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Nunn Citizens' Ideas and Opinions Shape Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Nunn and Civil Resources, LLC (Planning Team) are using a variety of techniques to learn about citizens' opinions about Nunn and their long-term vision for the community:

- *The Nunn Community Survey* is an ongoing effort aimed at enabling residents to share their opinion about the quality of existing services, their likes and dislikes about the community, and their vision for the Town's future. The survey is available online at www.civilresources.com/nunn or in hard copy at Town Hall.
- *The Nunn Student Charrettes* allowed the Highland High School leadership and art students to share their thoughts about Nunn's future. Students value the small-town, quiet atmosphere, low pollution and minimal traffic but want to see some expansion of recreation, shopping and entertainment options toward the center of town. They also want to see "cleaner" buildings and a general improvement of the appearance of Nunn by planting and maintaining more grass, flowers and trees.
- *The Community Values and Vision Workshop* engaged participants in a keypad polling exercise where they shared opinions on land use, critical issues and opportunities facing Nunn, the quality of town services and amenities in the area, and Nunn's character. The results of each vote were instantly displayed so that attendees could compare their feelings to those of the group as a whole and reflect on the results. Participants then grouped around tables that contained large aerial maps of Nunn to plan the future design of their community. They were asked to envision Nunn in 30-40 years and to not restrict their ideas based upon existing zoning or buildings on site. Each group then shared their map and ideas with the workshop participants.
- *Nunn Planning Fiesta* participants utilized innovative keypad polling technology to give the Planning Team feedback on preliminary ideas and concepts to be incorporated into the comprehensive plan based on input received at the first workshop and through the community survey. Participants then evaluated and discussed a cumulative draft future land use plan that combined concepts from the group maps received during the first workshop, a draft vision statement for the comprehensive plan, and a set of goals for the plan.



Several key trends and ideas have emerged from the public engagement process which helps shape a vision and aspirations of the *Nunn Comprehensive Plan*. Survey respondents, students and citizens at the workshops consider cost of needed public infrastructure, preservation and enhancement Nunn's unique feel and appearance, and economic development as major issues facing the community. Important challenges Nunn residents face include how to balance potential residential and economic growth to maximize its advantages while minimizing its negative impacts and how to ensure that possible growth compliments Nunn's distinct character. Nunn residents believe that the following ideas may help address the town's issues and challenges:

- Take a proactive approach toward economic development by encouraging intergovernmental partnerships and tax breaks as well as enhancing quality of life to attract businesses and residents;
- Develop a critical mass of civic, historic, residential and business uses to revitalize downtown;
- Create a directional sign hierarchy and entry monument concept in and around Nunn to bring visitors through town;

- Capitalize on the area's history and proximity to the Pawnee National Grasslands by emphasizing history in interpretive signage, transforming Nunn's main park into both a community and historic destination, promoting Nunn as the gateway to Pawnee, and by developing a historic walking tour;
- Develop an open space and trail network that is accessible for biking, hiking, equestrian activities, camping, etc. ;
- Emphasize organic gardening, recycling, and resource conservation; and
- Preserve important right-of-ways in a major/minor collector road hierarchy to promote efficient traffic circulation.

The Planning Team's next steps are to create a draft comprehensive plan that reflects the input that we have received and to ensure that the proposed future land use map, community vision, goals and subsequent policies and strategies to achieve these goals are consistent with the citizens' intentions. Please go to www.civilresources.com/nunn and complete the community survey if you haven't done so already and give us feedback on the future land use map, community vision, and comprehensive plan goals.



Community Vision

Nunn will be a community where people and the environment come first; a place where our small town charm and community spirit are celebrated and our history and peaceful quality of life are treasured. Our community will strive to provide exceptional services and housing, jobs, shopping and recreational opportunities for everyone.

Nunn Comprehensive Plan Goals

- 1. Foster a Collaborative Town Culture**
Nunn will operate in a transparent manner that is responsive, respectful and responsible to the fiscal, social and environmental interests of citizens.
- 2. Conserve and Protect Natural Areas and Resources**
Nunn will preserve and enhance water, air quality, wildlife habitat and other natural resources.
- 3. Adequate Public Facilities**
Provide adequate public facilities (water, sewer, roads) for all citizens in a fiscally-responsible manner.
- 4. Pursue Economic Development Opportunities**
Partner with business owners, Upstate Colorado, CSU, government agencies, etc. to attract desirable businesses and to revitalize downtown.
- 5. Managed Growth Enhances the Community**
Nunn will promote a high design standard to strengthen the town's appearance and to enhance existing infrastructure. New development will pay its way and occur within the Town's growth area.
- 6. Focus on Nunn's Image**
Enhance Nunn's identity by improving the appearance and design of streets, buildings and homes and requiring high quality design for new developments that fits with Nunn's character.
- 7. Parks, Trails and Open Space System**
Nunn will have a connected park, trail and open space system that provides diverse recreational opportunities for users of all ages and abilities.
- 8. Expand Housing Options**
Strive for a diverse housing supply that is available and accessible to all citizens.
- 9. Safe, Efficient Transportation System**
Nunn will actively participate in regional transportation planning and have an interconnected, functional, attractive transportation network that balances the needs of automobiles with pedestrians and bicyclists.