



Commerce City Journey to Historic Preservation

Commerce City Comprehensive Plan (2010)

The Commerce City Comprehensive Plan (Plan) recognizes the rich history of the area, including the original communities of Commerce Town, Adams City, Irondale, Derby, Dupont, and Rose Hill.

The Plan includes Citywide Policies relevant to historic preservation, including:

- Rehabilitated Homes (HN 1.1): Recommends the preservation of existing housing stock.
- Original Communities Recognition (CF 2.1): Recognize and celebrate the original communities, as shown on the Future Land Use Plan—Commerce Town, Adams City, Irondale, Derby, Dupont, and Rose Hill. Preserve historic communities and structures (e.g., through cultural events, signage, architectural treatments).
- Historic Preservation, Evaluation (CF 2.6): Evaluate potential historic structures and potential districts. Should significant resources exist, prioritize them for preservation and/or adaptive reuse.

Preservation was also included as a *Key Community Issue*:

Preserving History and Culture: While Commerce City is a relatively new city, it has a rich history tied to a number of smaller, historic areas. Preservation of the remaining elements and characteristics of these original communities, in addition to other historic attributes such as the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and the Rosehill Cemetery, provide opportunities for the community to develop and project a unique identity.

Commerce City Historic Preservation Plan (2015)

Building on the framework of the Comprehensive Plan, the Commerce City Historic Preservation Plan developed a brief historic context of Commerce City as well as historic preservation goals and implementation strategies. The Historic Preservation Plan was developed with robust stakeholder involvement by local and regional partners.

Goals

Provide an Understanding of Commerce City's History

Participate in Educational Opportunities Related to Historic Preservation

Identify Historic Resources

Explore Strategies for Honoring Important Historic Resources

Use Historic Preservation as an Economic Development Tool

Develop, Maintain, Support, & Establish Partnerships for Historic Preservation

Promote Historic Preservation as a Tool for Creating a Sense of Place

Implementation Strategies (Selected)

Local Landmark Designation (Individual & District)

Flexibility, as appropriate, with Building Code for Historic Properties

Streamline Development Review for Preservation Projects

Façade Loan or Revolving Loan Program

Historic Plaque Program

Pursue Grant Opportunities

Interpretive Signage

