# FISH HATCHERY WORKFORCE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING













NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MARCH 26, 2025

# **MEETING AGENDA**

# WHY WE ARE HERE

# WHAT WE WILL COVER

- Objectives of the Project
- Estes Valley Housing Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan
- Project Timeline
- Community Survey Results
- Limitations / Opportunities & Affiliated Consultants
- Project Overview & Site Plan

# **FOCUS ON PUBLIC FEEDBACK EARLY ON**

Create a dynamic and diverse neighborhood that provides a variety of housing options to suit the numerous needs of the Estes Park Workforce while honoring the natural features of the property

# **Pedestrian-Centric Design**

- Hired Pel-Ona Architects & Urbanists as our land planner
- Access to public transportation
- Study and mitigate added traffic burden

#### **River Preservation**

Enhance the Fall River Trail

# Honor the history of the site

- Fall River Power Plant and Fish Hatchery
- Met with Museum Curator and Town Historian

# For Rent & For Sale Options

Target a variety of AMI levels

# **Multiple Building Types**

- Duplexes
- Fourplexes
- Cottage Courts
- Small Apartments
- Single Family Homes

Q: What will our rental rates be?

A: We are not 100% sure, but we can look to previous projects that received LIHTC Awards.

Q: But what does that mean for rents?

# **2024 COLORADO PROJECTS**

2024 - 9% TAX CREDIT & STATE HOUSING TAX CREDIT			
AMI LEVEL	AVERAGE UNIT		
30%	10		
40%	6		
50%	13		
60%	14		
70%	2		
80%	1		
TOTAL	47		
AMI AVERAGE	49%		

RENTS			INCOME			
AMI LEVEL	1 BR	2 BR	1 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	1 PERSON HOURLY WAGE	2 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	2 PERSON HOURLY WAGE
30%	\$668	\$802	\$24,960	\$12	\$28,530	\$14
40%	\$891	\$1,070	\$33,280	\$16	\$38,040	\$18
50%	\$1,114	\$1,337	\$41,600	\$20	\$47,550	\$23
60%	\$1,337	\$1,605	\$49,920	\$24	\$57,060	\$27

TARGETE	D RENTS	REN	T COMPARIS	SON
1 BEDROOM	2 BEDROOM	# OF BEDROOMS	PROSPECTOR APARTMENTS	50% AMI AVERAGE
\$668	\$802	1 BR	\$1,975	\$1,114
\$891	\$1,070	2 BR	\$2,243	\$1,337
\$1,114	\$1,337	3 BR	\$2,585	\$1,545
\$1,337	\$1,605			

IMPACT ON THE WORKFORCE					
# OF BEDROOMS	MONTHLY SAVINGS	ANNUAL SAVINGS	AFTER TAX (17.5% TAX RATE)	% OF AFTER TAX INCOME	
1 BR	\$861	\$10,332	\$34,320	30%	
2 BR	\$906	\$10,866	\$41,184	26%	
3 BR	\$1,040	\$12,480	\$48,048	26%	

# **Neighborhood Outreach**

• Gather input from the surrounding neighbors to gain insight and listen to concerns and desired outcomes

# Design within the constraints of the site

Physical and code based

# Develop an engaging community where people want to live

• This also assists in securing funding

Create designs that are financially desirable to build at the attainable or affordable prices we want to charge

Projected New Households by 2030 based on job growth:

• 2,720

Estes Valley Housing Strategic Plan Goal:

• Create & preserve 550 to 700 dwelling units affordable to the local workforce

## **HOUSING STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES**

- Increase the preservation and creation of workforce housing, so that the Estes Valley begins to improve availability and affordability of housing to the workforce
- Match housing investments with areas of greatest need in the workforce community
- Create neighborhoods that are desirable, compatible, and affordable for the long term

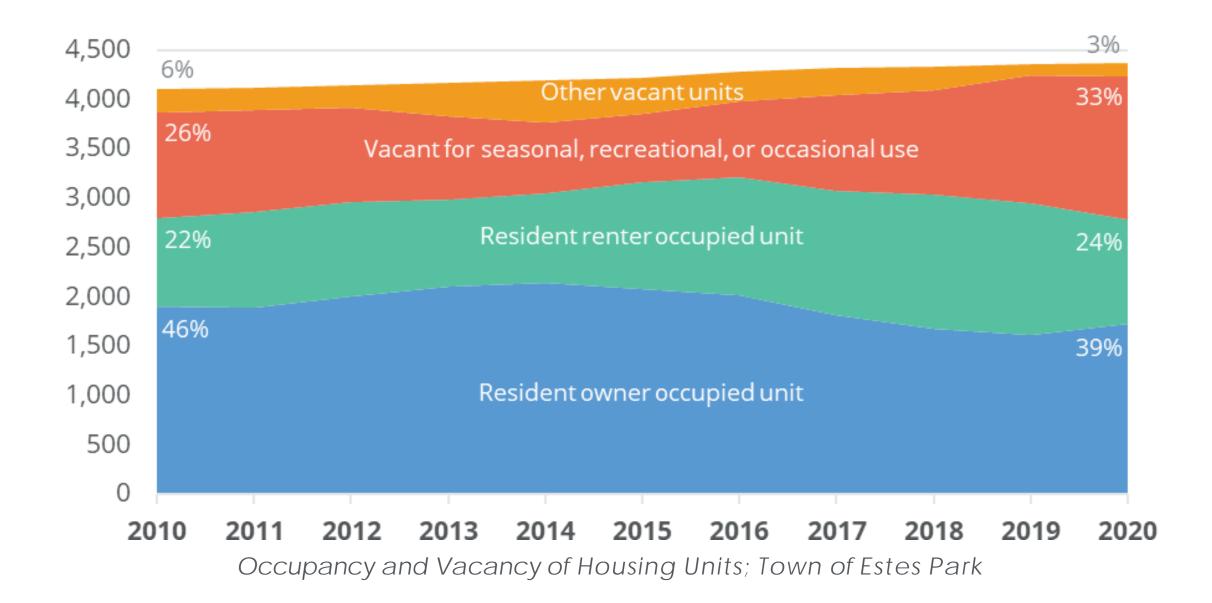
# HOUSING NEEDS SUMMARY

Presented By Scott Moulton - Executive
Director of the Estes Park Housing
Authority

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# Housing Stock:

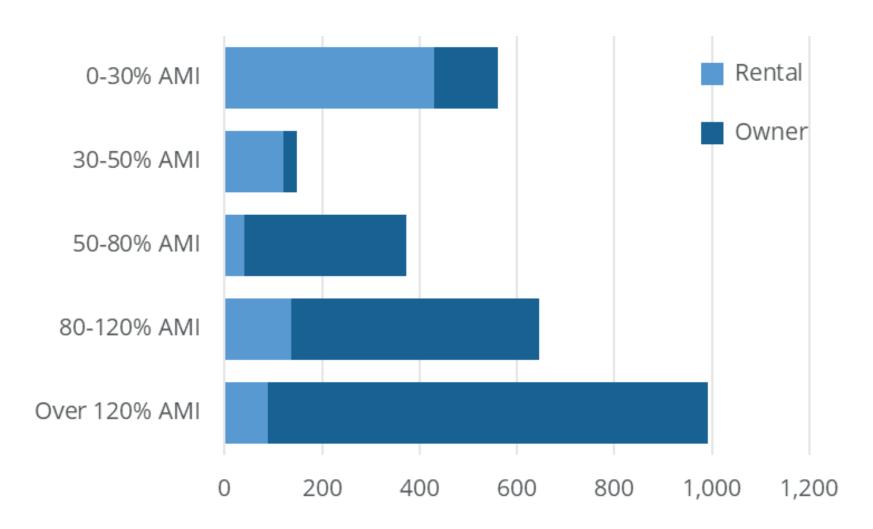
The pace of housing unit growth in the past decade was the slowest since the 1960s, and use of existing homes is trending toward more seasonal/recreational use.



# Housing Needs by Income

\*based on current income profile and current tenure.

# Catch up: 1,220 units Keep up: 1,500 units

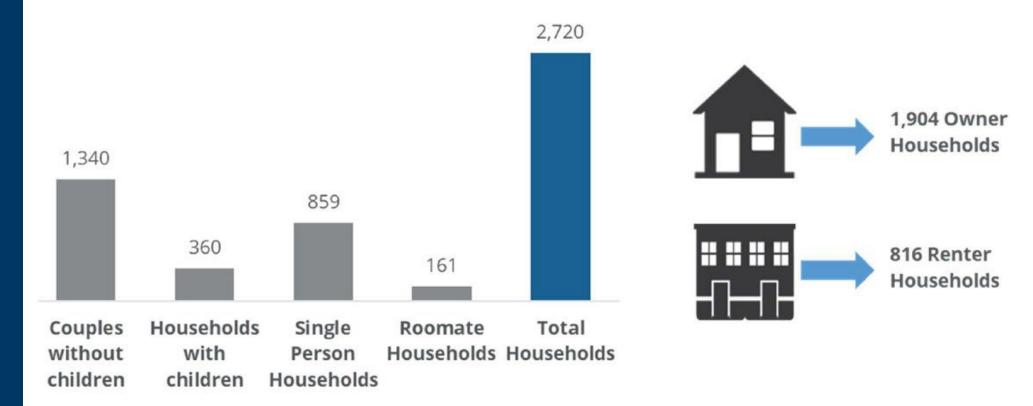


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# Projected New Households by 2030, Estes Valley, Based on

# Job Growth

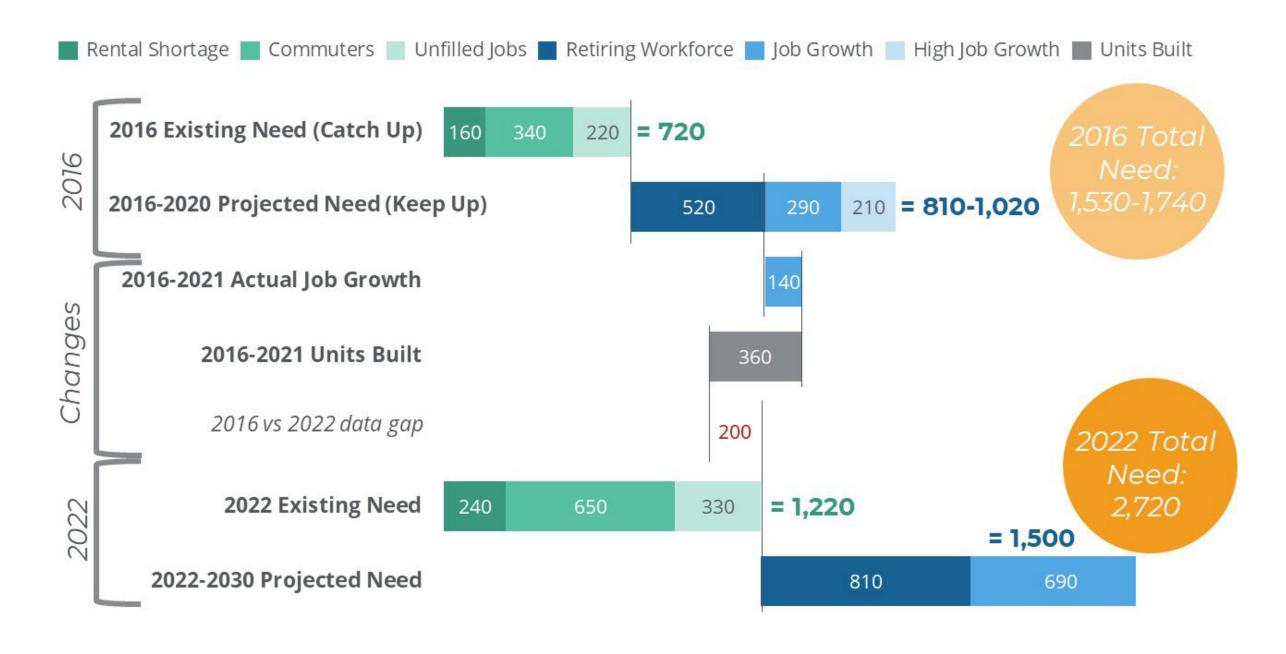
\*Assumes similar household type and ownership distribution remain constant



Note: Assumes current household type distribution and homeownership rates remain constant.

Source: ACS 5-year estimates, OPS Strategies.

# Housing Needs: Catch Up & Keep Up



# Housing Terms & Definitions

# 2024/2025 Area Median Income and Rent Limits for Larimer County:

	<u>AMI %</u>			
	<u>1-Person</u>	<u>2-Person</u>	Hourly Wage  1-Person	Hourly Wage 2-Person (Each)
150%	\$124,800	\$142,650	\$60	\$34.29
120%	\$99,840	\$114,120	\$48	\$27.43
100%	\$83,200	\$95,100	\$40	\$22.86
80%	\$66,560	\$76,080	\$32	\$18.29
60%	\$49,920	\$57,060	\$24	\$13.72
40%	\$33,280	\$38,040	\$16	\$9.14

per month

Rent and sale price increases outpaced income gains...

(coupled with very low rental vacancy and for-sale inventory).

Average asking rent for current listings: (up 32% from \$1,395 in 2015) \$1,845

# Median Sales Price approaching \$600,000 in Estes Park



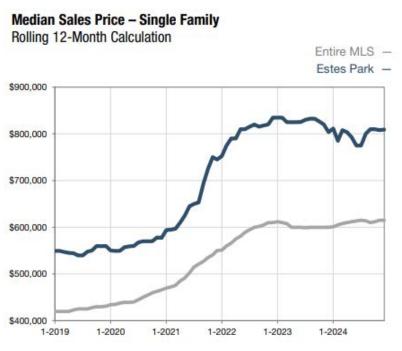
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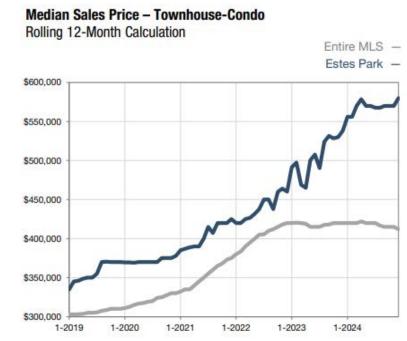
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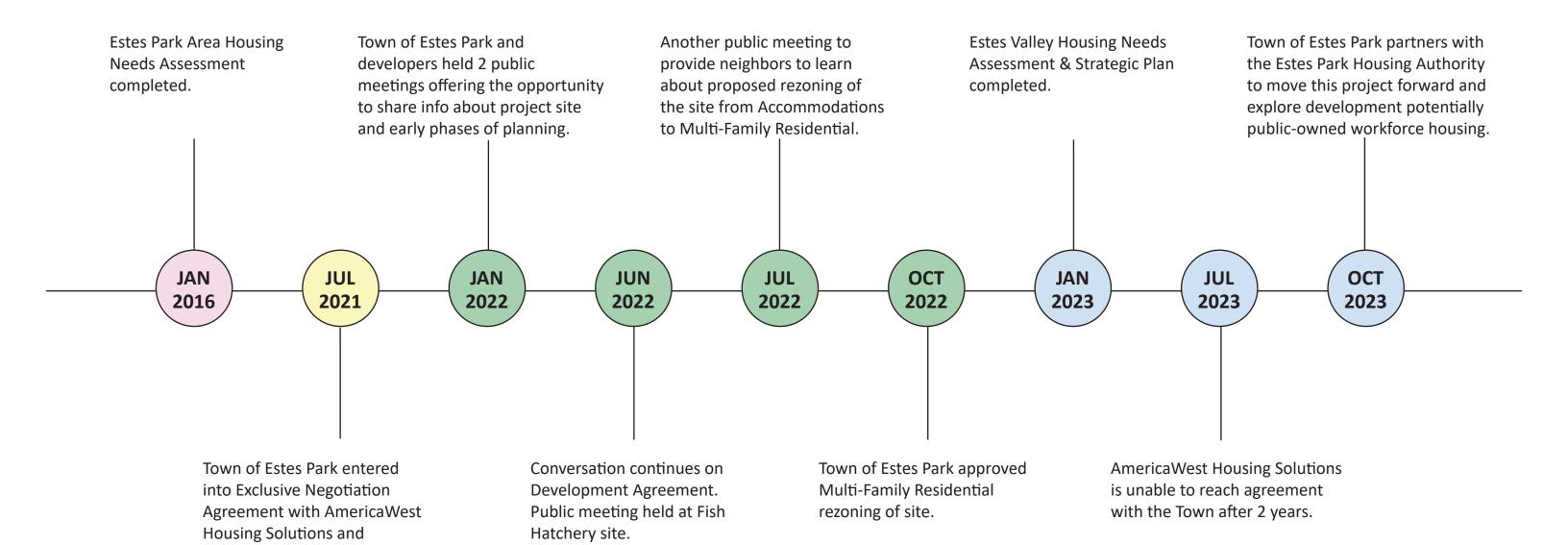
Median Sales Price in 2024 = \$580,000







**RECENT HISTORY**PROJECT TIMELINE



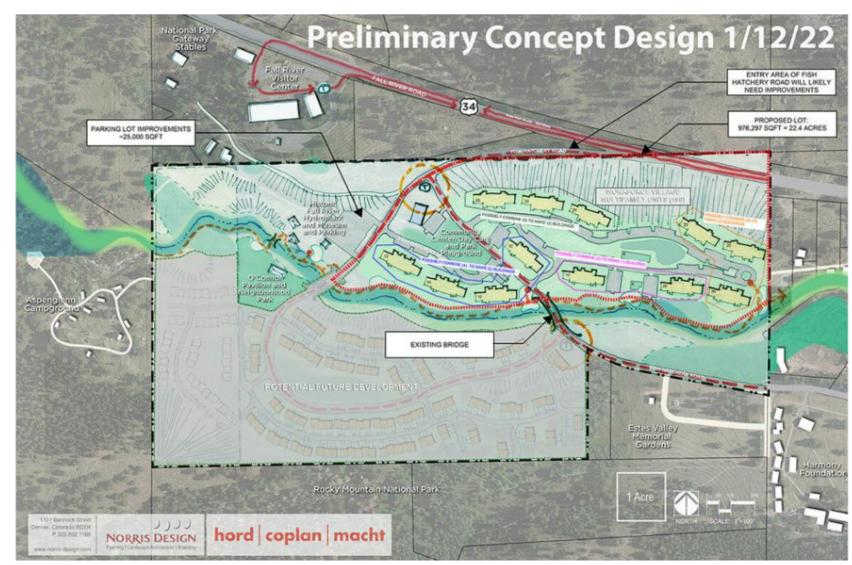
**Consolidated Housing** 

Hatchery property.

Solutions as developer of Fish

# **PREVIOUS DEVELOPER PLAN FROM 2022**

\*not the current proposal





Not to Scale

## **PUBLIC FEEDBACK FROM 2022 PLAN**

#### **Traffic and Parking**

- Need a traffic light at Highway 34
- Improve access roads
- Direct traffic off Fish Hatchery Rd
- Multiple access points needed
- Provide better public transportation
- Maintain privacy on E boundary
- Parking
- Sidewalk expansion needs

#### **Environment**

- Stormwater runoff
- Noise and light pollution
- Buffering and setbacks from surrounding properties
- Fire safety fire evacuation and wildfire
- Impacts on river flooding, fishing, wildlife

#### Recreation

- Existing recreation trail usage during construction
- Trail connections to Fall River Trail
- Concern with adjacent campground

#### **Workforce and Affordability**

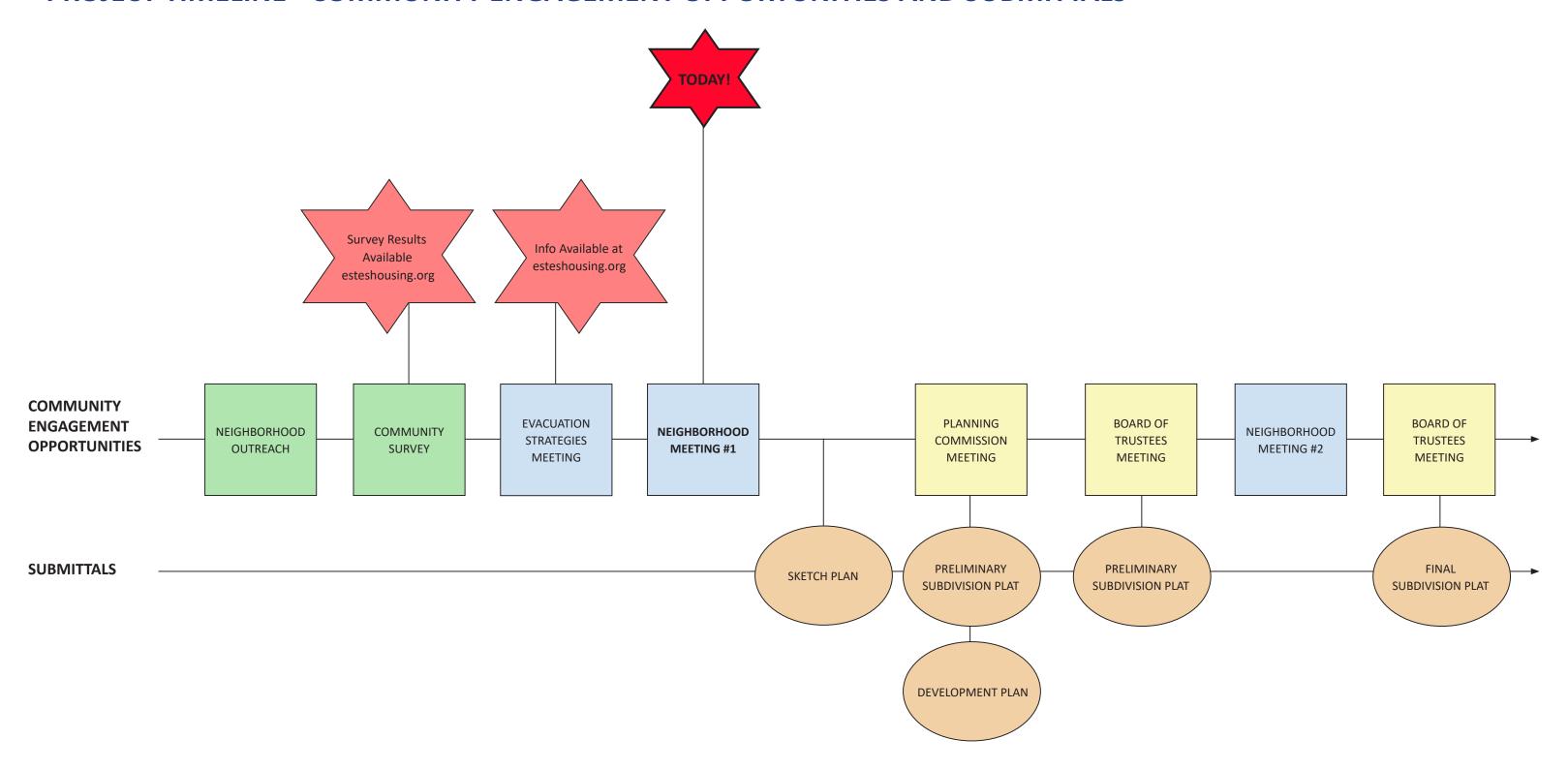
- Prioritize who will live in the community, and who are in the houses now
- Restrictions in place to ensure workforce will live there
- Interest in different scales of units and ownership opportunities
- Seasonal housing options

#### **Opportunities for other services**

- Childcare
- Police
- Schools

Overall concerns with density and number of units

# **PROJECT TIMELINE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SUBMITTALS**



#### **SURVEY PURPOSE**

Gather community input on workforce housing needs, development priorities, and appropriate development for this site

## **TOTAL RESPONSES**

345 total responses collected ensuring statistically significant insights

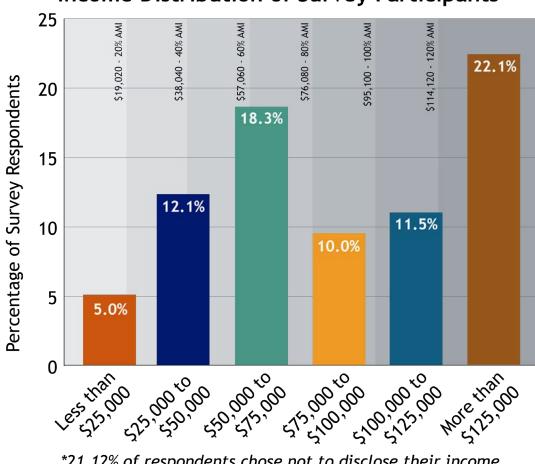
#### **KEY INSIGHTS**

- Prioritize walking & biking connectivity
- Preserve & celebrate site history
- Maintain natural buffers & wildlife corridors
- Incorporate mountain modern architecture
- Balance small private yards and shared outdoor spaces
- Address traffic & emergency preparedness



#### WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY?

# Income Distribution of Survey Participants\*



\*21.12% of respondents chose not to disclose their income.

#### **Household Composition of Survey Participants**





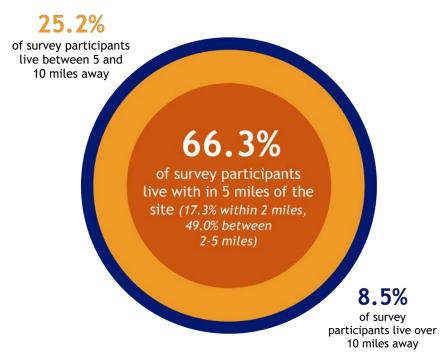




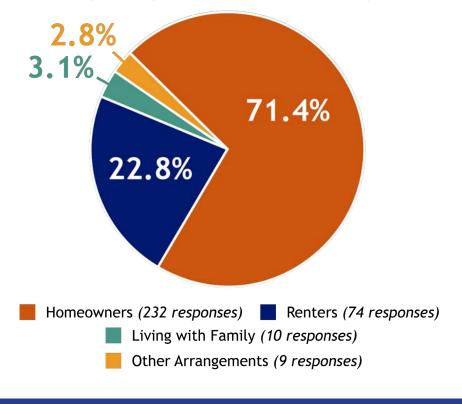
84.6% of survey participants identified themselves as Estes Valley residents (291 responses)

48.8% of survey participants reported working in the Estes Valley area of survey participants reported (168 responses)

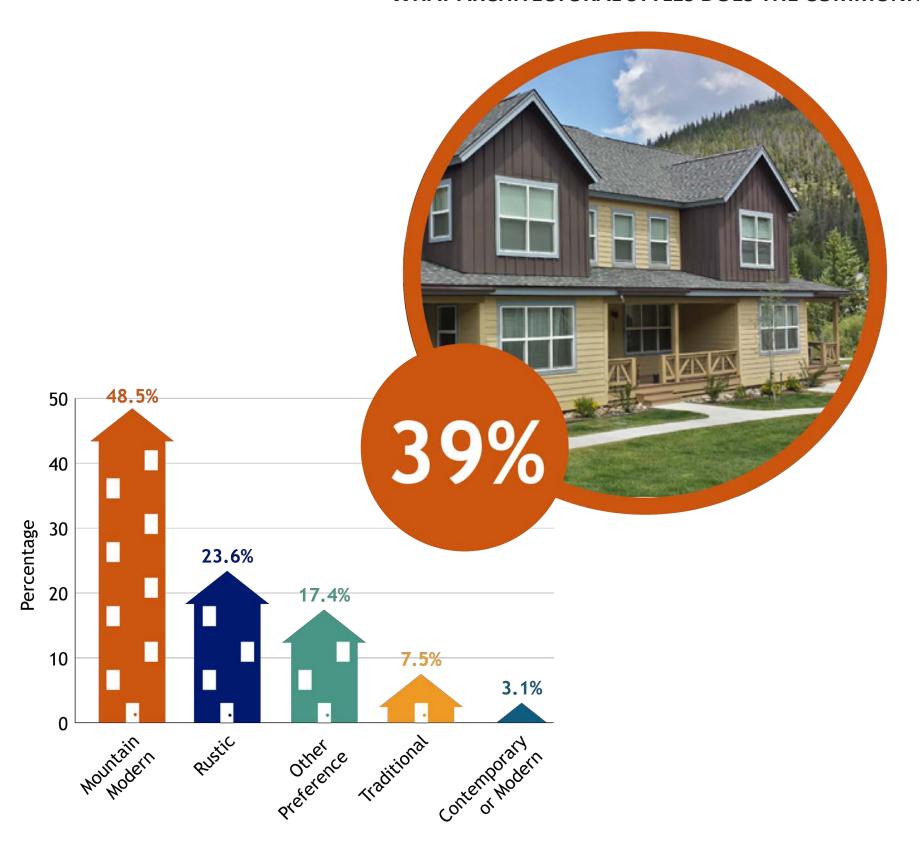
#### **Proximity of Survey Participants to Site**



#### **Living Arrangements of Survey Participants**



#### WHAT ARCHITECTURAL STYLES DOES THE COMMUNITY WANT TO SEE?







#### WHAT SITE AMENITIES DOES THE COMMUNITY WANT TO SEE?















#### WHAT AMENITIES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT?

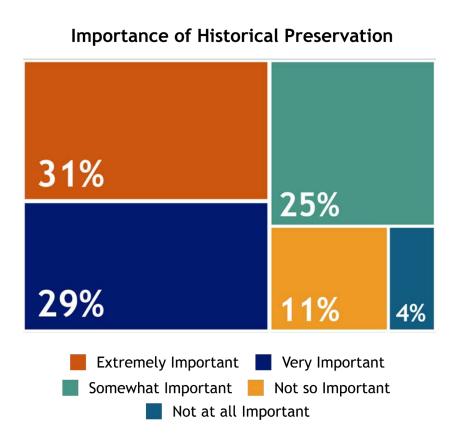
#### **Most Preferred Private Amenities**

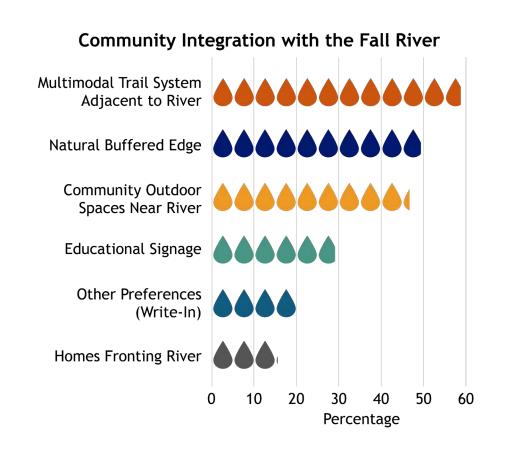
- Garages, Carports, & Sheds (53.1%)
- #2 Shared Outdoor Yards (47.7%)
- #3 Compact Private Yards (35.4%)
- #4 Indoor Common Spaces (30.0%)
- #5 Public-Facing Porches (27.4%)

### **Most Preferred Public Amenities**

- #1 Walking & Biking Trails (79.2%)
- #2 Nature Play Areas (59.1%)
- #3 Shared BBQ & Picnic Areas (41.6%)
- #4 Community Gardens (36.6%)
  - Traditional Playground Equipment (31.2%)

#### **HISTORICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRATION**





#### **Top Areas of Community Concern**

- #1 Wildlife Habitat and Migratory Paths
- **#2** Emergency Evacuation Preparedness
- #3 Health and Quality of Fall River
- #4 Traffic Management along Access Roads
- #5 Limited Public Transportation
- #6 Dark Sky Protection
- **#7** Proximity to Rocky Mountain National Park



Prioritizes
Walking & Biking
Connectivity

Incorporates
Mountain Modern
Architecture





Preserves and Celebrates Site History **Survey Conclusions** 

The findings indicate strong support for a development that:

Balances Private and Shared Outdoor Spaces





Maintains Natural Buffers and Wildlife Corridors Addresses Traffic and Emergency Preparedness



#### FEEDBACK FROM 2022 PLAN

- Environment
- Traffic, Parking, & Transportation
- Workforce Needs & Affordability
- Recreation
- Opportunities for Other Services
- Timing

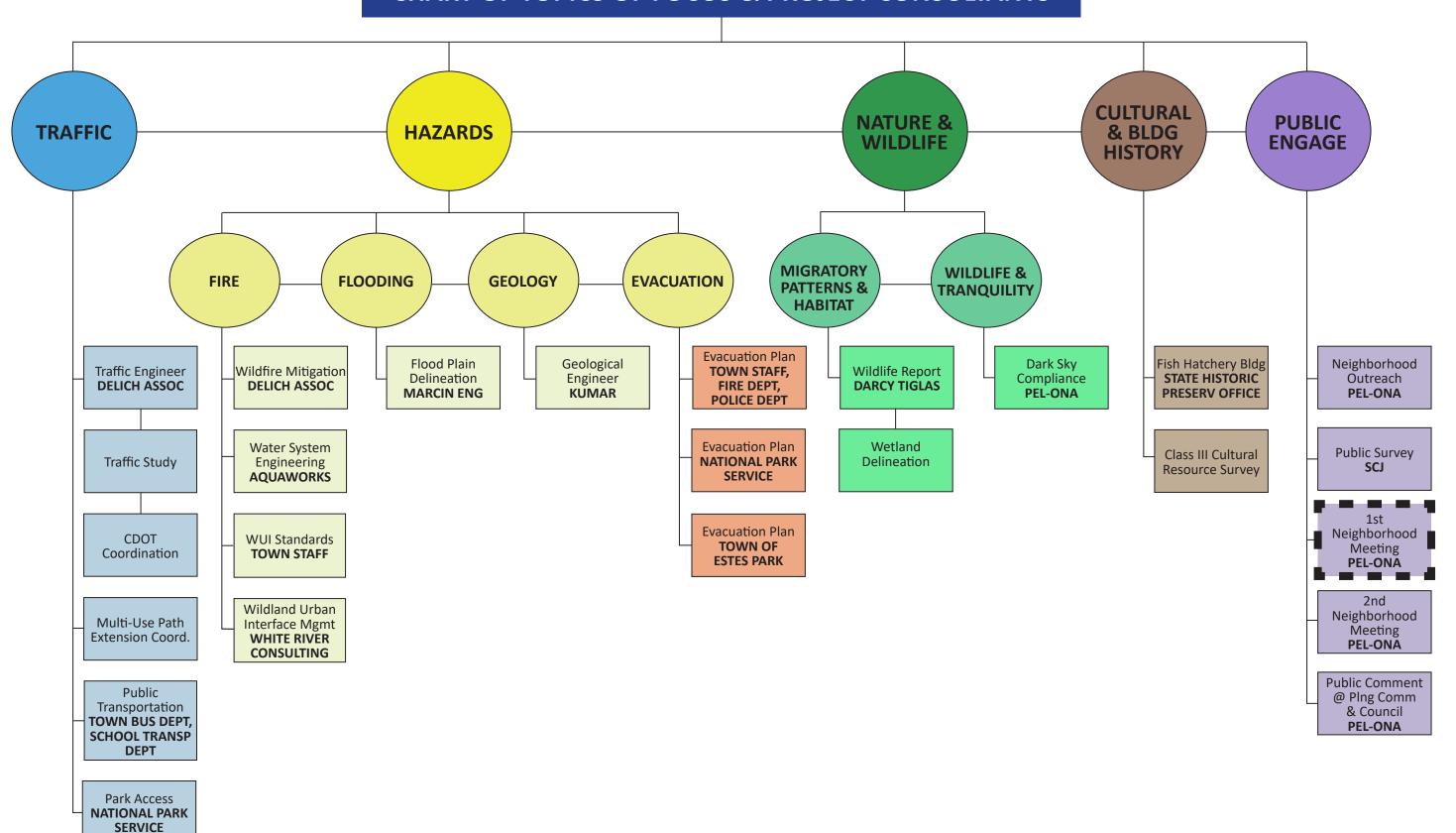
# TOPICS RAISED AT NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MTG

- Environment
- Emergency Response
- Traffic, Parking, & Transportation
- Quality of the Neighborhood
- Workforce Needs & Affordability
- Density

## **COMMUNITY SURVEY CONCLUSIONS**

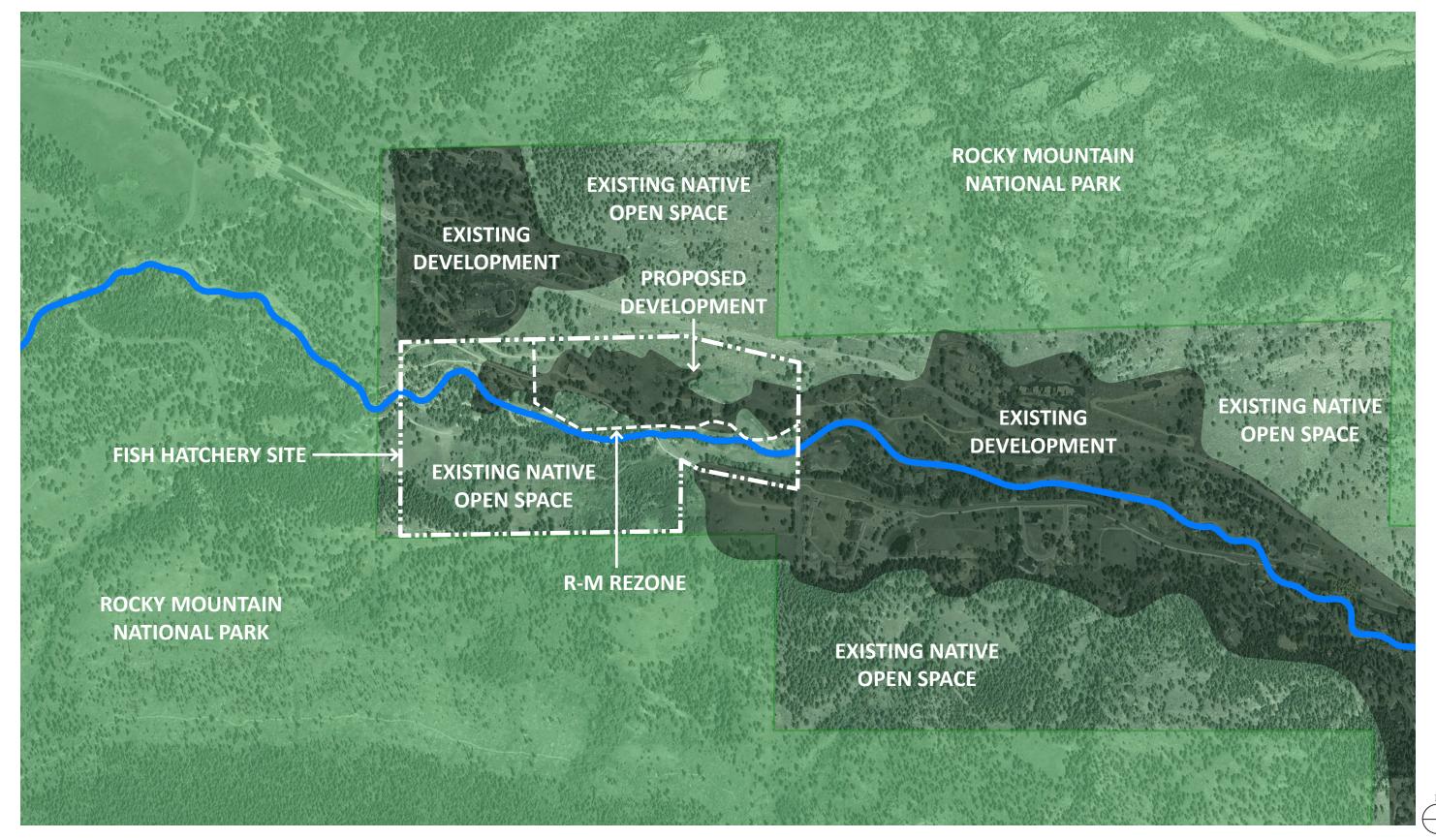
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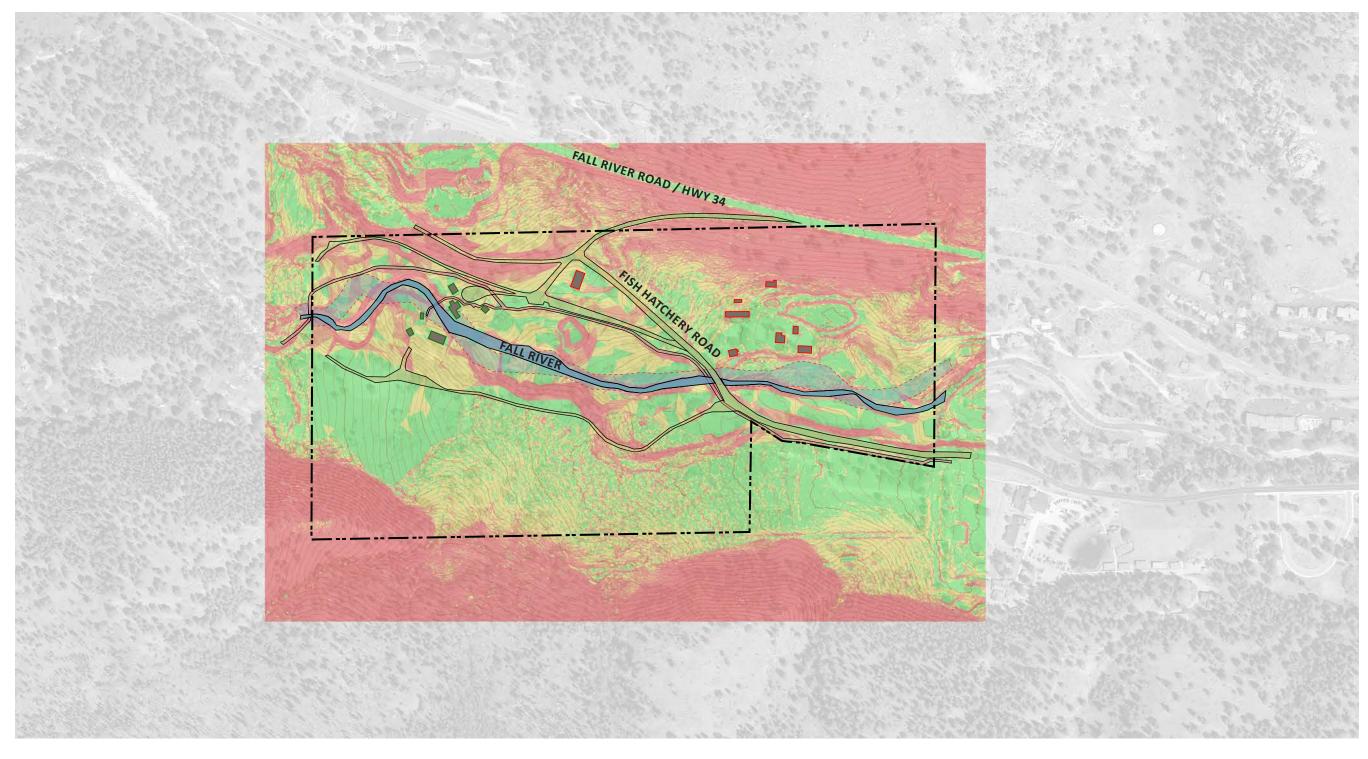
# **CHART OF TOPICS OF FOCUS & PROJECT CONSULTANTS**



CONTEXT DIAGRAM

PROJECT OVERVIEW & SITE PLAN





Slope is one of the most important considerations when determining locations and types of development. The green area shown above are suitable for larger buildings such as apartments. The yellow and orange areas are better suited for townhomes or small single-family homes that can step with grade. The solid red areas could be difficult to develop.

Site Boundary
 < 8% Slope: Ideal for development and ADA circulation</li>
 8-16% Slope: Requires some special building types, low walls, and some steps/ramps
 6-24% Slope: Requires mostly special building types, taller walls, and more steps/ramps
 > 24% Slope: Development is challenging and can be expensive



Scale: 1" = 400'

# **SITE, PROJECT AREA & ZONING**

# PROJECT OVERVIEW & SITE PLAN



NATIONAL PARK GATEWAY STABLES



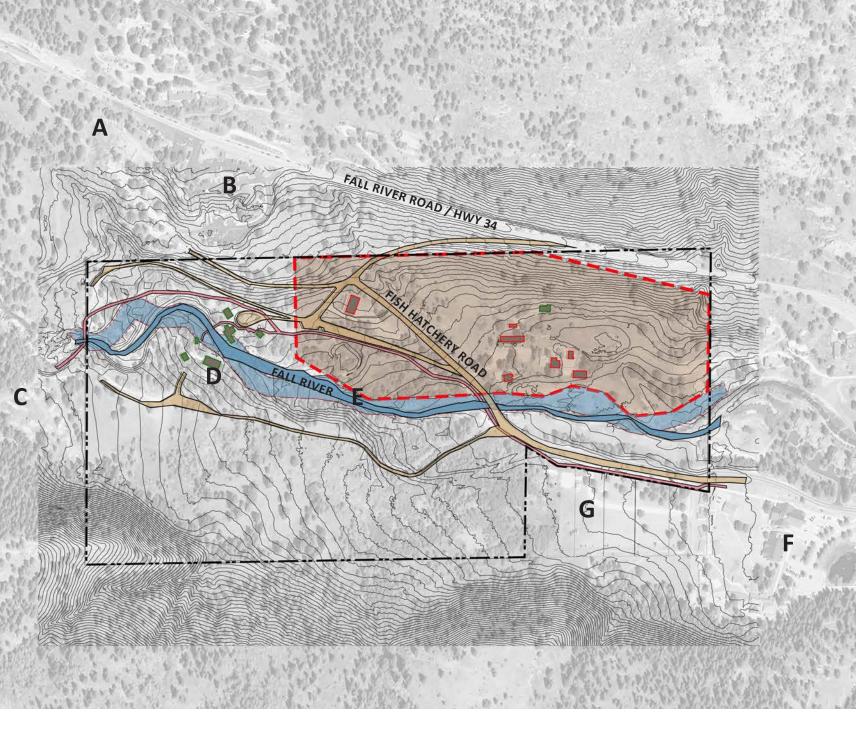
FALL RIVER VISITOR CENTER

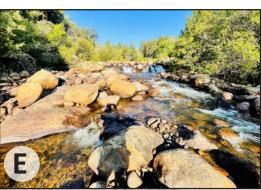


ASPENGLEN CAMPGROUND



O'CONNOR PAVILION

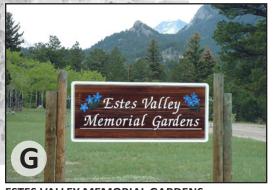




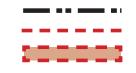
FALL RIVER



HARMONY FOUNDATION



**ESTES VALLEY MEMORIAL GARDENS** 



Site Boundary (75 +/- acres)
Project Area (21.8 acres)
Multi-Family Residential RM Zoning (2022)



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#### **NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**



FALL RIVER HYDROPLANT/MUSEUM - CONTRIBUTING



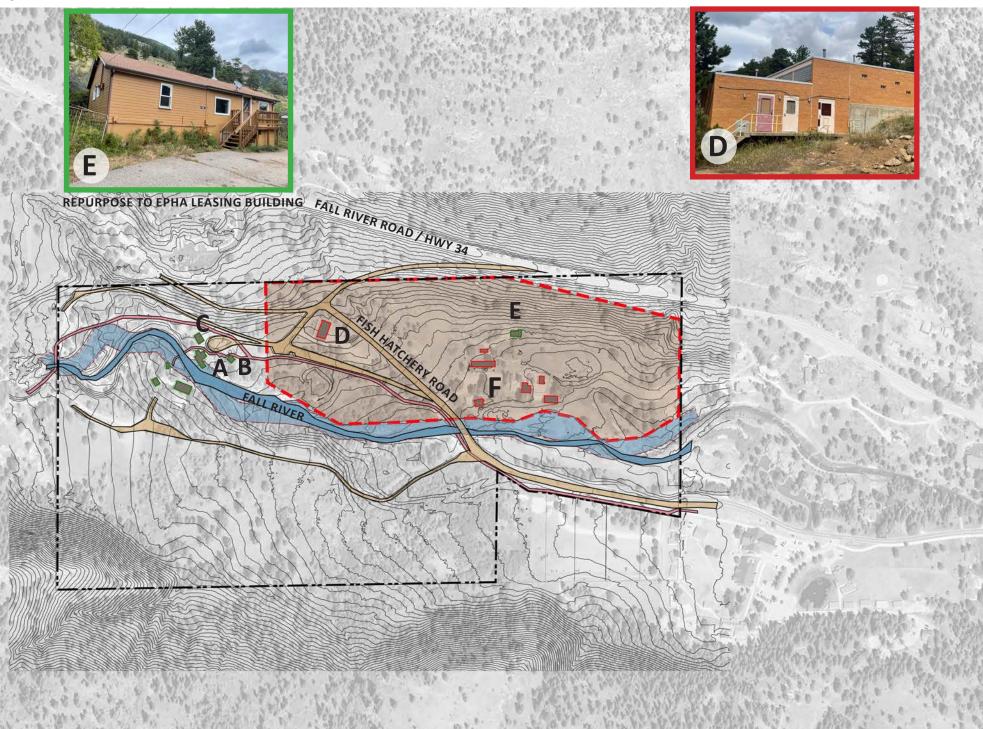
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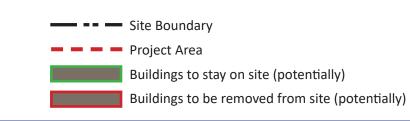
**OPERATOR'S COTTAGE #2 - NON-CONTRIBUTING** 



**GATEKEEPER'S COTTAGE** 



This 75-acre parcel of land has multiple structures including the Fall River Hydroplant museum, picnic shelter, several storage buildings, and houses. These houses are currently used for transitional and long-term housing opportunities for Town employees.









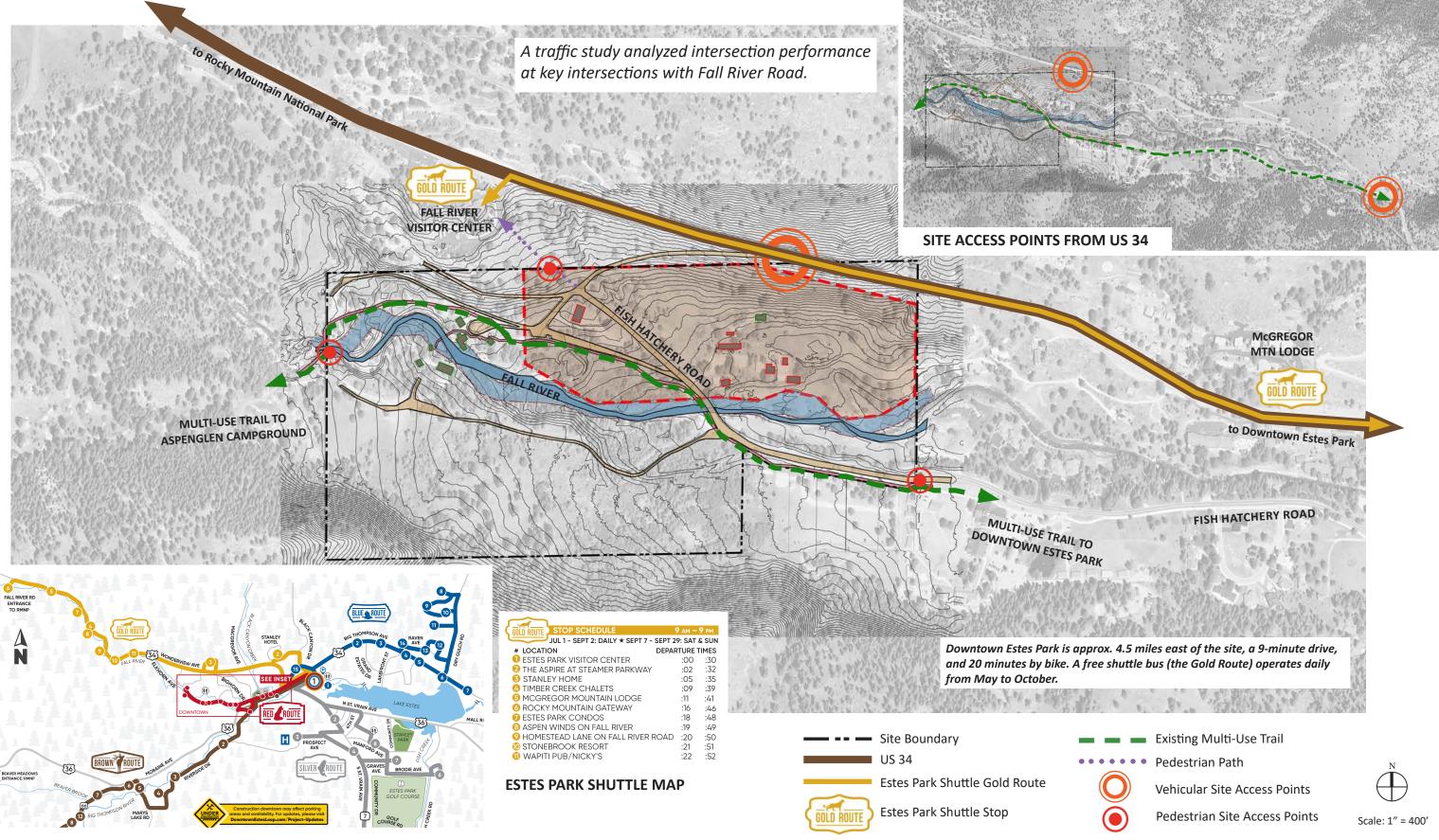


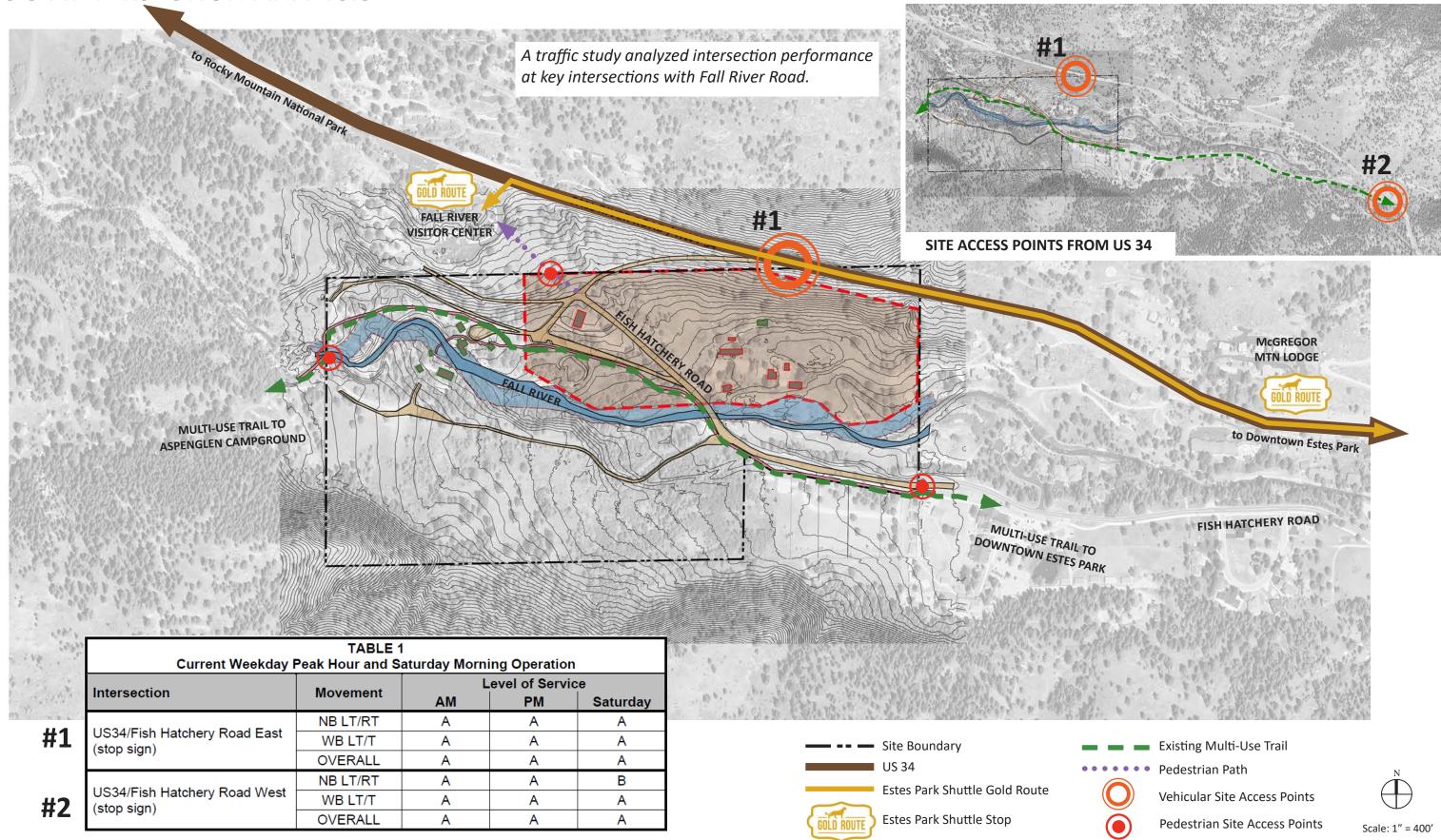
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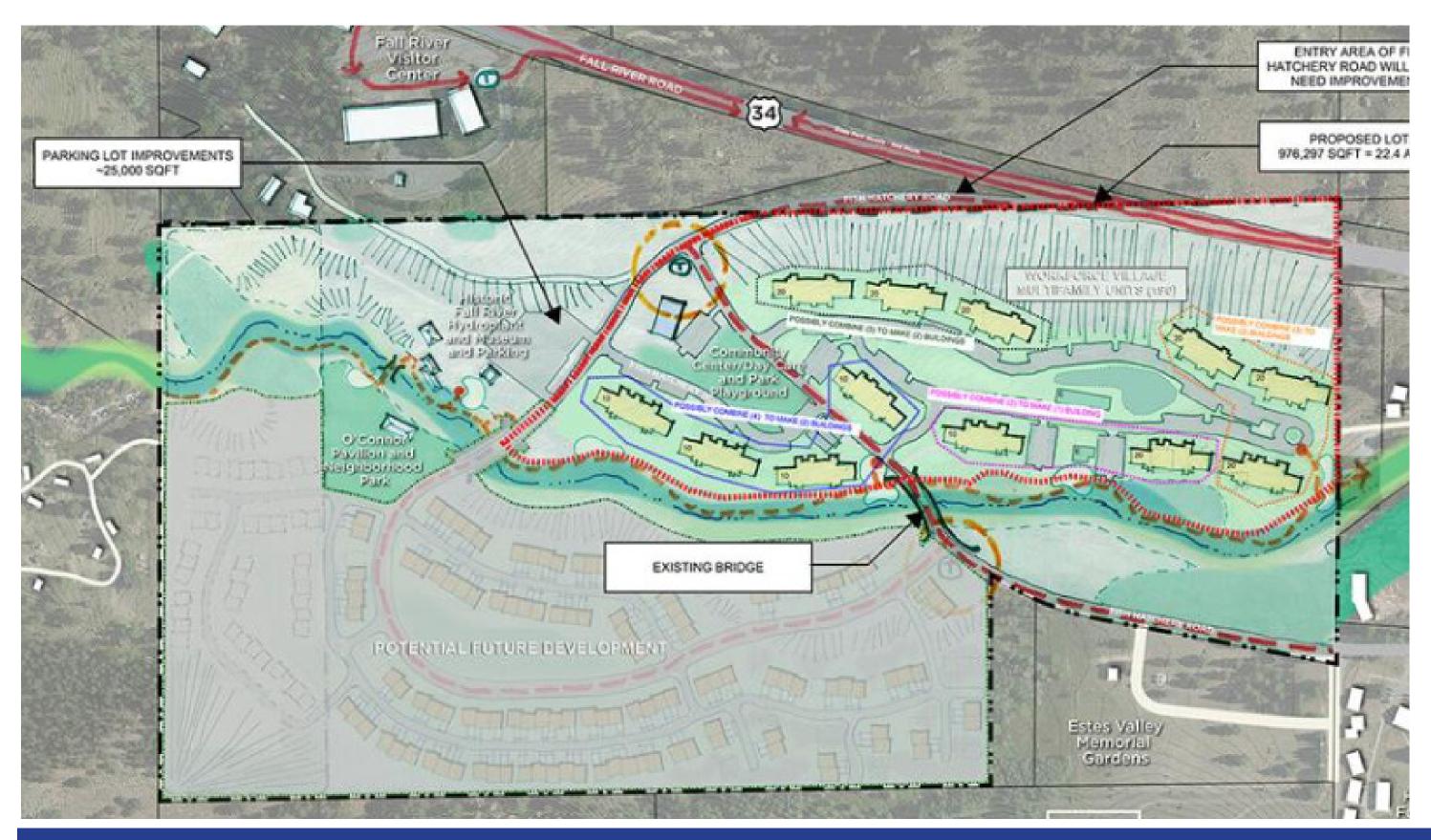


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TRANSPORTATION PROJECT OVERVIEW & SITE PLAN







## **SITE PLAN - FIRST DRAFT**

The site plan is organized to work with the steeply sloping topography with a system of streets, alleys and open spaces. Building types offer a diversity of housing options, tucking into hillsides, stepping with grade, and offering outdoor amenities on flatter lots.

Existing trees are preserved throughout the site. The general landscaping for the site is natural and aims to preserve existing vegetation. Areas that have lawn will be limited to select common outdoor spaces such as green courts and the central park.

The gradation of density across the site intends to address the existing adjacent features. Higher density is discreetly tucked into the hillside with apartments concealed at the center of the site and townhomes, duplexes and single family homes addressing the water's edge and eastern lot line.

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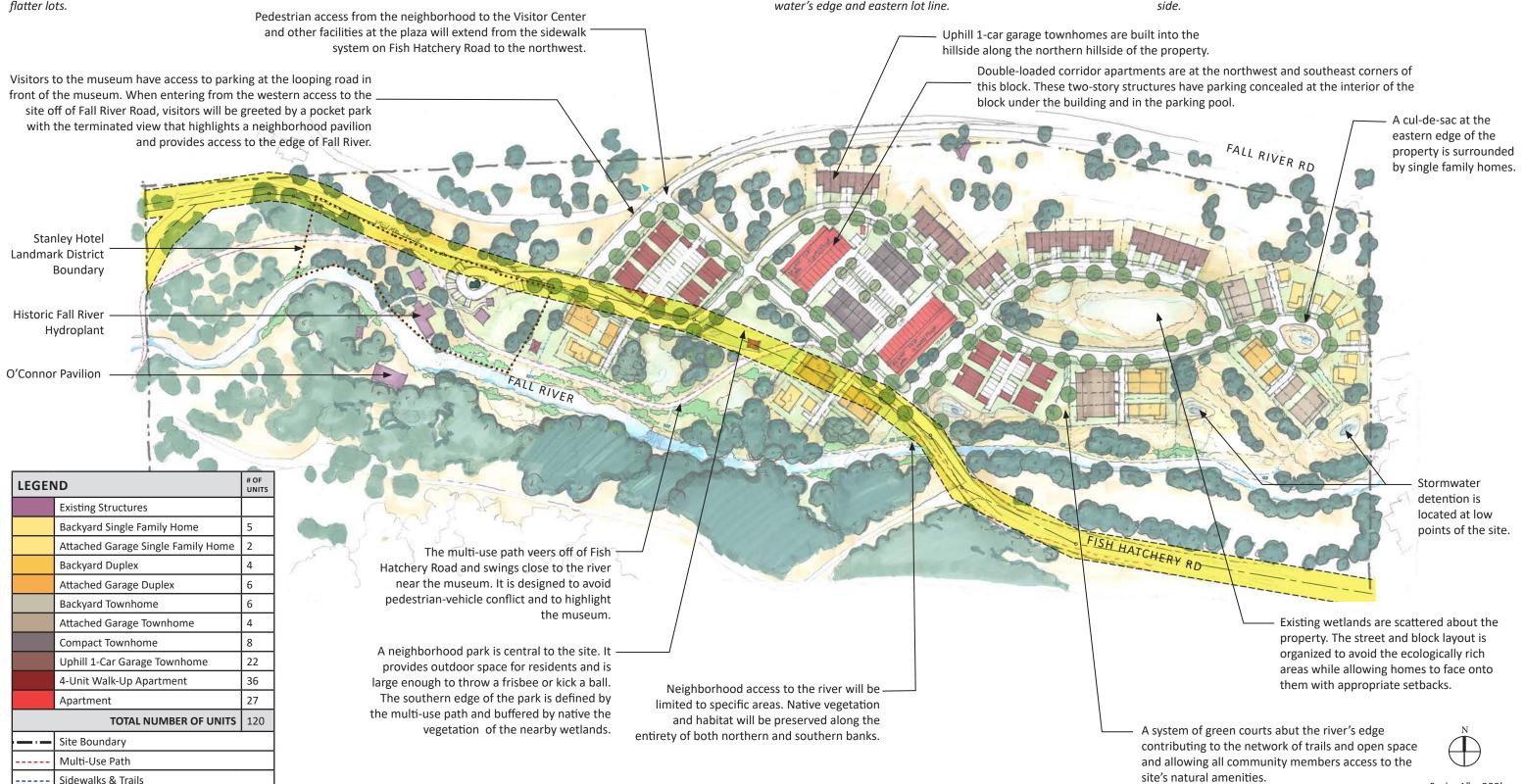
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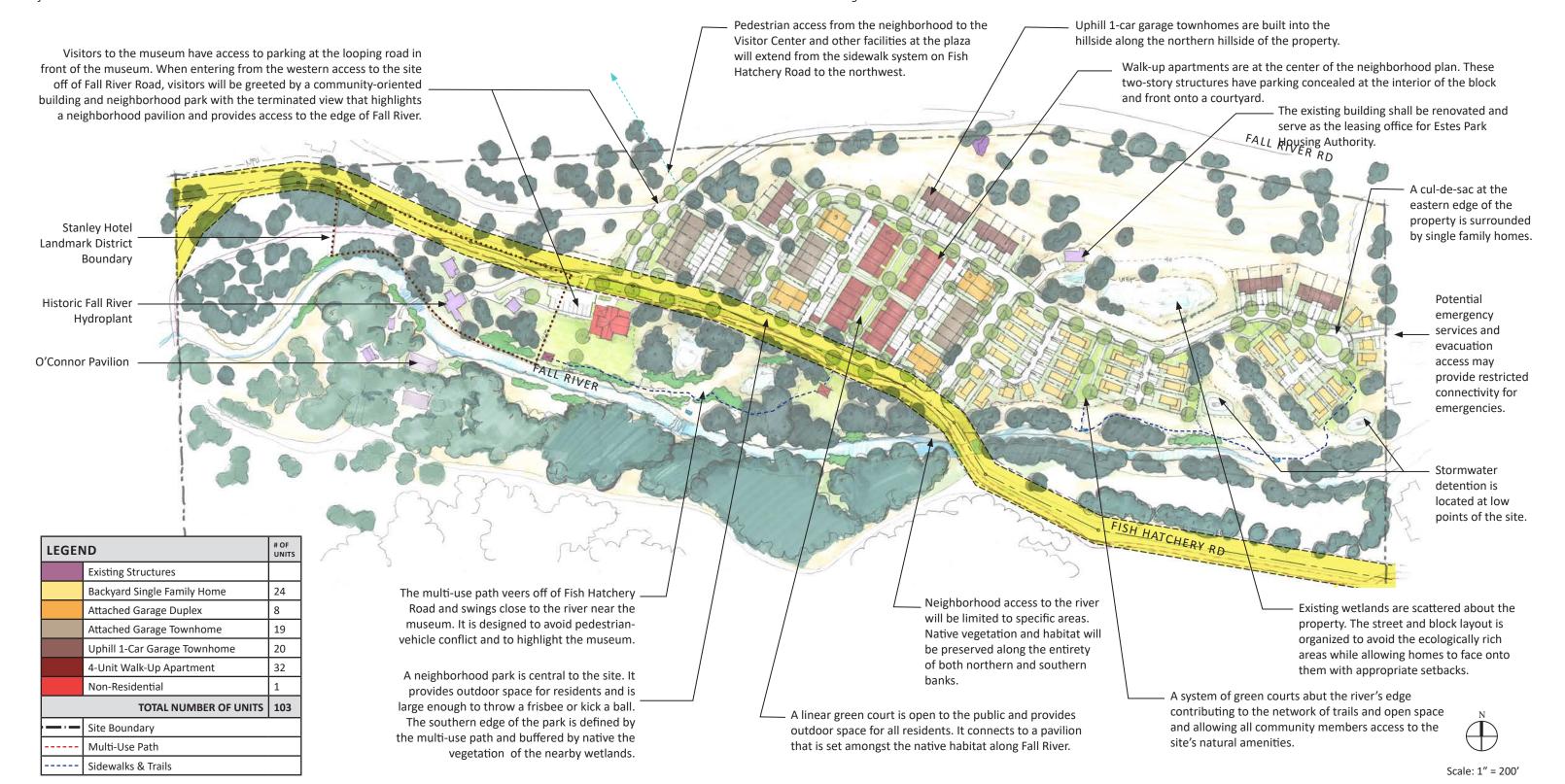
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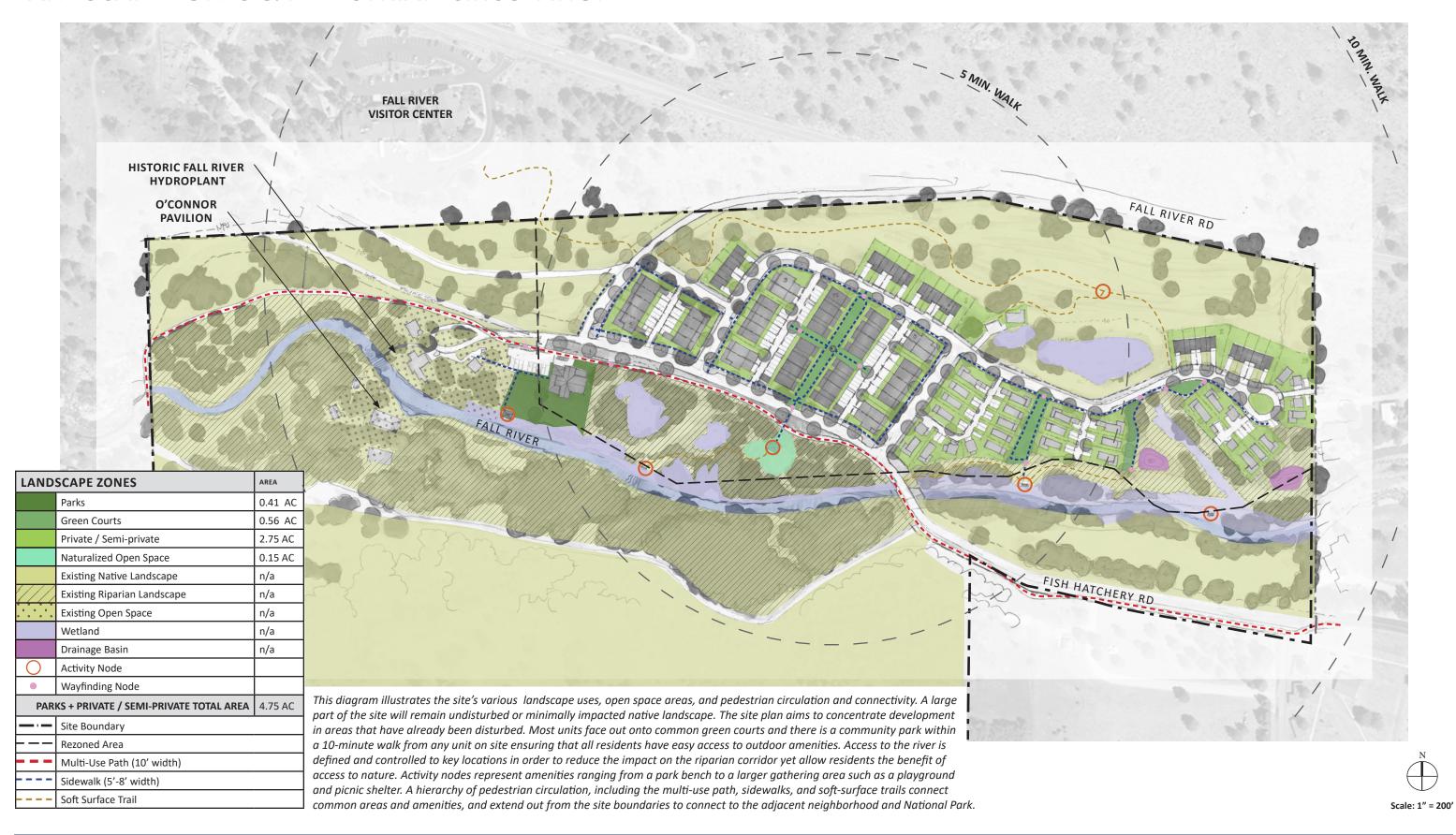






This diagram shows all existing wetlands and floodplains on site including those that are naturally occurring along Fall River, and some man-made features from the historic fish hatchery. The standard 50' setback is shown around all wetland areas as well as a potential 37.5' setback that may be considered in some instances. The design team is currently working through conflicts between the proposed site plan and wetland setback







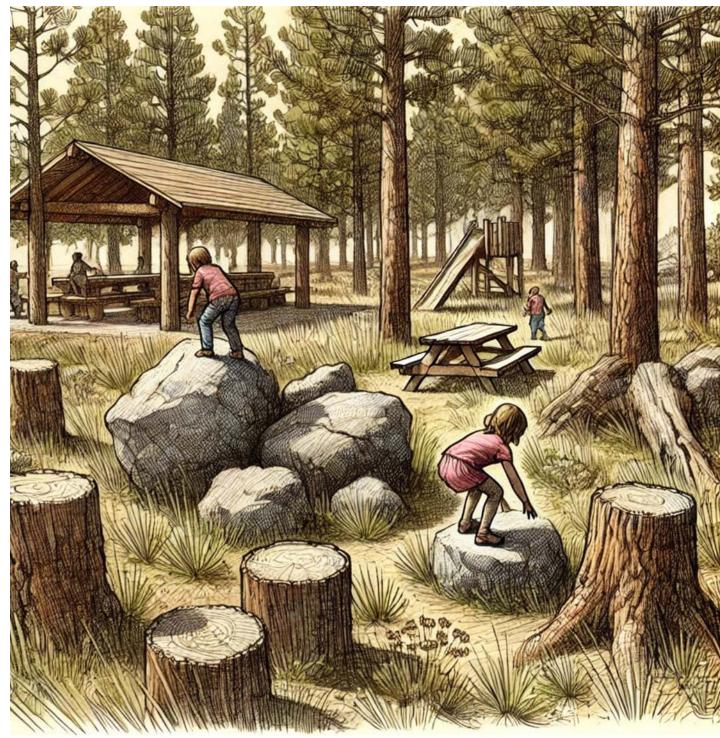








#### **NATURALIZED OPEN SPACE:**



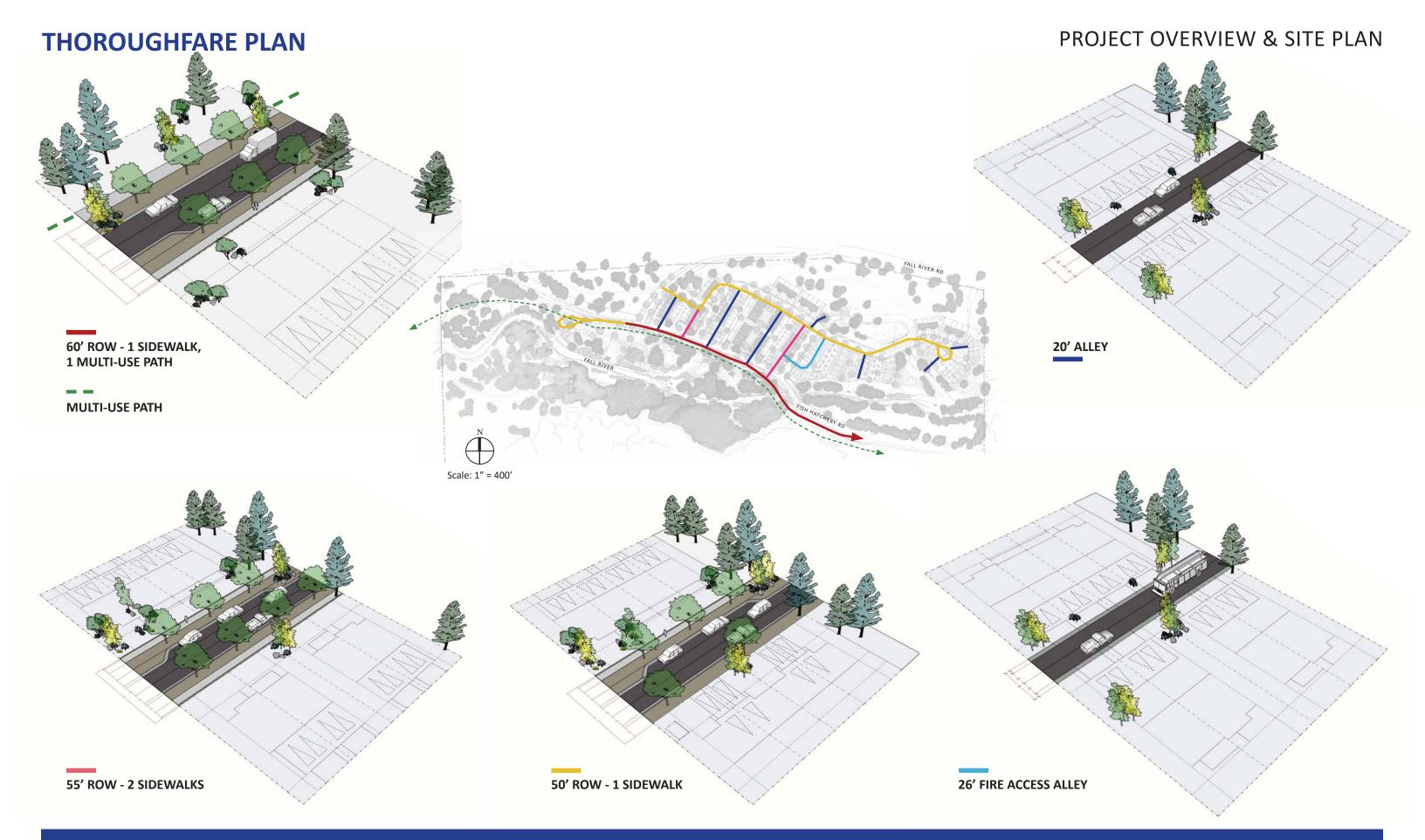
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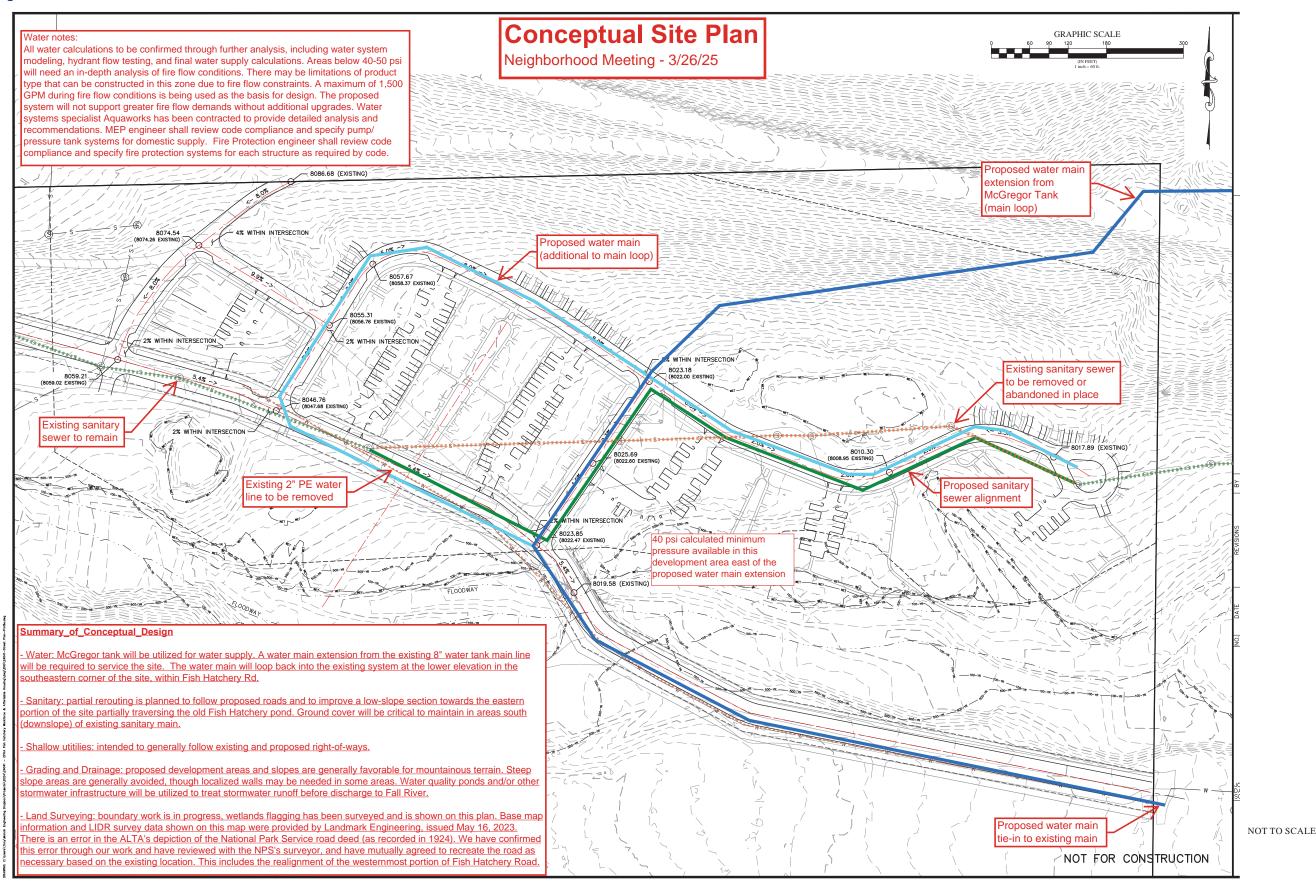
#### **GREEN COURT:**





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