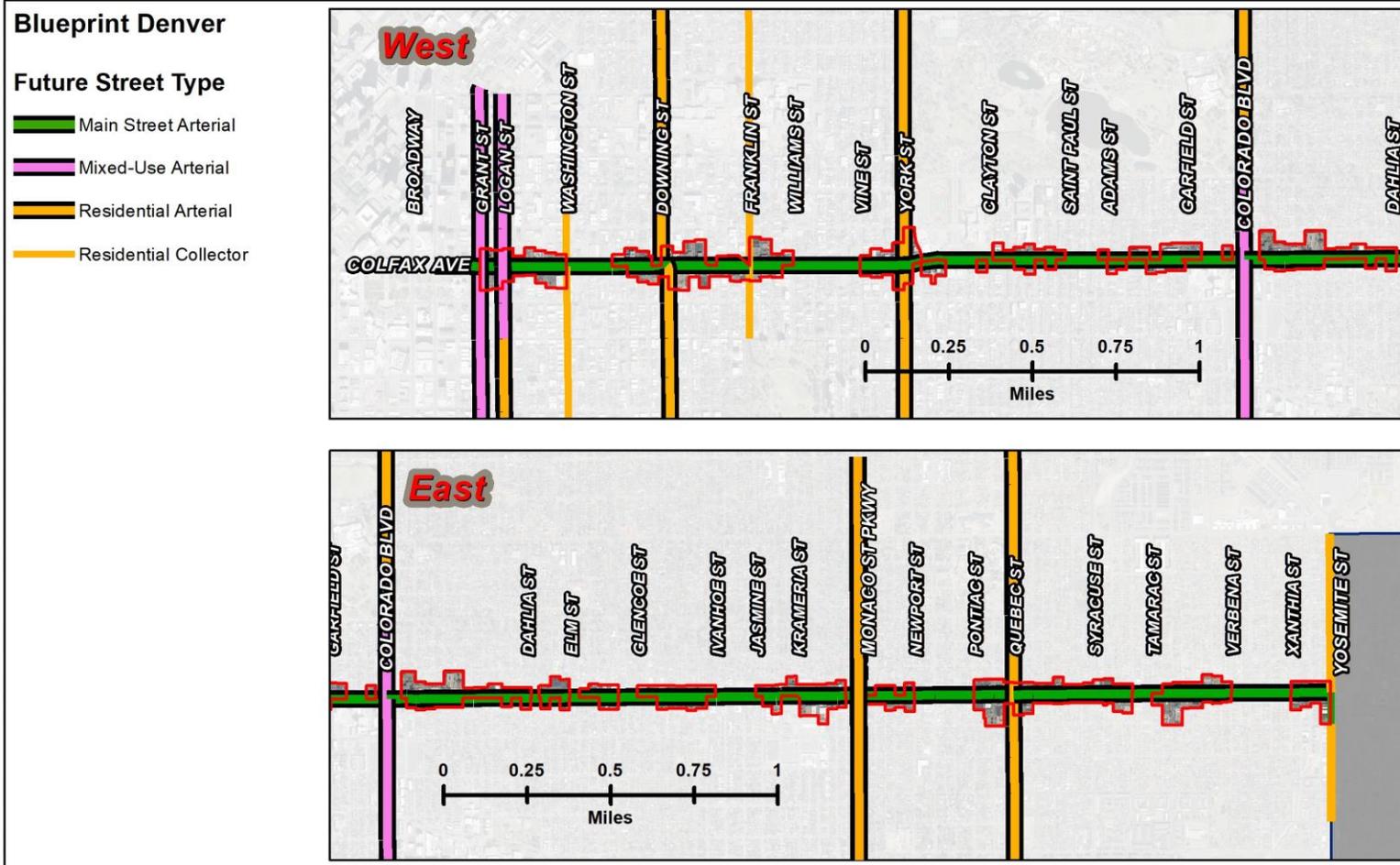
Community and Local Corridor

- Mixed-use places of different scales oriented along a street. They provide spaces for people to engage in social activities and entertainment, such as shopping and dining.

Low-Medium Residential

- Although primarily residential, they are supported by a variety of embedded uses needed for a complete neighborhood including schools, recreation and nodes of commercial/retail uses.

Blueprint Denver 2019



Main Street Arterial (Colfax)

- Characterized by a mix of uses including retail, services and restaurants, as well as residential.

Mixed Use Arterial (Grant, Logan, Colorado)

- Varied mix of uses including retail, office, residential and restaurants.

Residential Arterial (Downing, York, Monaco, Quebec)

- Primarily residential uses, but may also include schools, civic uses, parks, small retail nodes and other similar uses

Residential Collector (Washington, Franklin, Yosemite)

Local

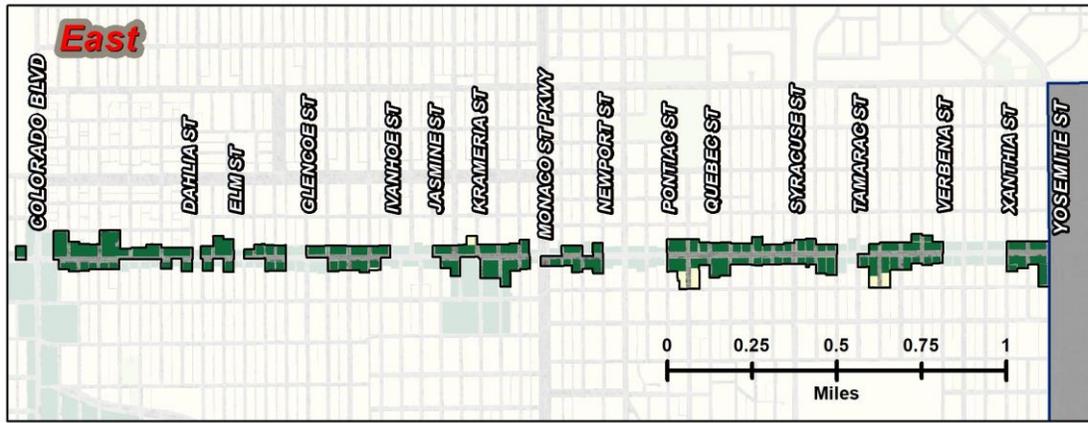
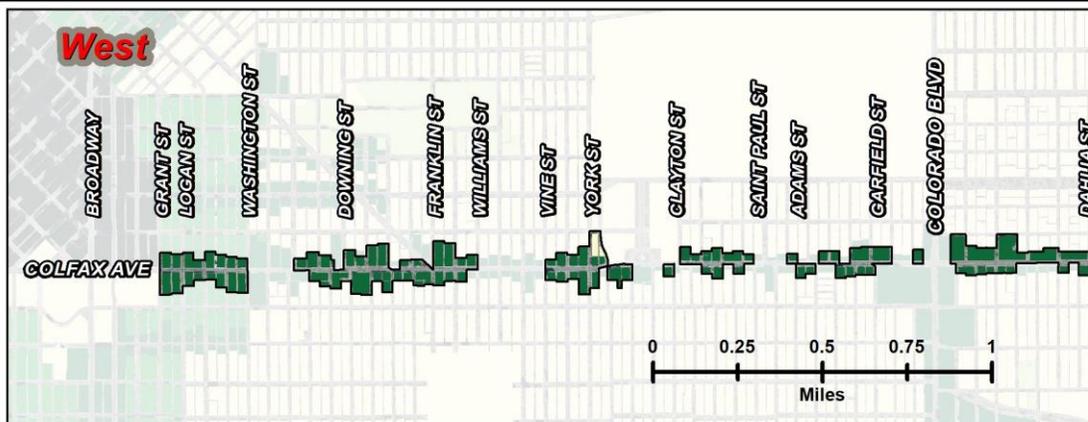
- Local streets can vary in their land uses and are found in all neighborhood contexts

Blueprint Denver 2019

Blueprint Denver Future Growth Strategy

Future Growth Areas

-  Community centers and corridors
-  All other areas of the city



- Community Centers and Corridors
 - 20% of new jobs and 25% of new housing (p. 51)
- Most growth is guided to regional centers, community centers and corridors, select districts and high and medium-high intensity residential areas. Other areas of the city are still expected to see some growth, however more limited.

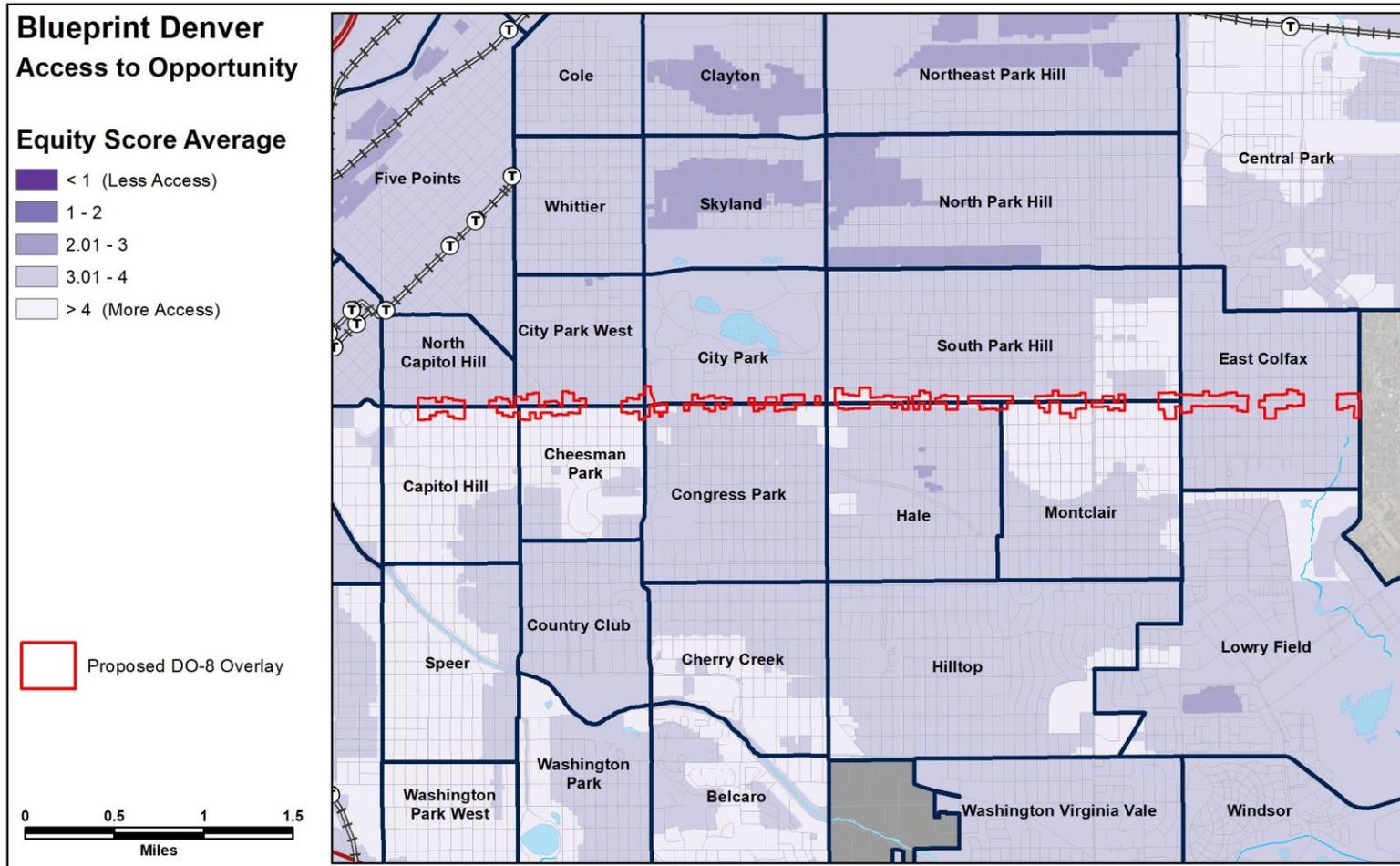
Blueprint Denver – Equity Analysis

Blueprint Denver Contains Three Major Equity Concepts

- Integrating these concepts into planning and implementation will help to create a more equitable Denver.



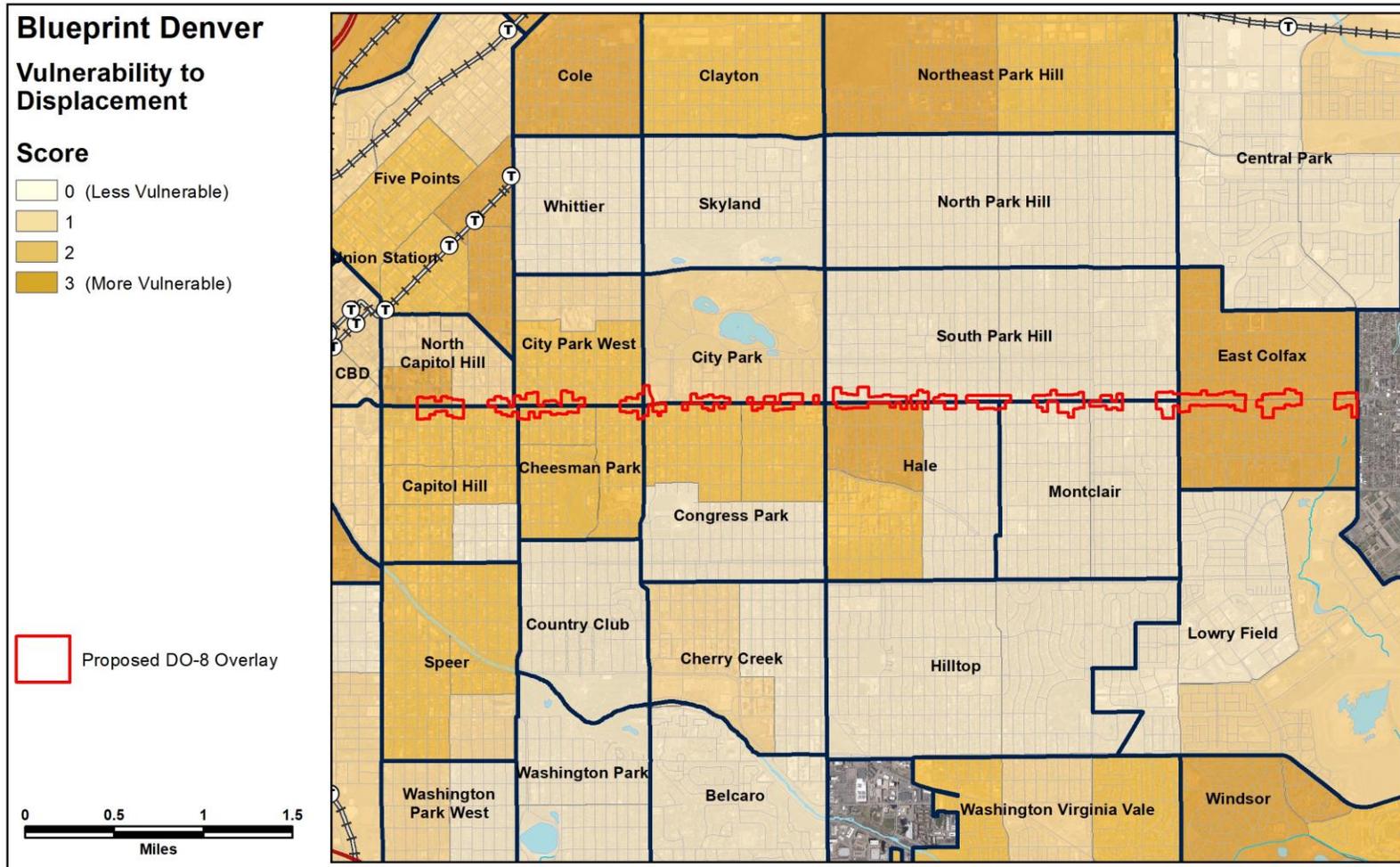
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Access to Opportunity

- Generally high Access to Opportunity
- Greater access to parks, healthcare, transit, and centers and corridors

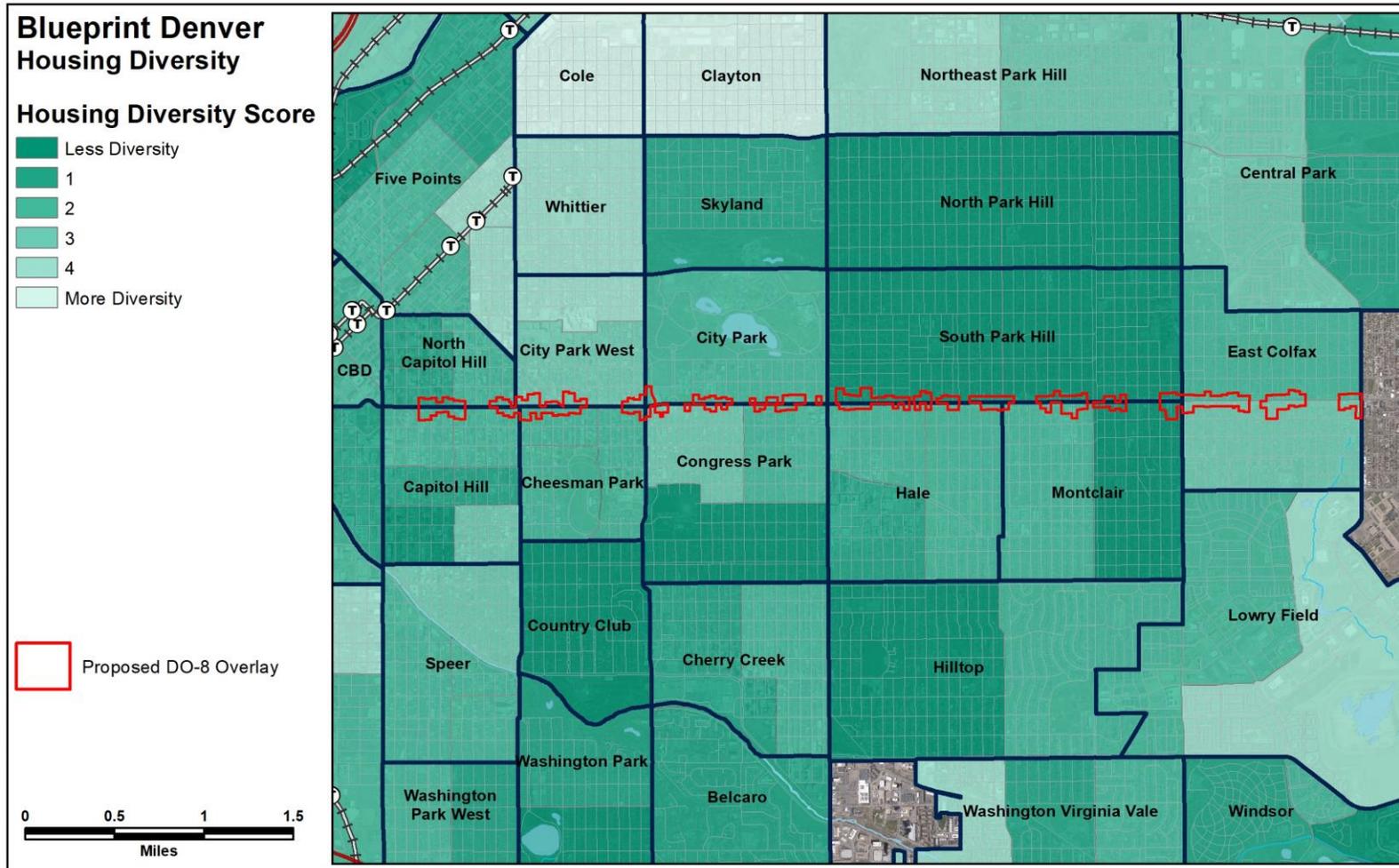
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Vulnerability to Involuntary Displacement

- West of Colorado and East Colfax are generally more vulnerable

Blueprint Denver – Equity Analysis



Expanding Housing Diversity

- Housing diversity varies
- Greater diversity in City Park West and Congress Park and less in South Park Hill

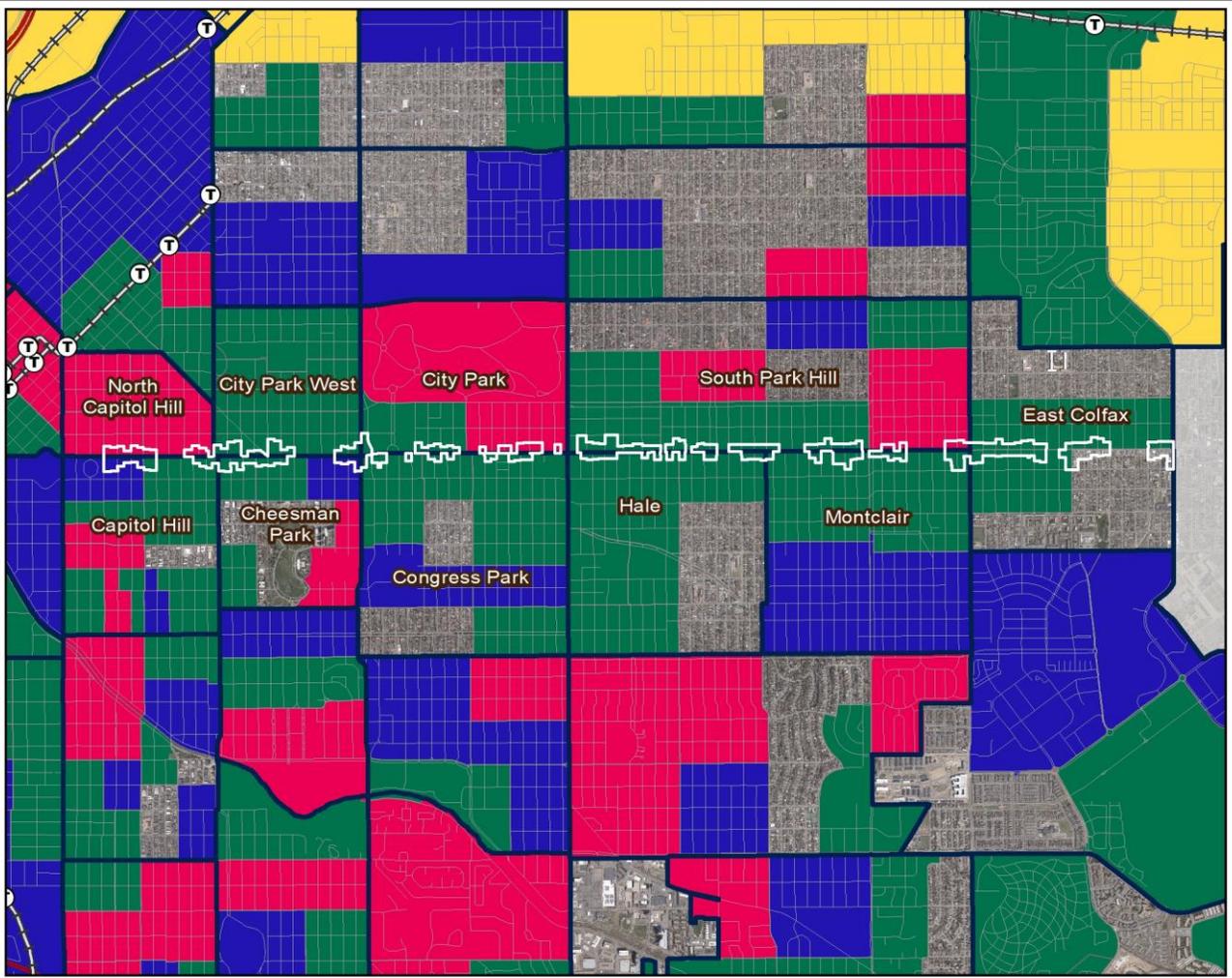
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Jobs Diversity

- Green: Retail (high)
- Brown: Retail (high) / Manufacturing (high)
- Yellow: Manufacturing (high)
- Pink: Innovation (high)
- Orange: Innovation (high) / Manufacturing (high)
- Blue: Within citywide average

Proposed DO-8 Overlay



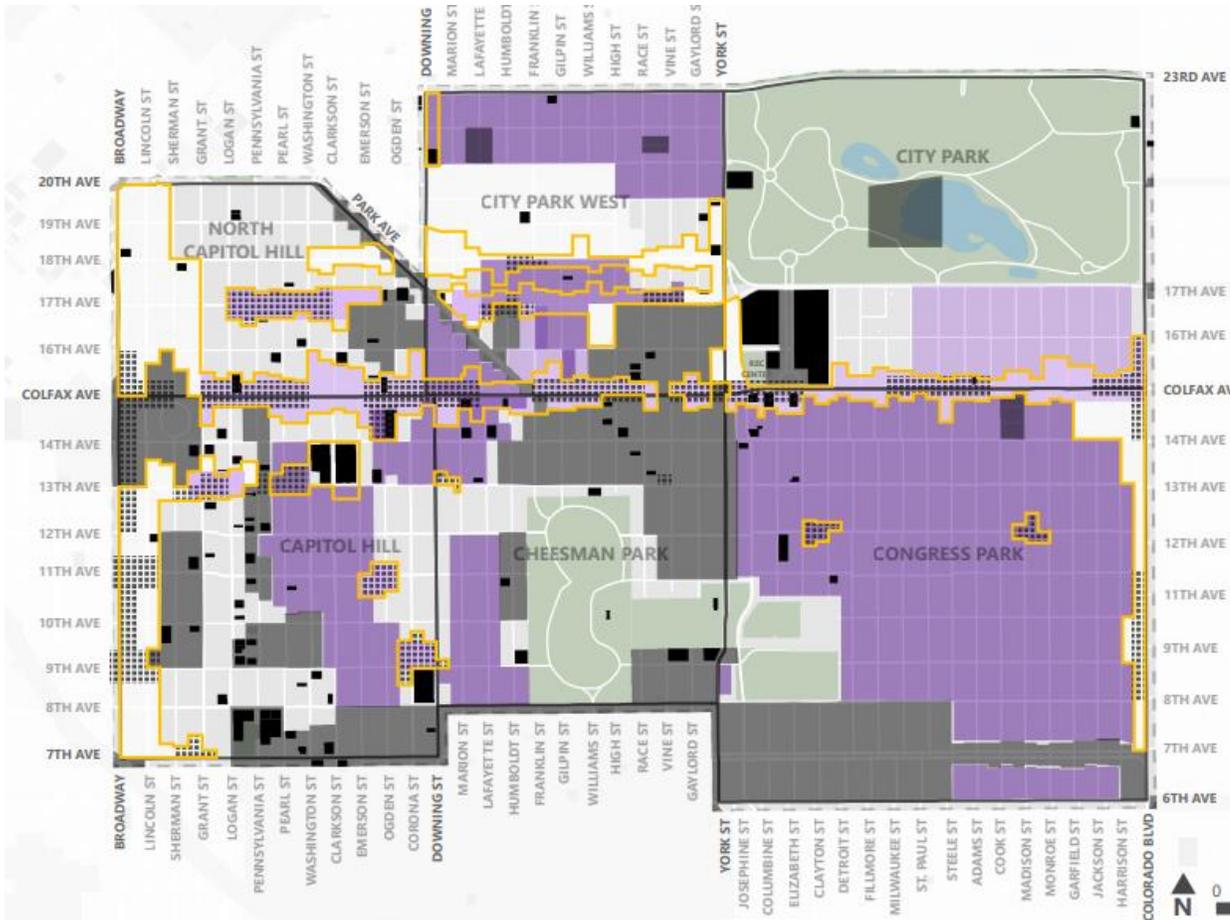
Expanding Jobs Diversity

- Mostly retail jobs

Blueprint Denver 2019

- Land Use & Built Form, Design Quality & Preservation, Policy 4: ensuring pedestrian friendly environments
- Land Use & Built Form, General, Policy 1: recommend uses zoning regulations to encourage higher-density mixed-use development in transit-rich areas
- Land Use & Built Form, General, Policy 11: prioritize larger-scale, legislative rezonings

East Central Area Plan



Applies to properties from Grant St. to Colorado Blvd.

- Designates specific areas for active ground floor uses
 - Areas include pedestrian-friendly neighborhood destination – historic streetcar stops or areas directly adjacent to a transit station

East Central Area Plan

Policy Recommendations

- Modify recommendations to improve design quality in Centers and Corridors. Primary elements to consider include ground floor design treatment and activation standards
- Discourage low utilization of land and auto-oriented uses along Colfax
- Help businesses prepare for a future BRT multi-modal retail environment that is more neighborhood oriented and pedestrian friendly

East Area Plan



Applies to properties from Colorado Blvd. to Yosemite St.

- Designates specific areas for active ground floor uses
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East Area Plan

Policy Recommendations

- Modify recommendations to improve design quality in Centers and Corridors. Primary elements to consider include ground floor activation and ground floor residential frontages
- Discourage low utilization of land and auto-oriented uses near future BRT stations
- Help businesses prepare for a future BRT multi-modal retail environment that is more neighborhood oriented and pedestrian friendly

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CPD Recommendation

CPD recommends approval, based on finding all review criteria have been met

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