

District Plan Work Plan
FINAL 1.28.21

Category	Implementation Strategy (Tactic)	Key	Tactic Complete?	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	2022	2023+	
Ongoing	Seek funding to preserve agricultural lands within the District Plan area	1		Continue identifying potential acquisition opportunities and utilizing various funding sources (City/County appropriations, AdCo Open Space Grant, GOCO grants). In addition, possibly develop a two-pager to facilitate outreach to non-traditional funding sources.												Remains Ongoing	Remains Ongoing	
	Encourage collaborative ventures among farmers and ag-related businesses to reduce expenses and secure markets	3		Continue to partner with the Brighton Chamber on agritourism initiatives and engagement of our local farmers. Continue to share relevant conferences and opportunities with farmers and ag-related businesses. Keep a pulse on regional initiatives like the National Western Center, the Metro North Chamber Food/Ag/Bev cluster, etc.												Remains Ongoing	Remains Ongoing	
	Periodically review area plans for future trails within the District Plan Area	4		Report updates to the DPC about relevant trails, their timelines, funding needed/secured.												Remains Ongoing	Remains Ongoing	
	Periodically review City and County transportation plans related to the District Plan area	5		Report updates to DPC about relevant road improvements and maintenance, their timelines, funding needed/secured; and future public transportation plans.												Remains Ongoing	Remains Ongoing	
	Contemplate the release of a request for proposals to meet the objectives of the District Plan by the development community.	7		Identify needs and opportunities and compile a collection of examples/case studies showcasing innovative projects.												Remains Ongoing	Remains Ongoing	
	Pursue opportunities with historic farm properties	8		Consider the use of the State Historic Fund for District Plan area historic structures; strategically engage with landowners (including the City and County) about historic preservation opportunities.												Remains Ongoing	Remains Ongoing	
	Network with local firms to explore possibility of establishing or expanding local and regional food business enterprise	20		Outline a vision for what an enterprise might look like, engage EDCs and Chambers; network and collect examples to share with partners.												Remains Ongoing	Remains Ongoing	
Codes and Standards	Develop City and County zoning overlay or design guidelines to address performance criteria; apply overlay to properties that could potentially apply for annexation	9														Research and compile memo of zoning code changes needed.	City/County code updates, Adams County Comp Plan update	Complete when City and County codes have been updated to support DP recommendations
	Evaluate the County and City's Land Development codes to further explore TDR and/or improve Cluster Standards	10	Dec-20, some follow-up 2021	Explore alternative strategies in TDR report, identify and share any possible next steps.														
Land Preservation	Explore creation of revolving fund to ensure portion of property tax funds from the District area are allocated for reinvestment, future land acquisition	29																
Farm to School	Increase school nutrition programming within existing school system	13																
	Implement on site school gardens within 27J School District	14																
	Explore the opportunity to begin a farm to school program for Adams 12 and District 27J to incorporate more local product in schools.	30																
Marketing, Agritourism, & Business Development	Create marketing campaign for District Plan area	15	Goal: Dec-20			Develop webpages for preserved properties	Promote the importance of eating local and supporting HSV farms; possibly coinciding with completion of wayfinding signage program, potentially through an HSV passport											
	Expand marketing capacity for locally- and regionally-grown products	16								Explore the possibility of a produce sticker program with HSV logo to market locally produced food.					If determined a potentially viable program, work towards implementation.			
	Create more community events around local foods	17	Goal: Jun-21			Ag Pavilion at Brighton Summerfest 2021 (if held). Work w/ Agritourism Subcommittee of event coordination and publicity.												
	Once agritourism direction established, focus on highway and street signage	18				Fabricate and install wayfinding signs in HSV.				Explore funding for more signs, including on highways if possible					Based on funding, complete signage on 85,76,E-470 in future.			
	Incubator program cultivating new farmers through farmer, business education and land access	19													Distribute survey, review results and determine possible goals for future leases. Some leases are up for renewal in 2022, others in 2024.			

P	Explore creating capital improvement plan for local foods infrastructure, such as farmers markets, food processing facilities and opportunities to re purpose historical sites for seasonal housing and distribution food center.	32			Interest form may yield some insight on needs.	
Local Food System development	Facilitate a local foods workshop with food system stakeholders	2	Apr-20, keep as ongoing	Decide whether to hold another workshop this year, what the goal(s) would be.		
	Identify and implement programs to address food safety education needs in production and consumer markets	22			Engage Tri-County Health, CSU Extension, CFVGA, and local producers to identify possible needs and opportunities for food safety education	
	Engage local entities to develop program focused on encouraging farm markets to accept SNAP and possible additional WIC benefits	23		Survey producers for barriers to entry, interest in participating. Determine next steps based on discussions. If solutions are identified, work with partners to implement		
	Identify and cultivate alternative labor forces	33		Continue exploring possibility of partnership to support expanding local housing for farmworkers.	Potential to explore ways to remove barriers and/or assist with housing needs for migrant workers.	
Land Management	Identify possible land lease incentives for soil building farming practices, sustainable irrigation practices, organic farming practices	24			Explore developing incentives to their existing program. Incorporate program into AdCo Parks & Open Space Plan.	
	Define goals for maintaining soil health and quality as part of agricultural land preservation management strategy	25			Define goals based on BMPs for soil, disseminate information	
	Define goals around water resources for agricultural purposes	26			Define goals based on BMPs for water, disseminate information	
	Explore and implement innovative farm techniques, organic agriculture research through educational programs	27			Work with partners to develop necessary educational programming to encourage BMPs to be implemented	
	Work with the Colorado Water Conservation Board to develop water conservation policies and incentives for agricultural lands	34				
	Encourage farmers and ranchers in planning and implementing conservation practices that improve the natural resources (e.g. soil, water, wildlife) on their agricultural land.	35				