

OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO



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Ouray County Planning
Commission Presentation



- Introductions
- Background and Meeting Objective
- Interactive Questionnaire
- Role of Master Plans
- Plan Review
- Issues and Opportunities
- Next Steps

Background - 1999 Master Plan Elements



- Agricultural Lands
- County/Municipal Relationships
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Natural Resources
- Rural Character
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- Utilities
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Meeting Objectives



Does the plan need to be updated, and if so, what topics or issues should be addressed?

We will use what we identify as needing to be addressed to develop a process and scope for an update and bring the draft process and scope to back for refinement and affirmation.

Typical Reasons for Master Plan Updates



- Overtaken by events - some issues may not be significant any longer
- Colorado & federal laws and policies changes
- Court decisions, state and federal
- Development trends, patterns, conditions, & local policies
- Contemporary desires and investment potential
- Consistency or compatibility with other plans; DOT, cities, state and federal, and strategic community plans (*Note particularly recent updates by Ridgway and Ouray, and IGAs*)

Master Plan Stakeholders & Users



Interactive Questionnaire



How has Ouray County changed since the 1999 Master Plan was adopted?

- A. Demographics
- B. Economic Base or Activity
- C. Level of Development
- D. Land Market
- E. Others?

The biggest external factors that could influence Ouray County's future are:

- A. Federal policies and laws
- B. Public lands
- C. State policies and laws
- D. Climate change
- E. Neighboring County Land Uses
- F. Other?

The biggest internal factors that could influence Ouray County's future are:

- A. County policies and laws
- B. Landowner decisions and desires
- C. Growth – population and development
- D. Other?

**Are there trends and situations that require
a County response in the short term?**

- A. Yes
- B. No

Are there opportunities to enhance the quality of life for residents of Ouray County?



- A. Yes
- B. No

Has Ouray County achieved the objective of attainable housing set out in the 1999 Plan?



- A. Yes
- B. No

Does Ouray County have adequate infrastructure such as roads, utilities & communications to meet future needs?



- A. Yes
- B. No



**Is Ouray County immune
from economic downturns?**

- A. Yes
- B. No

**Will changes to the master plan affect
Ridgway and Ouray?**



- A. Yes
- B. No

Questionnaire Response Summary

- Summarizing feedback by category

Master Plan Functions in Colorado

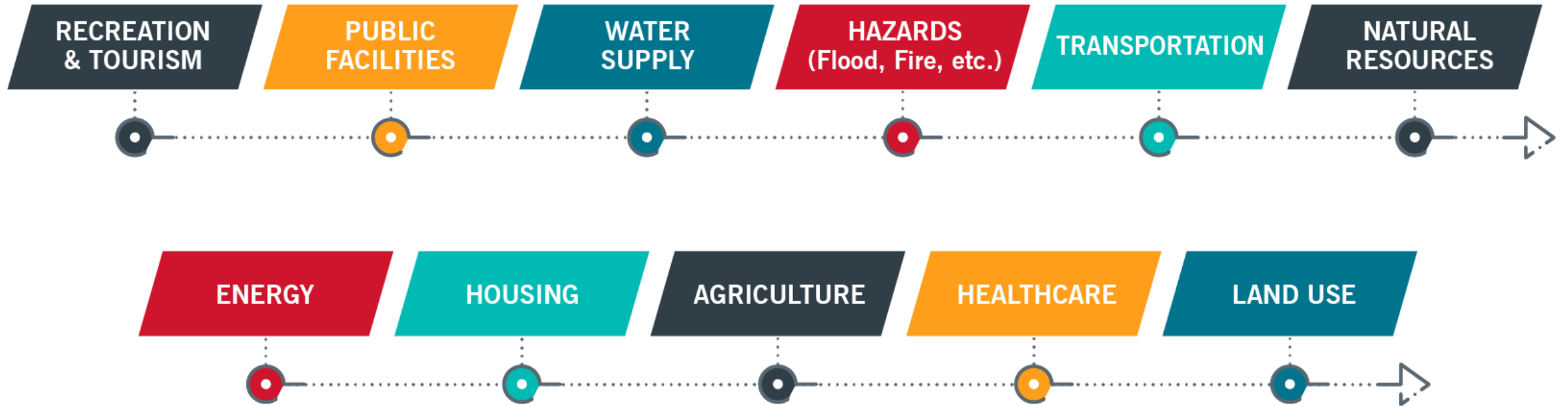


Colorado Statutory References



- Colorado Statutes 29-20-104.Each local government within its respective jurisdiction has the authority to plan for and regulate the use of land by:....
- Colorado Statutes 30-28-101.
- Colorado Statutes 30-28-133.
- Colorado Statutes 30- 28-106. It is the duty of a county planning commission to make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the unincorporated territory....
- *Theobald v Summit County Comm'rs (1982)*. Generally, the role of a master plan is foundational to zoning.

Potential Plan Topics



Other Colorado County Master Plan Functions



	Ouray	Prowers	San Miguel	San Juan*	Routt	Elbert	Delta	Broomfield	Conejos	Grand	La Plata	Montrose
county population	4,874	12,000	8,072	705	24,829	26,230	31,196	69,444	7,461	15,717	55,638	42,679
plan date	1999	2003	2021	2010	2022	2018	2018	2016	2003	1997	2017	2010
Land Use Plan	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Implementation		X	X		x		X	X	x	x		X
Trails			x	X	x	x	x	X	X	x	X	X
Existing Conditions		x	x	X	X		X	X	X	x	x	X
Extractive/Energy	x		X		X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X
Transportation	x	X	X	x	X	x	X	x	X	x	x	X
Economic Development	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Environment	x	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	x	x	X	X
Recreation/Open Space	x	X	x	X	x	x	x	X	X	x		X
Utilities/Public Facilities	x	x	x		X	X	X	X	X	x	x	X
Housing	x	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	x	X	X
Agriculture	x	X	X	x	X	x	X	x	X	x	x	X
Historic Preservation		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Public Safety		X		x	x			X	x	x	X	X
Airport					x		x				X	
Sustainability								X		x		

Other Colorado County Master Plan Functions



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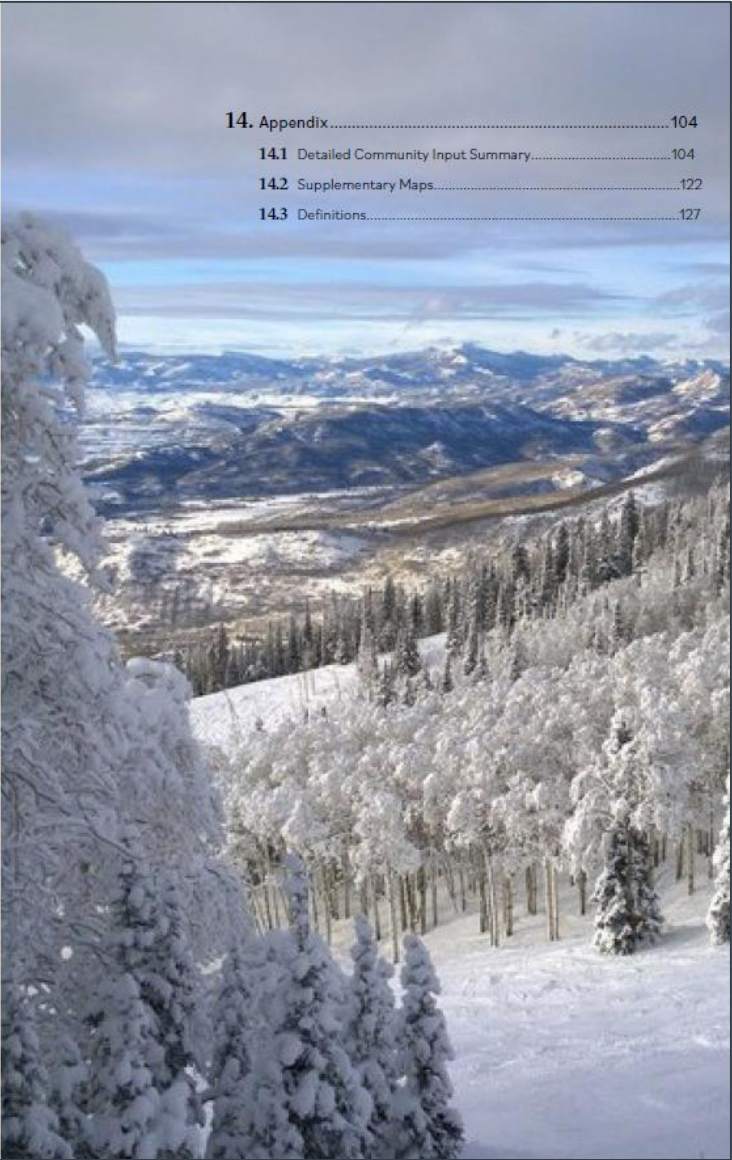
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For Each Topic



Assumptions or information to update?



Implications or ramifications of policy and strategy?



Issues and Opportunities that relate to this topic?

- What are the hot topics in 2022?
- Have the hot topics changed from 1999?
- What are hot topics that we should be anticipating?

2015 Review of 1999 Plan Hot Topics



- Ag- conservation incentives, update IGA, Eco. Development plans, water rights
- Co./City-annexations, joint reviewing boards, other IGA agencies
- Eco Dev.-home occupations, telecommunications com'l/industry uses
- Housing- attainable?, long-term rental, models
- Resources-1041 Regs,
- Character: dwelling/acre, PUD clustering, TDR,
- **Tourism: year-round, uses, special events, with cities**

2015 Review of 1999 Plan Hot Topics



- Transp.- Mass transit?, transportation plan, other modes, impacts
- Utilities- telecommunication, operation & maintenance
- Visually- additional regs?, incentives, open-space program
- Wildlife & Plant- maps, incentives, weed control, domestic animals,
- Other- prioritize time frames for implementation

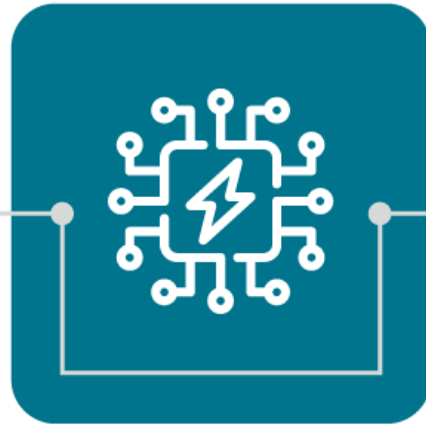
Emerging Trends that Impact the Future



Demographics



Housing



Technology



Climate/
Environment



Others

Issues and Opportunities for Ouray County



Recap Findings from Questions and Plan Review



- Summarizing feedback by category

- What is working well in the land use codes? Why
- What is not working well in the land use codes? Why
- What you like to see in the code that is not in there now? Why
- Do we have policies and plans that are not being implemented?
- Do we have regulations that don't have a foundation?
- Does the current zoning map meet the needs of the future?

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Zone boundaries and other information shown here are for reference only. This IS NOT the official county zoning map; it is a reference map to show updated parcels. The Official Zoning Map of Ouray County, dated 1/18/2001, is recorded at reception #173907. Use of this information as anything other than a draft reference map may yield unintended results.

Ouray County Zones

- Alpine
- Valley
- High Mesa
- North Mesa
- Public Lands
- South Mesa
- South Slope
- City of Ouray
- Town of Ridgway
- Colona

OURAY COUNTY ZONING DRAFT BASED ON 2001 COUNTY ZONING, PARCELS MARCH 2012

- Zone Boundary (estimated from 2001 Official Map)
- Area of Influence
- Urban Growth Management Area
- County Boundary (BLM Data 2008)
- Ownership Parcels
- Federal or State Highway
- County Roads (HUTF, not fully verified, subject to change)
- Other roads

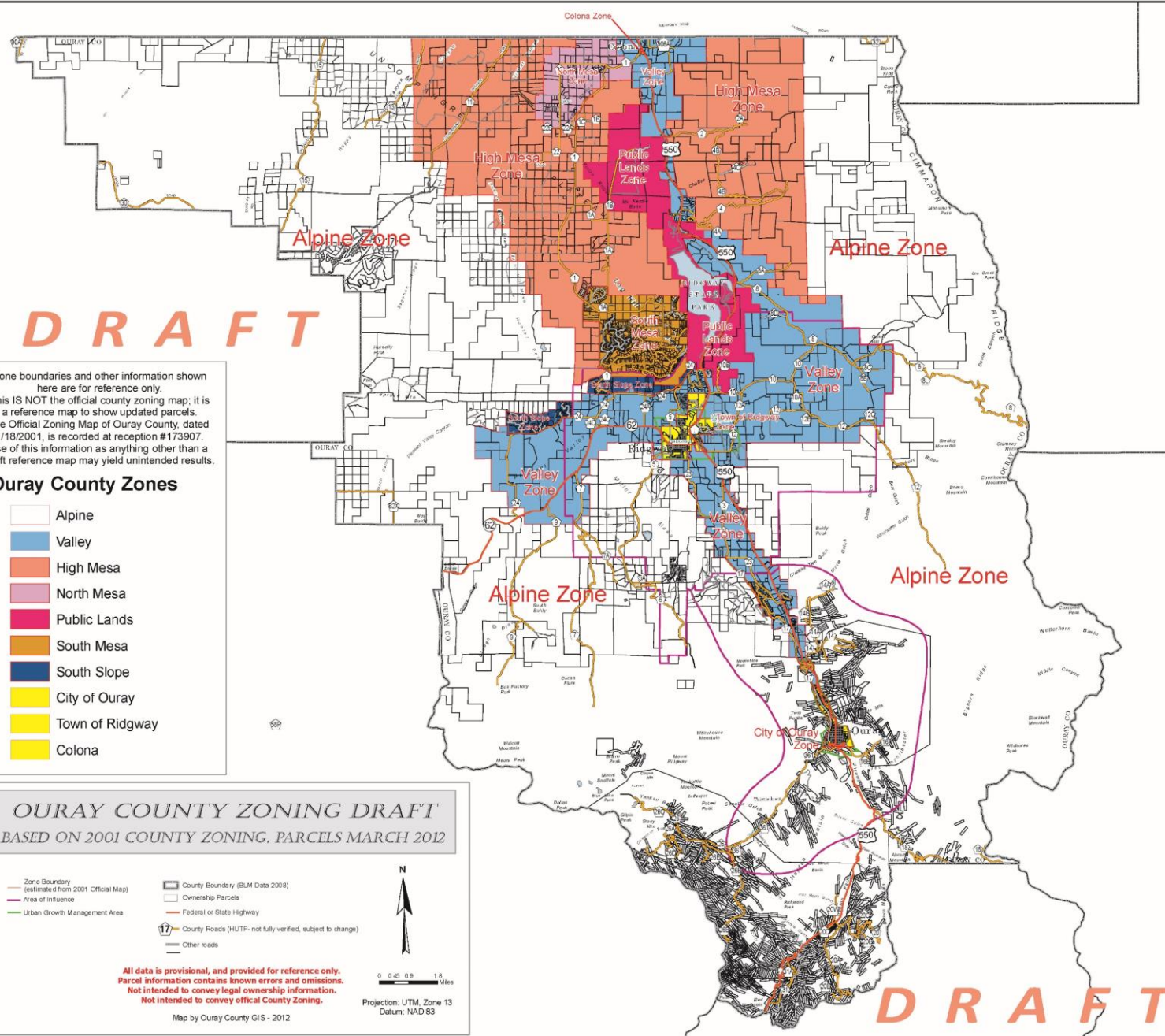


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Datum: NAD 83

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Map by Ouray County GIS - 2012



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- Master list of observations
- Implications for master plan update

Next Steps



Where do we go from here?



- Meeting with Staff to review today's discussion
- Draft Scope
- Create Action Plan

Thank You!

Q U E S T I O N S ?



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