## **Eberly Place Metropolitan District**

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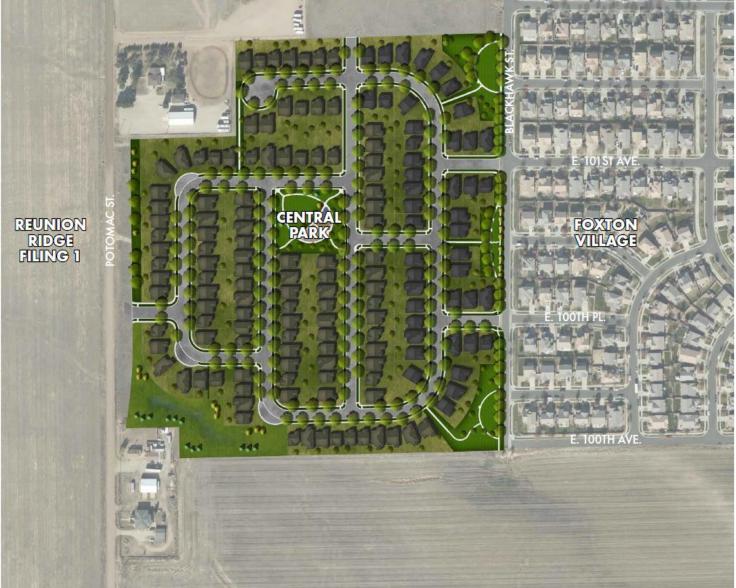
## **Developer and Consultant Team**

Developer:	Miller United Real Estate, LLC Dan Sheldon
Homebuilder:	<b>Richmond American Homes of Colorado, Inc.</b>
Legal Counsel	McGeady Becher P.C.
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Legal Counsel	Foster, Graham, Milstein & Calisher, LLP
(Land Use):	David Foster, Erik Carlson, Kristin Sullivan
Underwriter:	D.A. Davidson & Co.
	Brooke Hutchens
<b>Engineers &amp; Land</b>	Harris Kocher Smith
Planners:	Norris Design, Inc.

## Specific Projects Trigger Need for a District

- □ **CanAm** (*No District*)
- □ **Eberly Place** (Proposed District)





## **Compliance with Existing City Model Service Plan and Enhanced Provisions**

- The Service Plan was submitted on May 19, 2021 and is in compliance with the City's existing model service plan and has been modified to include additional restrictions and protections which include:
  - Mill Levy Cap of 60 Mills for Debt and Operations
  - Allow for the imposition of a Regional Mill Levy if the City changes its policy in the future
  - Limits the maximum debt term to 40 years

## **Compliance with Existing City Model Service Plan and Enhanced Provisions**

- Incorporates transparency and disclosure requirements, including: written disclosures to purchasers as well as requiring sales offices to display information regarding the District
- Requires the District to maintain a website
- Requires District Meetings to be held virtually and, if physical meeting, within 5 miles of the District Boundaries
- Requires Meeting Notices to be posted on the website

## **Compliance with Existing City Model Service Plan and Enhanced Provisions**

- Annual Reporting Obligations to City
- Remedies for the District's failure to comply, including injunctive relief
- Requires External Financial Advisor review and certification for Private Debt
- Limits interest on Developer Reimbursements
- Requires Cost Certification by an Independent Engineer prior to Reimbursement

# What is a Metropolitan District?

- A quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado
- Organized and governed pursuant to Section 32-1-101, et. seq., C.R.S.
- Approximately 25 metropolitan districts
  within Commerce City that have outstanding debt

# Why Use Metropolitan Districts?

- □ Tax-exempt financing for public improvements
- Support special development projects with significant public infrastructure costs
- Avoid taxes on existing residents for new public facilities so "Growth pays its own way"
- Create perpetual entity for purposes of operation and maintenance of public improvements

# **Governance of a Special District**

- □ Governed by a Board of Directors
- □ Statutes allow either 5 or 7 member boards
- Elected by a majority vote of registered electors
- □ 4-year, staggered terms of office
- Appointment of Vacancy authorized until next election

## **District Sources of Revenue**

- District Bonds
- District Property Taxes
  - Operations component
  - Debt
- Specific Ownership Taxes
- District Fees
  - Operations Fees / Charges

## **Eberly Place Metropolitan District**

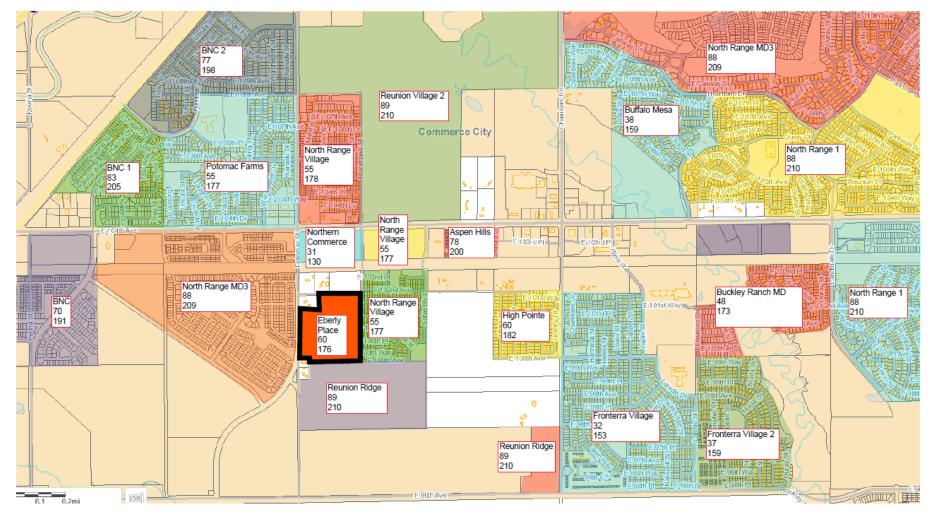
- Approximately 154 single family residences
- Annexed and Zoned; Plat is in process (anticipated June 2022)
- Development anticipated to commence in August 2022
- Population at final build-out will be approximately 385 persons

## **Proposed Debt Mill Levy**

#### $\Box$ 50 mills

- Maximum debt authorization \$9,700,288.55
- Proposed issuance \$8,230,000
- Maximum Voted Interest Rate 12%
- Maximum Underwriting Discount 5%

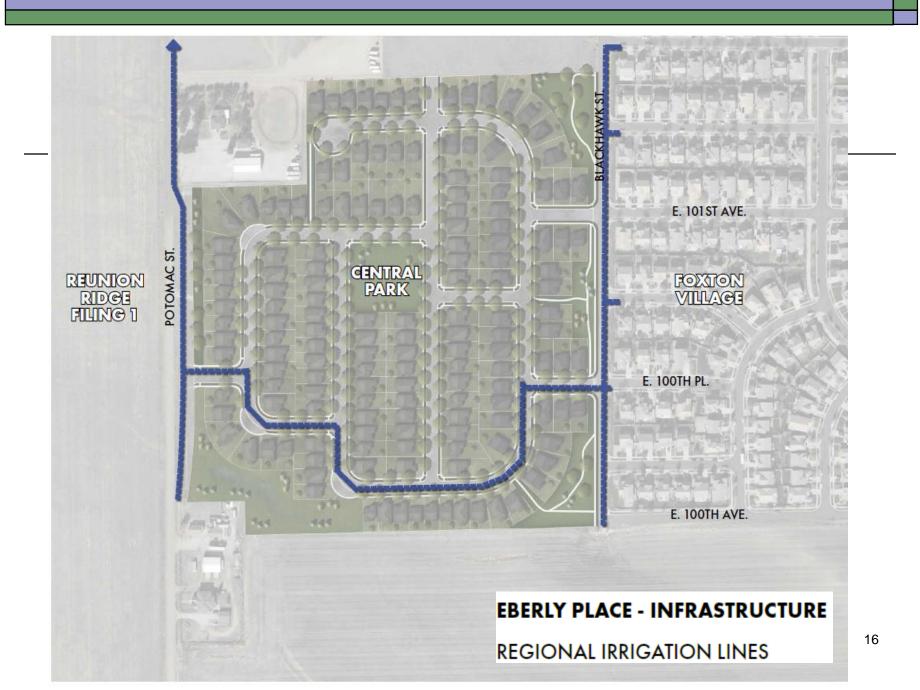
## Mill Levy Comparison Map\*

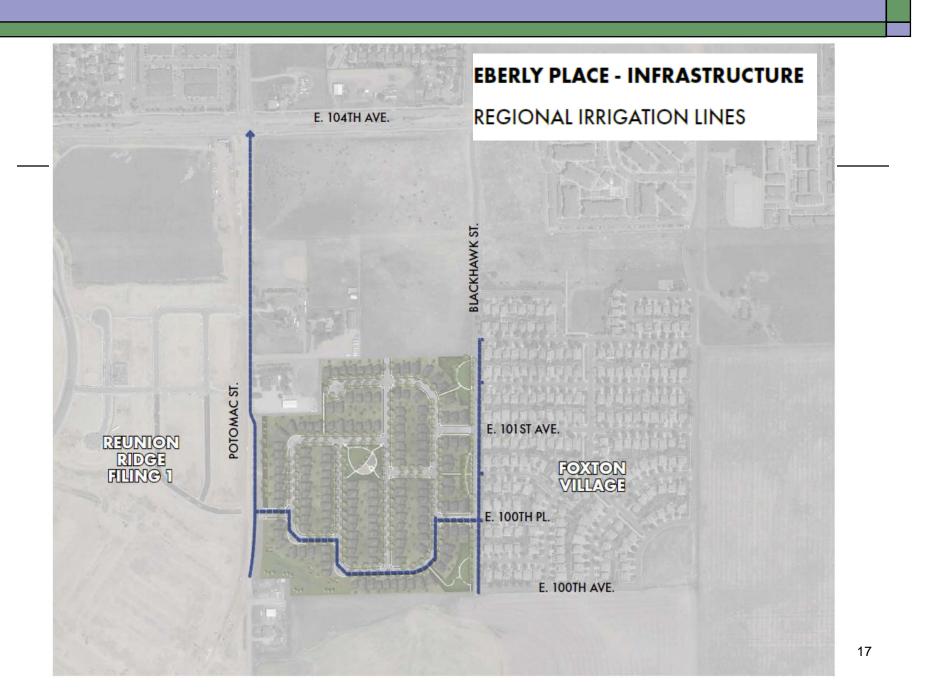


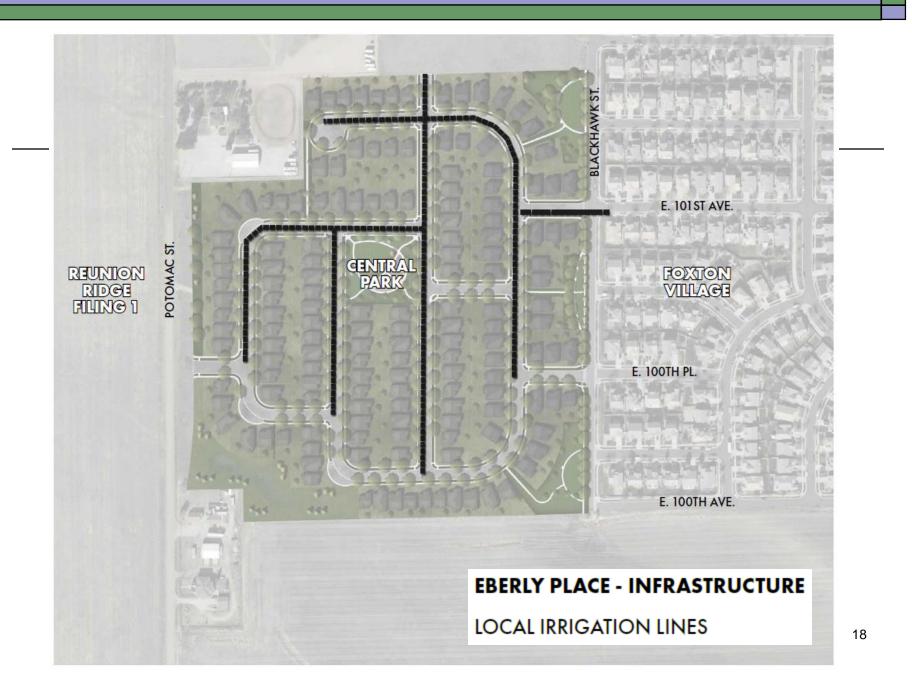
\*Representative Map (may not include all Districts) based on information from Adams County GIS System as of April, 2022

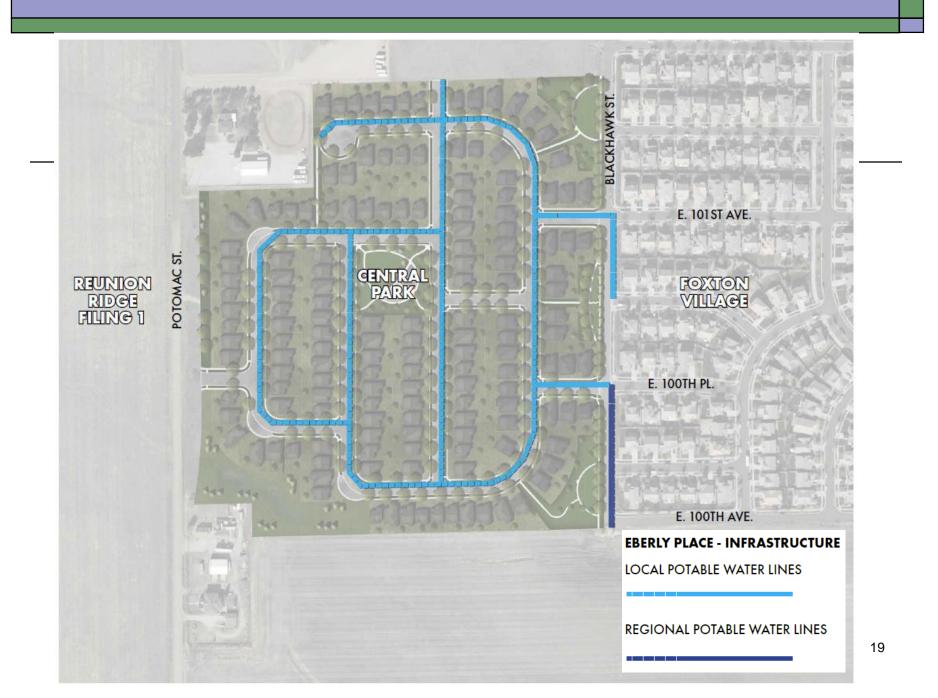
## **Public Improvements**

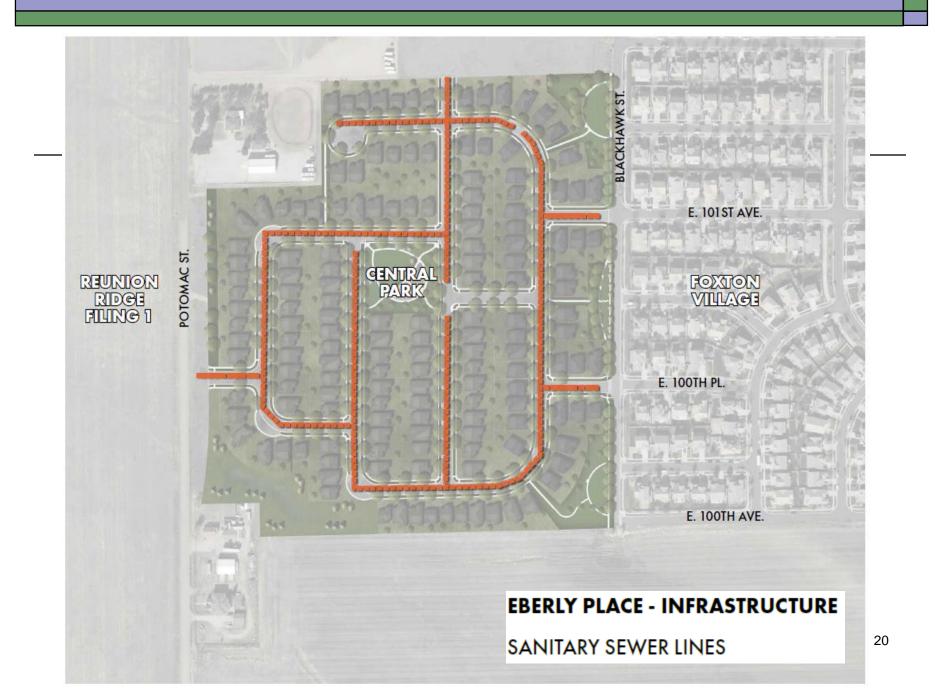
- The public improvements to be constructed will consist of water, sewer, drainage, street, park and recreation improvements, including contributions to Blackhawk Street offsite as well as contribution to an offsite traffic signal
- Anticipated Costs of public improvements based on engineer's estimates \$9,700,288.55
- Bonds will not be sufficient to pay all public improvement costs

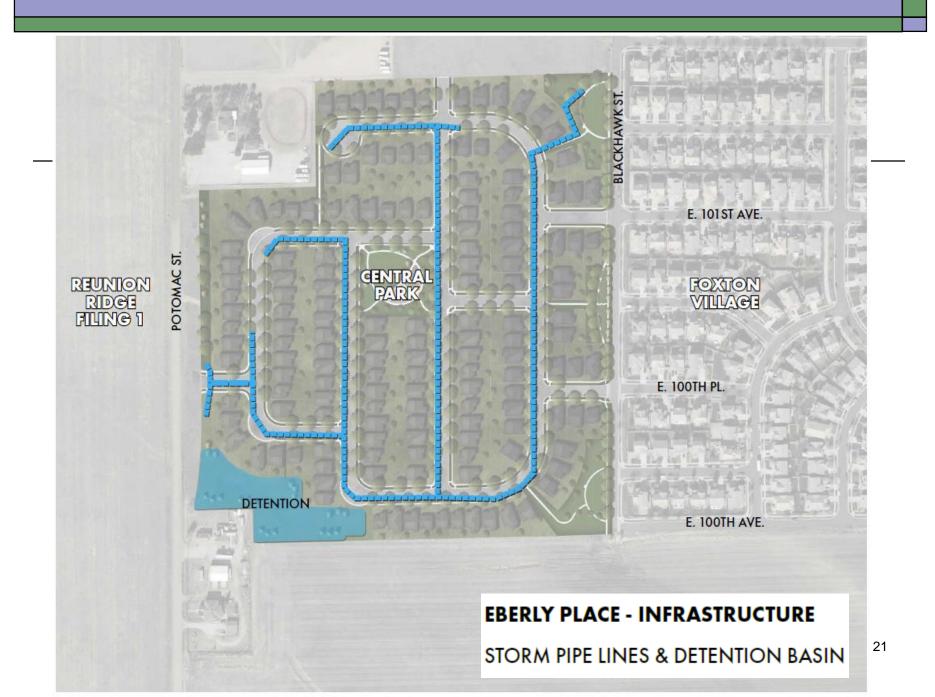


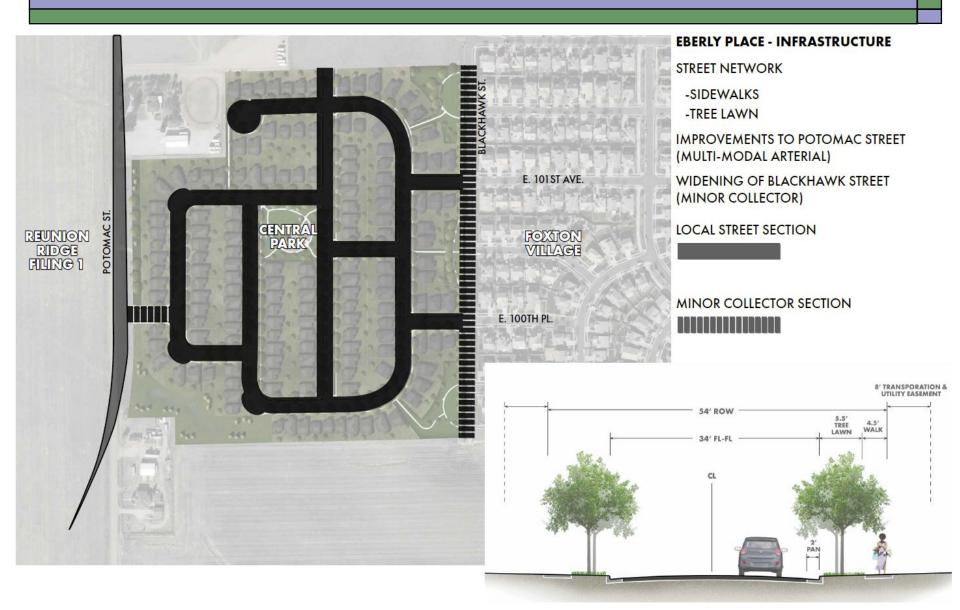












LOCAL STREET SECTION



THE PARKS, OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, AND **DETENTION PROVIDED IS 5.31 ACRES** 

# Proposed O&M Mill Levy

### $\square$ 10 mills

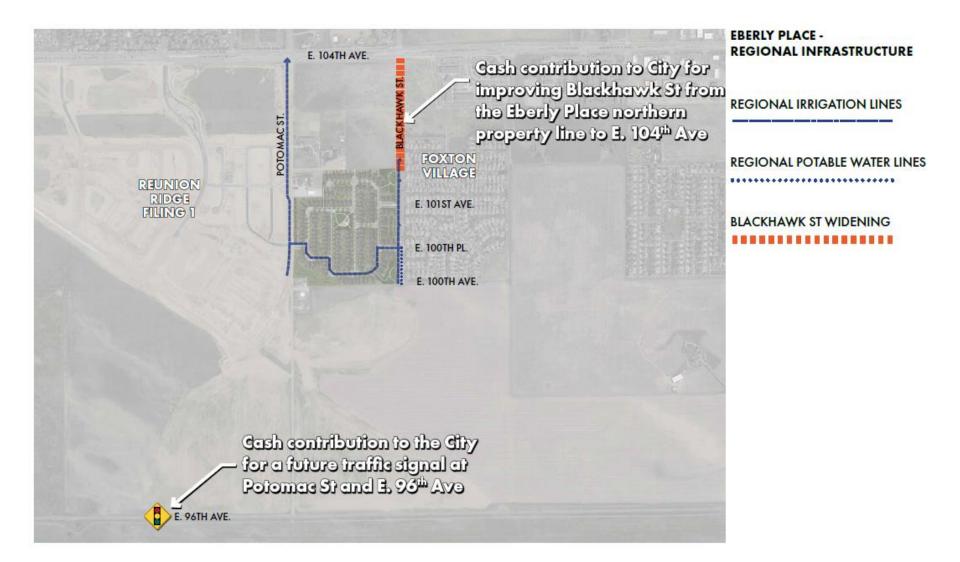
- District is anticipated to serve the Project in lieu of an owner's association
- District will provide covenant enforcement as well as maintenance of those public improvements not dedicated to appropriate entities
- Property owners will not be subject to separate owners' association fees
- Mill levy is capped. Not subject to adjustment

# **Benefits of Mill Levy vs. OA Fees**

- Property taxes may be deductible for homeowners
- Property taxes are collected by the County
- OA Fees—collection and enforcement is more expensive
- □ Eliminate potentially duplicative administrative costs
- More advantageous funding sources for capital repairs and replacements in the future
- Transparency and required filings with State and the City

# Public Benefit to District Formation

The District will finance public improvements of a regional nature, including, but not limited to: **Regional Detention Pond, Regional Irrigation** Lines, Contribution for completion of a portion **Off-Site Blackhawk Street Roadway** Improvements, Contribution for a portion Future Traffic Signal at 96<sup>th</sup> & Potomac Street, completion of nearby Road Connections



## **Public Benefits to District Formation**

 Will provide enhanced amenities including a neighborhood park that includes a basketball court, play equipment





## Thank you.