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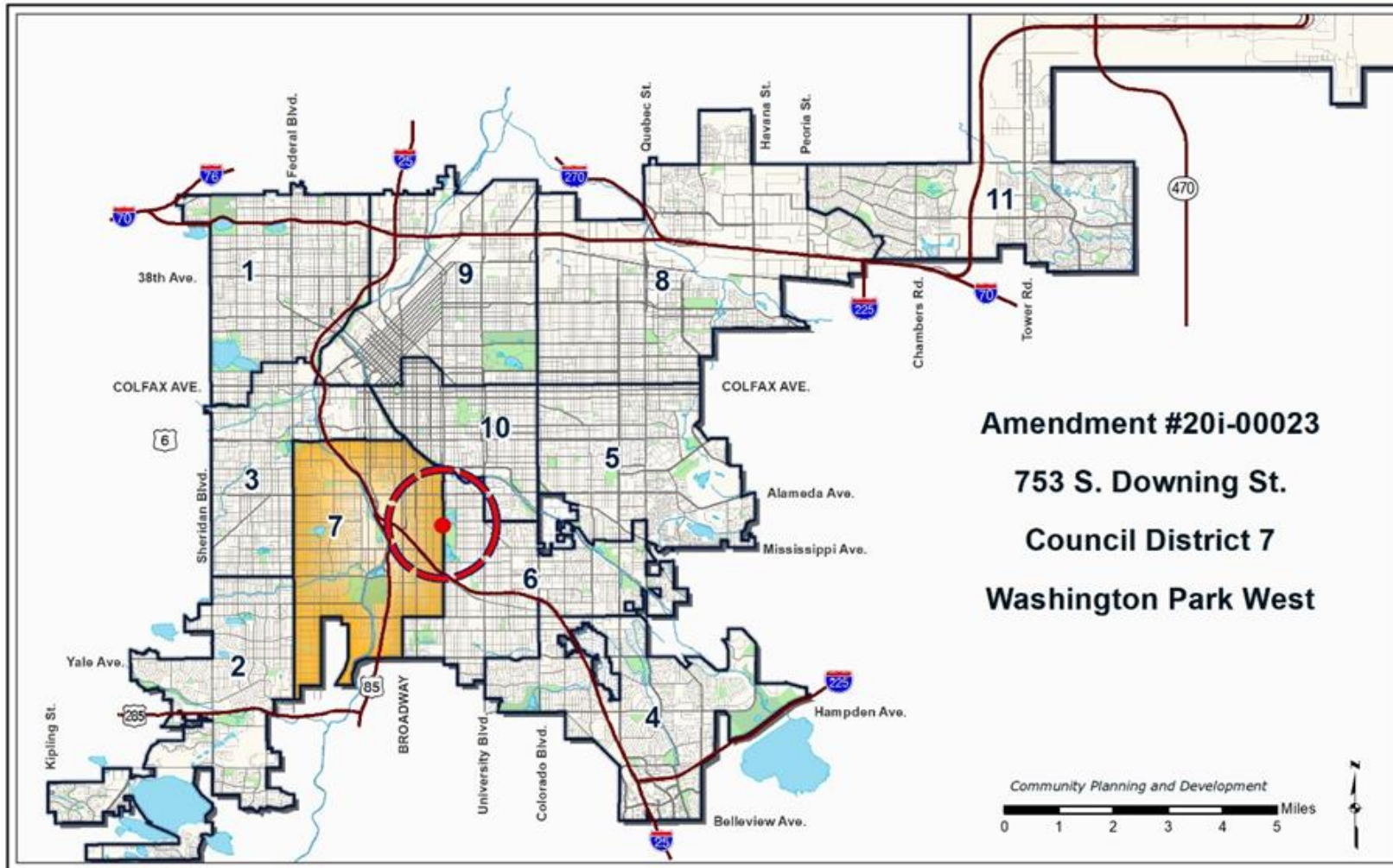
# 753 S Downing Street

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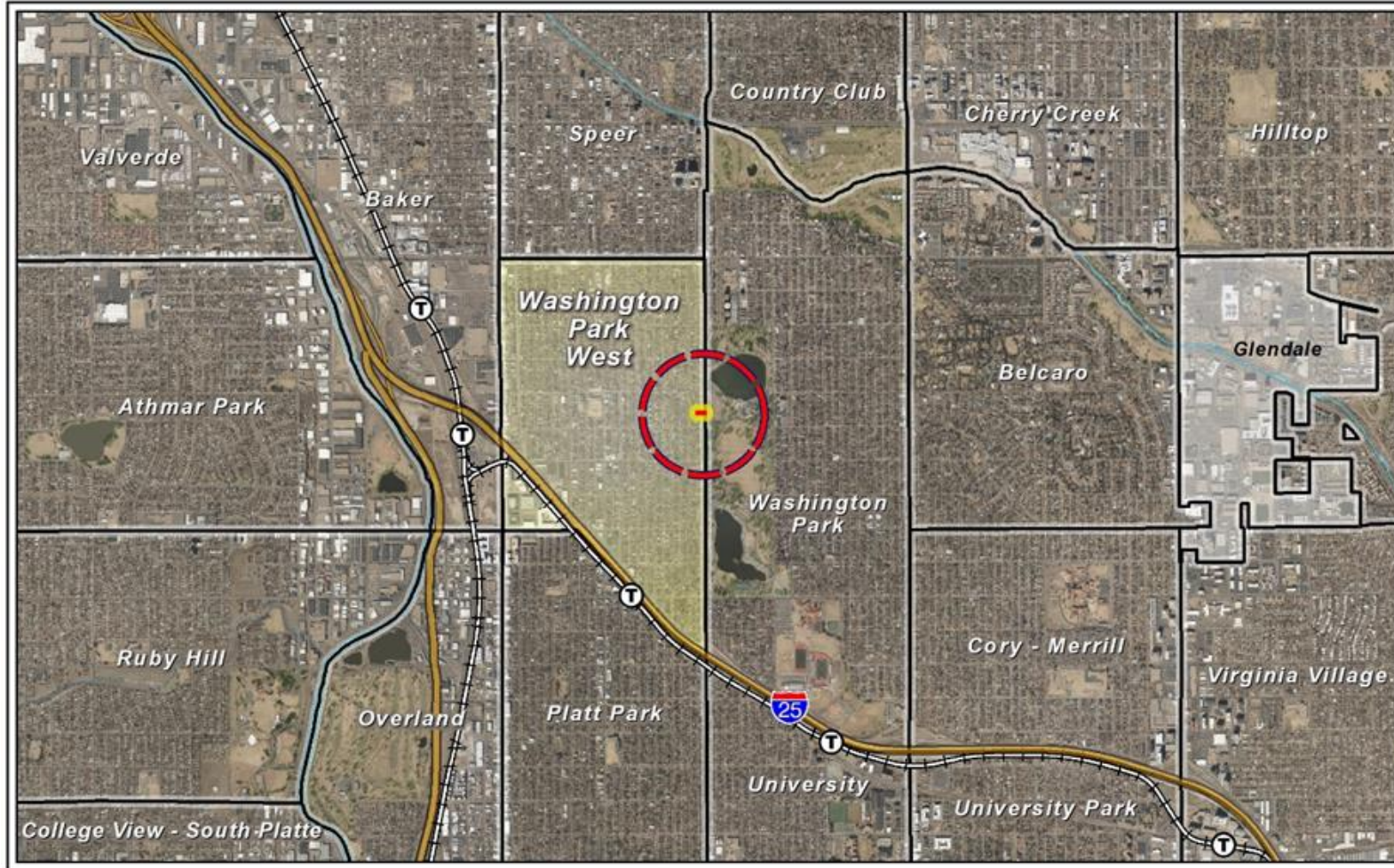
Request: U-SU-B to U-SU-B1

Date: February 11, 2021

# Council District 7



# Washington Park West Neighborhood





# Request: U-SU-C1



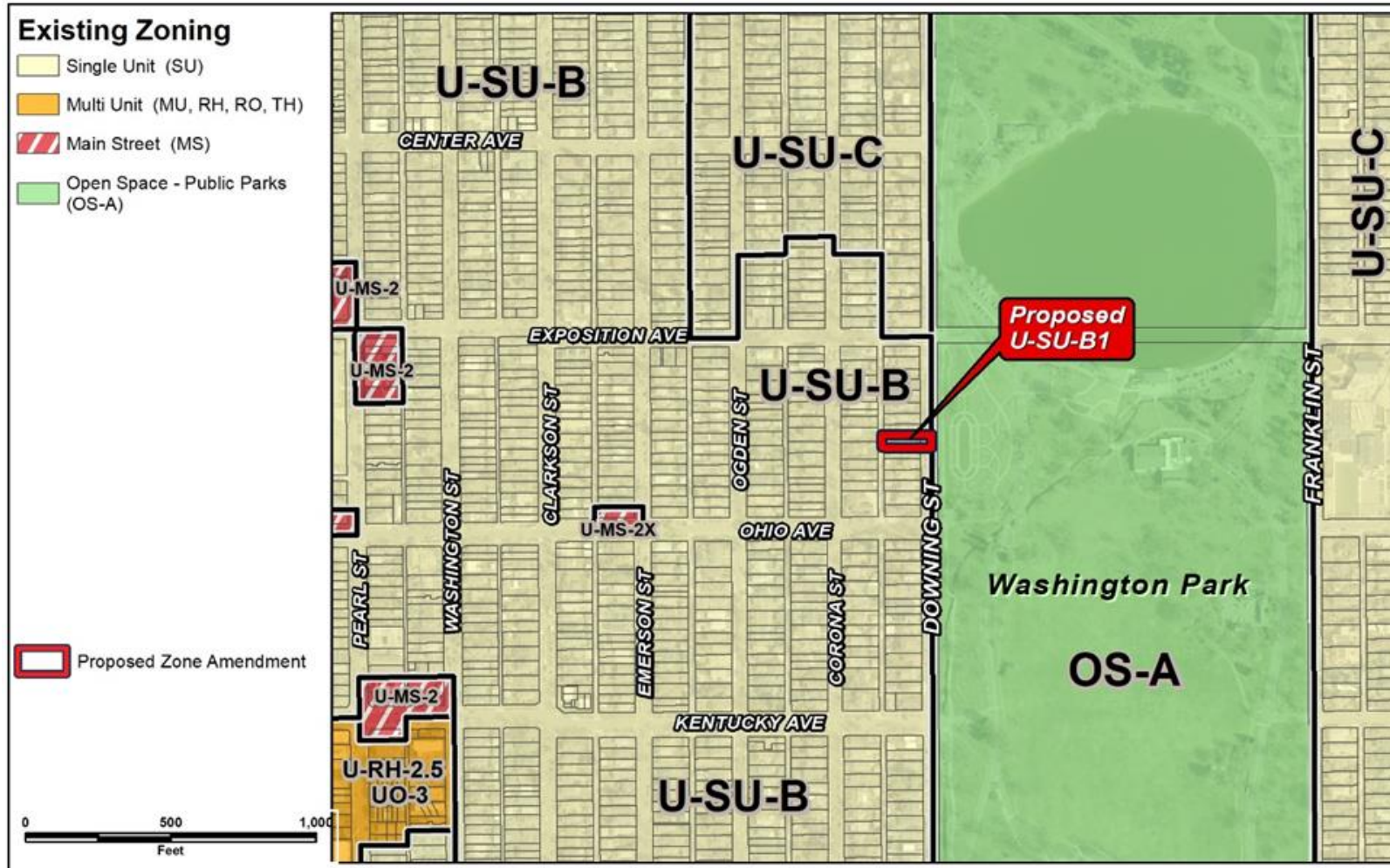
- Location

- Approx. 5,520 square feet or 0.12 acres
- Single-unit residential

## Proposal

- Rezoning from U-SU-B to U-SU-B1
  - Allows Urban House and Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit building forms
  - Max. building height 30-35 feet, 24 feet for ADU
  - Min. lot size of 4,500ft<sup>2</sup>

# Existing Zoning

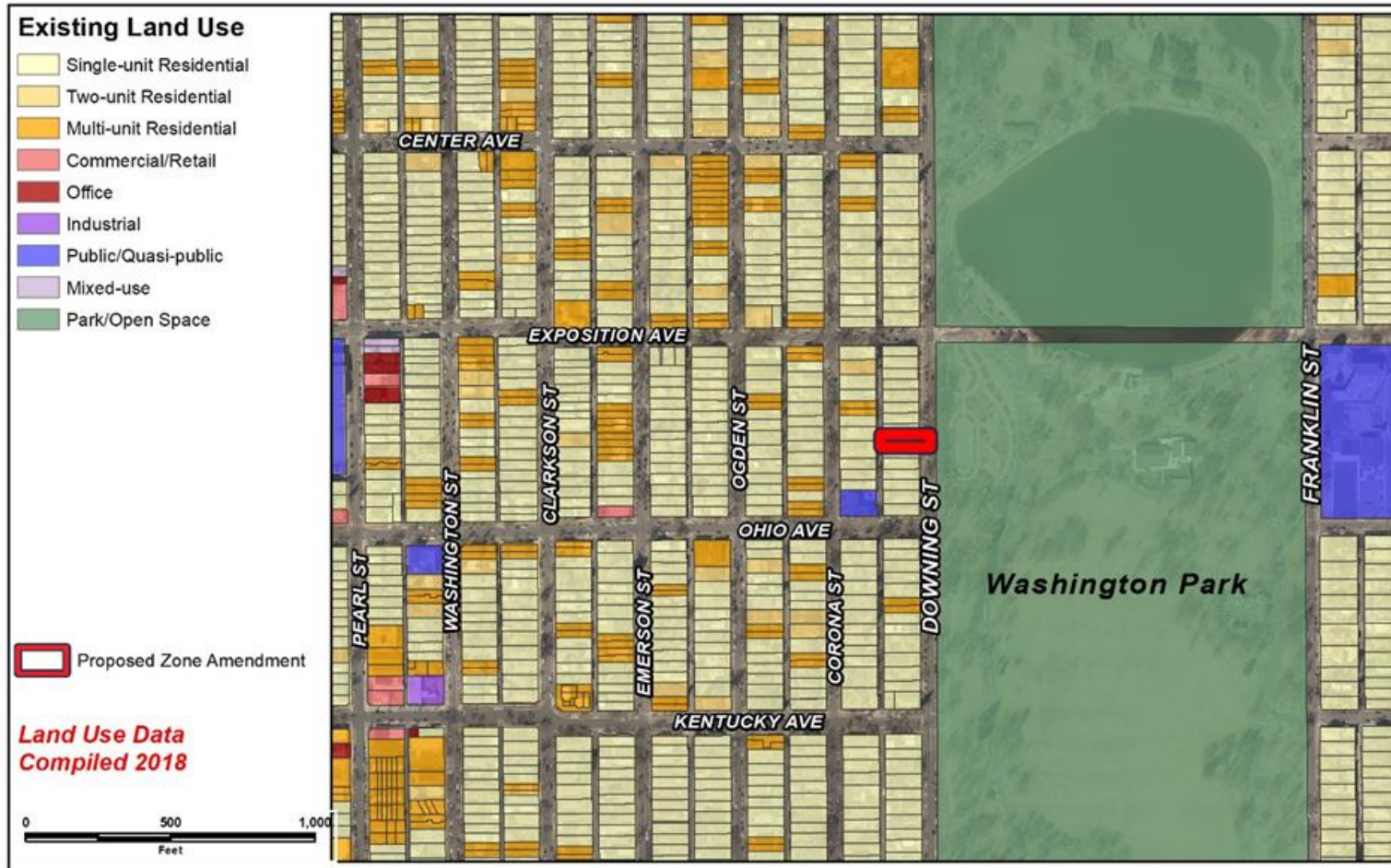


Current Zoning: U-SU-B

Surrounding Zoning:  
U-SU-B; U-SU-C; OS-A



# Existing Land Use



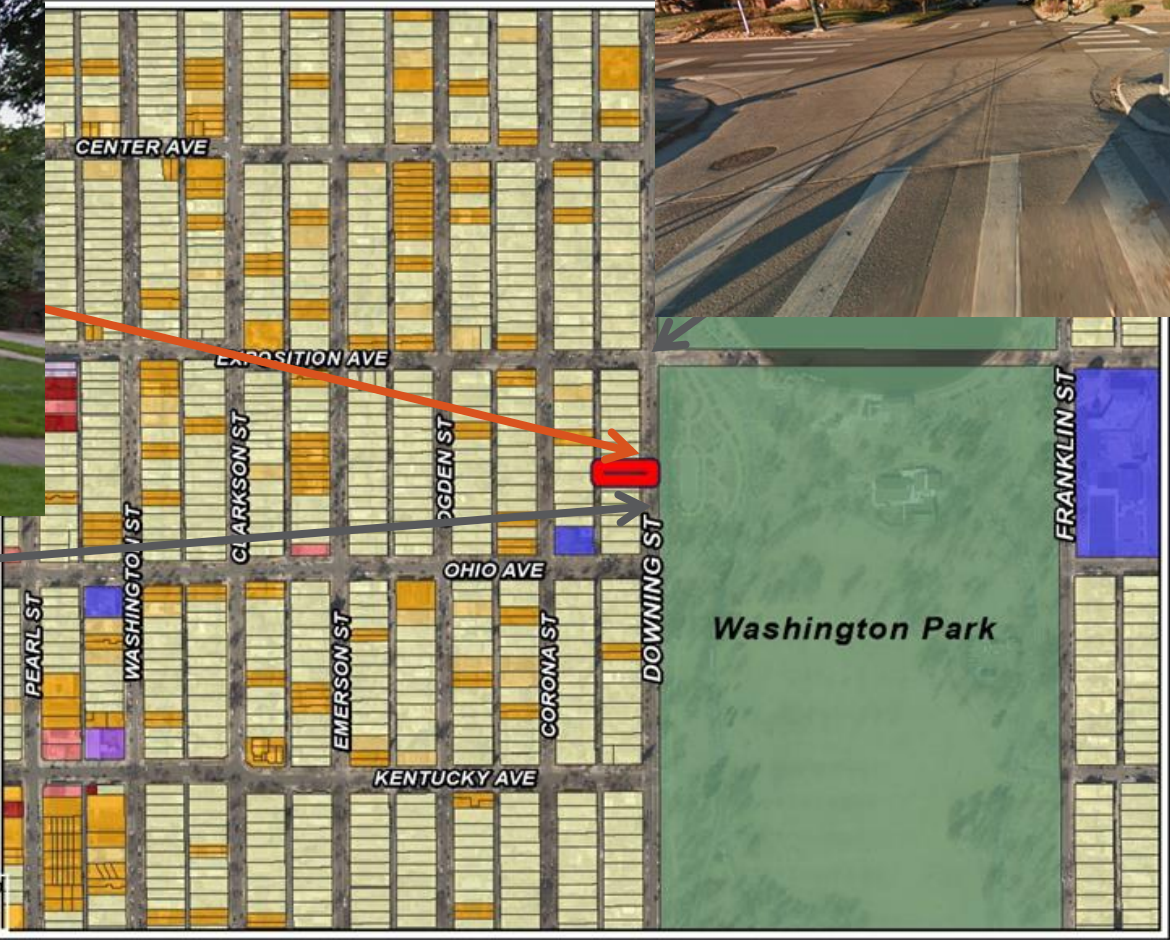
**Land Use:** Single-Unit Residential

**Surrounding Land Uses:**

- Single-Unit Residential
- Park/Open Space



# Existing Building Form/Scale



# Process

- Informational Notice: 08/12/2020
- Planning Board Notice: 10/20/2020
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 11/04/2020
- LUTI Committee: 12/01/20
- City Council Public Hearing: 2/16/20
- Public Comment
  - RNO Position Statement: Opposes (West Wash Park)
  - 9 letters in opposition
  - 6 letters in support



# Review Criteria

## Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
2. Uniformity of District Regulations
3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
4. Justifying Circumstances
5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent

# Review Criteria

## Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

### 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans

- *Comprehensive Plan 2040*
- *Blueprint Denver: A Land Use and Transportation Plan (2019)*
- *West Washington Park Neighborhood Plan (1991)*

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# Consistency with Adopted Plans: Comprehensive Plan 2040

## Equity

- Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 2, Strategy A: Create a greater mix of housing options in every neighborhood for all individuals and families (p. 28).

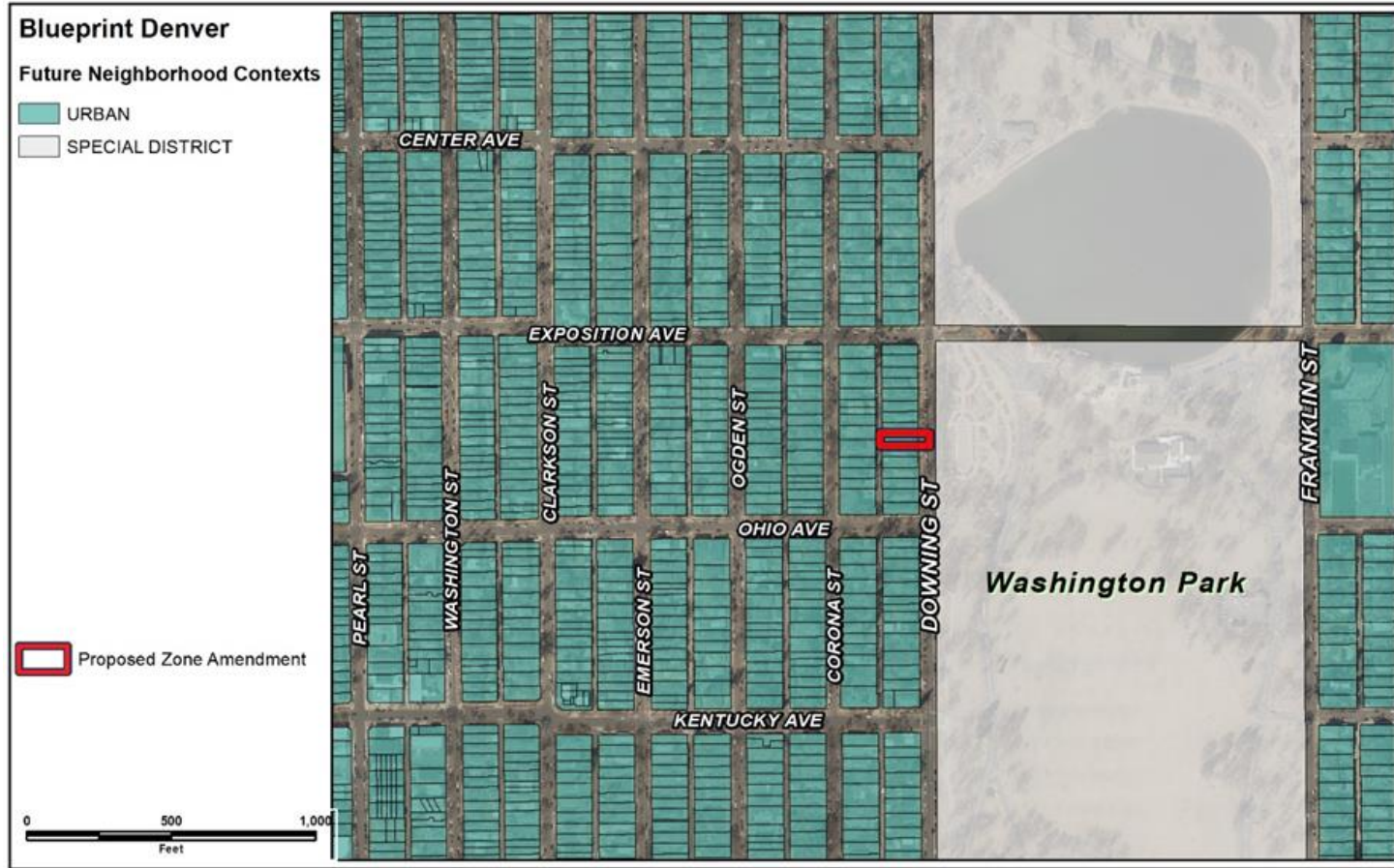


## Climate

- Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy A: Promote infill development where infrastructure and services are already in place (p. 54).



# Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver 2019



- **Urban (U-) Neighborhood Context**
  - Small multi-unit residential and mixed-use areas are typically embedded in 1-unit and 2-unit residential areas.
  - Block patterns are generally regular with a mix of alley access.
  - High degree of walkability, bikeability, and good access to transit with less reliance on cars.



# Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver 2019



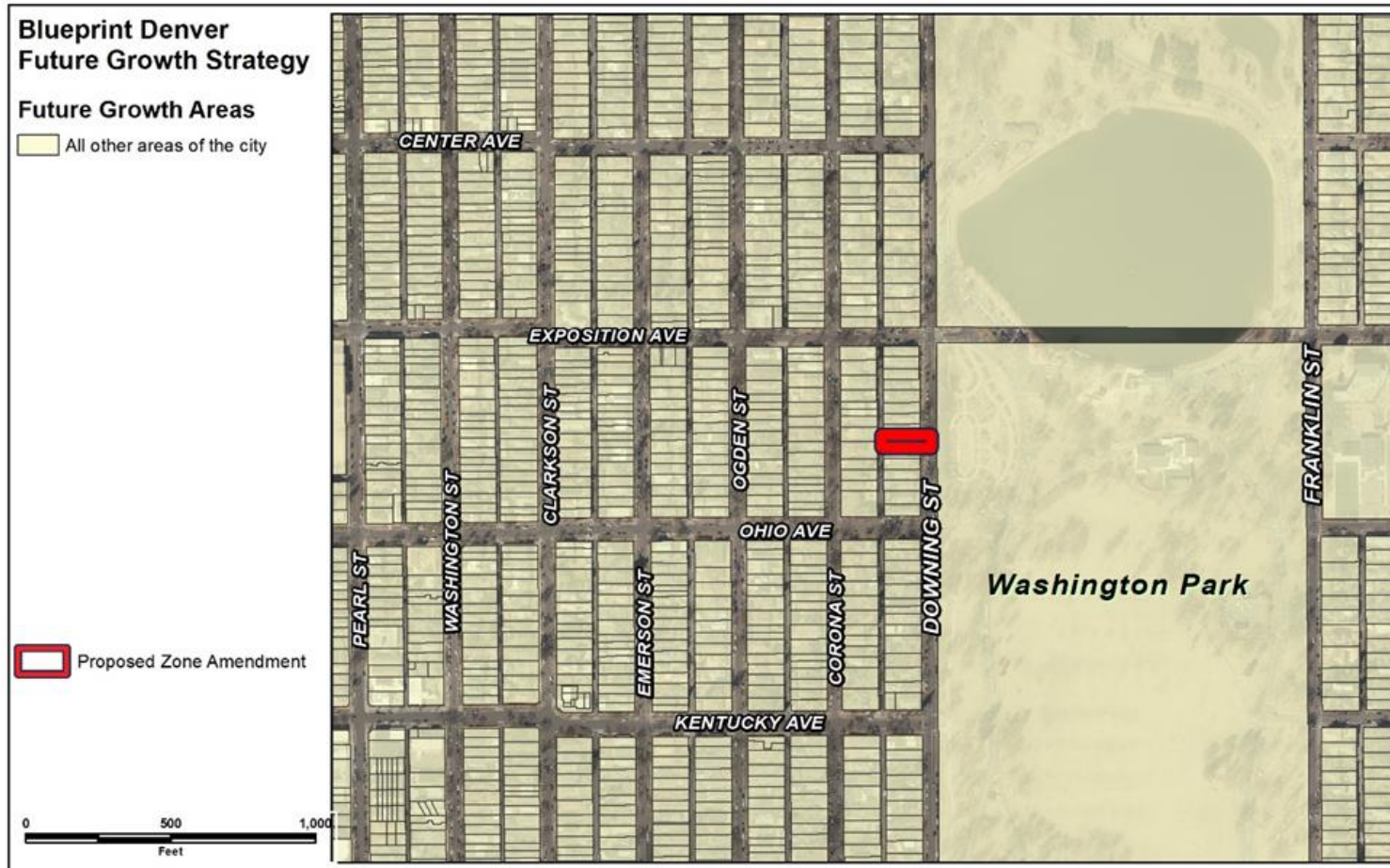
## Low Residential

- Predominantly single- and two-unit uses
- Accessory dwelling units are appropriate

## Future Street Type

- Downing Street: Residential Arterial

# Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver



**Growth Areas Strategy: All other areas of the city**

- 10% jobs by 2040
- 20% housing by 2040



# Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver

**Policy 4: Diversity housing choice through the expansion of accessory dwelling units throughout all residential areas.**

Strategy E: A citywide approach to enable ADUs is preferred. Until a holistic approach is in place, individual rezoning to enable ADUs in all residential areas, especially where proximate to transit, are appropriate. Unless there is a neighborhood plan supporting ADUs, rezonings should be small in area in order to minimize impact to the surrounding residential area.

# Consistency with Adopted Plans: West Washington Neighborhood Plan (1991)

This neighborhood plan was adopted in 1991 and is applicable to the subject property. This plan is silent on ADUs specifically, however, the proposed rezone is consistent with Residential Land Use Recommendation #4 “Include compatible setbacks, significant buffering, and landscaping in site plans for new moderate density residential development to ensure compatibility with adjacent low-density residential uses” (p.18). The detached ADU building form was developed to specifically take these types of concerns into consideration and provides for appropriate setbacks between structures.



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### 2. Uniformity of District Regulations

- Proposed rezoning will result in uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations

### 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare

- Implements adopted plans
- Provides an additional housing unit that is compatibly integrated into the surrounding neighborhood

### 4. Justifying Circumstances

### 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent

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# Review Criteria

## Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

### 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans

- Comprehensive Plan 2000
- Blueprint Denver: A Land Use and Transportation Plan (2002)
- Small Area Plans
- Others, as applicable: e.g., General Development Plan

### 2. Uniformity of District Regulations

### 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare

### 4. Justifying Circumstances

### 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent

- Urban Neighborhood Context primarily consists of single-unit and two-unit residential uses
- Residential Districts are intended to
  - Promote and protect residential neighborhoods within the character of the Urban Neighborhood context
  - The building form standards, design standards, and uses work together to promote desirable residential areas
- U-SU-B1 is a single-unit district allowing urban houses and detached accessory dwelling units with a minimum zone lot area of 4,500 square feet. Setbacks and lot coverage standards accommodate front and side yards similar to U-SU-C and allow a detached accessory dwelling unit in the rear yard.



# CPD Recommendation

CPD recommends City Council approve the application, based on finding all review criteria have been met

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