

Representative Project:

**City of Evans, CO
Riverside Master Plan**

Plan Tools teamed with Matrix Design Group and Ricker Cunningham to prepare a neighborhood plan for the City of Evans, Colorado.

In September 2013, torrential rains led to massive flooding of numerous rivers in northern Colorado, including the South Platte River. In Evans, the devastating floods resulted in the loss of over 200 homes and destruction of a regional park, roads, and other public infrastructure and private property within the historic Evans Riverside neighborhood.

The flood recovery effort led to an opportunity to create a plan for the Evans Riverside neighborhood that preserves its historic character yet targets areas for reinvestment. The principal objective: provide a vision for redevelopment that focuses available resources on building resiliency through improved land use and community design.

A citizen task force guided the planning effort. Over 300 responses to a community survey shaped the project goals, which include: retention of neighborhood character, enhanced recreation opportunities, and reestablishment of the historic downtown commercial district.

Three plan alternatives were prepared and a preferred concept selected. The Preferred Concept serves as the heart of the Evans Riverside Master Plan.

The Riverside Master Plan was unanimously adopted by the Evans City Council in July 2015. The plan document includes detailed implementation steps for public and private sector initiatives and partnerships, along with cost estimates and funding sources for a host of prioritized neighborhood improvements.

