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## **CITY OF LAFAYETTE ADOPTS NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**LAFAYETTE, CO** – The **Lafayette City Council** recently voted unanimously to adopt the City's newly updated **Comprehensive Plan** produced by RNL Design at a recent city council meeting. The plan translates a compelling community vision and development goals into actionable implementation policies grounded in sound planning principles as well as market and economic realities. Addressing both the present and long-term interests of Lafayette, the Comprehensive Plan will guide the City's planning decisions for the next five to ten years.

The Comprehensive Plan prioritizes key open areas worthy of preservation due either to their important ecological attributes or their ability to preserve Lafayette's separation and identity from expanding neighboring communities. In addition, the land use plan emphasizes the use of mixed-use development in strategic locations throughout the city to bolster its lagging sales tax revenues while simultaneously integrating into the city's existing strong neighborhood framework. Other key objectives addressed by the plan include maintaining Lafayette's small-town atmosphere, definition of the city's regional role, and ensuring that future development enhances the character and image of the community. The plan provides specific direction and implementation policies regarding issues associated with transportation and circulation; urban growth and planning area boundaries; recreation facilities/parks/open space; public facilities; utilities; and drainage.

"The plan's scope went far beyond what we envisioned at the onset of the project," said Phillip Patterson, Lafayette's Planning Manager. "The city's Comprehensive Plan considers issues such as regionalism, growth management and community character." Working with the City's citizens were the Planning Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee, City staff and the RNL Design consultants.

The planning process successfully used extensive public outreach in the form of numerous hands-on community workshops, stakeholder interviews and a community survey. Additionally, a

project website provided the community with background information on the project, continuous updates on the schedule and deliverables, as well as opportunities for citizen involvement.

RNL provided interim project deliverables throughout the planning process for immediate use by both the public and City staff. These included a community survey, a market analysis, a cost/benefit analysis and an urban design framework plan. These documents provided structure for developing the Comprehensive Plan's updated policies and implementation strategies.

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