

Please provide a detailed description of your proposed project	Which of the areas listed below do you believe your proposed project would improve, if implemented?	What are your expected benefits that this project would have on the community, if implemented?	Estimated Project Budget (\$USD)	Please provide any other information you think is necessary in evaluating this proposed project
Spend the money cleaning up the Platte river and Sand creek river by the refinery and develop a way to keep the water clean from pollution from the refinery	Water Quality, Public Health, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	Get the river and creek looking like it does in downtown Denver so that people want to visit it. Maybe get the water quality good enough to fish out of them	\$500,000 - \$1,000,000	Automated water quality analysis systems
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An open space & off leash dog park is needed for Commerce City. The lot where the greyhound park was would be ideal. Plant lots of trees and xeriscape the area, add walking trails/paths. Also, install exercise stations along the paths to increase movement. Build a pond or lake so there could be watercraft rentals and bicycle rentals (such as paddle boats/4 people cycles). The pond could also be stocked for fishing.	Air Quality, Environmental Restoration, Public Health, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	It would improve the look of the area, the plants and trees would help air quality, and the trails would better public health with exercise and activity. Its also a great way to meet people, increases community relations. The pond improves environment as well more activities for the health of the community	I am not sure	N/A
2 ideas _ 1st landscape in front of the refinery, 2nd: offer residents Radon detection and remediation	Air Quality, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	1. make the refinery a little less ugly, and 2: improve the quality of air and health to our Commerce City residents	Less than \$50,000	have heard many houses in Commerce City have Radon in their homes,
would need to be evaluated and a determination made as to the best way to go	Community Education & Information, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements, Public use for events etc if handicap accessible in the shadow of Suncor	Would provide a facility in SW Commerce City for low cost and/or free events/activities that right now are very limited. and one with good air quality indoors	\$50,000 - \$250,000	A determination would be necessary as to positioning an elevator externally

Replace sheet metal grade control structures on Sand Creek to a more aquatic life sensitive structure that looks more natural and is more aquatic life friendly.	Water Quality, Environmental Restoration, Community Education & Information, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	Improve aquatic life and enhance overall aesthetic of Sand Creek	\$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000	As a of the Sa d Creek Greenway and Employee of Metro Wastewater Reclamation District with experience in such projects these efforts would have significant improvements in both aquatic life and create a more natural appearance.
Implement a Greenway and open space corridor on the vacant lots between the refinery and up to the US 6/I 76 interchange. Projects include community gardens, parks and native species open spaces. I propose an additional partnership in these open spaces with both the Botqnic Gardens and the Butterfly Pavilion to promote pollinator and bird habitat restoration in these spaces. I am happy to provide a map of this project and vacant lots that could be acquired for this project and to assist working with both the gardens and Pavilion.	Air Quality, Water Quality, Environmental Restoration, Public Health, Community Education & Information, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	By adding community gardens we eliminate food deserts, which impact the neighborhoods surrounding the refinery disproportionately, and increase urban habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects and birds. Community gardens in other urban environments have the added benefit of reducing petty crime and vandalism, increasing access to nutritious food, and promoting a sense of permanence and community.	\$500,000 - \$1,000,000	A full accounting of land that already belongs to the city, county, and state would be necessary. Should this project be evaluated further I am happy to generate detailed maps.
Every home in Commerce City with a disabled person with heart, lung or other issues that can be proved by a Dr's letter should receive a home filtration system or at least 2-3 room filtration units along with a 2 year supply of filters.	Air Quality	Cleaner air inside the homes of the disabled person.	\$250,000 - \$500,000	I think the project should be headed by the Tri County Health Dept.

An offleash dog park where dog owners can take their gutter fur babies. It should include water stations and benches for sitting. And a large enough area for the dogs to run. Also maybe a trail that they can run/walk with their owners.	Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	A place where people can take their dogs and enjoy time off leash because Commerce City has a leash law.	Less than \$50,000	Area (land space)
Details would depend on how much might be available. At a minimum, a way is needed for access between the floors for anyone who needs handicap accessibility for what is a valuable community asset with room to accommodate various public events at very affordable rates. Plenty of off street parking is available as is a fully equipped kitchen that, ideally could also get a sewer line upgrade.	Community Education & Information, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	Provide a convenient, affordable facility in southwest Commerce City near Suncor.	\$250,000 - \$500,000	This is right along the N line which starts soon and very close to the new Alsup.
Plant more trees! CC does a terrible job at replacing mature trees that are cut down. Trees are not only beautiful but vital especially in an industrial based city like CC.	Air Quality, Water Quality, Renewable Energy Development, Environmental Restoration, Public Health, Community Education & Information, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements, Odor, Noise, and Other Nuisances	All of the above	I am not sure	This should be a on going project.
The neighborhoods of Elyria, Swansea and Globeville cannot access the Sand Creek Greenway easily via Colorado, Vasquez, or Stapleton Dr. They are missing an opportunity for commuting, exercising, and walking.	Public Health	public health	I am not sure	Walk2Connect, Sand Creek Greenway and NETC have worked on a walking inventory for this area that would be useful to review. Talk with Beth Nobles at Sand Creek

Better air quality for homeowners that live near succor maybe provide residents with air purifiers	Air Quality, Water Quality, Environmental Restoration, Odor, Noise, and Other Nuisances	Better air quality	I am not sure	Please consider this idea for resident
community garden and teaching area that requires regenerative agriculture, closed-loop systems (composting, vermi-composting, natural farming, beneficial insect/pollinators plants) and promotes the best practices of pesticide and chemical free agriculture	Air Quality, Water Quality, Environmental Restoration, Public Health, Community Education & Information, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	teaching people about healthy eating and gardening habits, importance of soil health, teaching healthy alternatives to processed food, community building	Less than \$50,000	knowledge of depleted soils

<p>The money acquired in the Suncor settlement could be used to install upgraded water fountains into the elementary, middle, and high schools within Commerce City school districts Adam's 14. The water fountains, which are filtered and have water bottle refill features would allow students to access clean water, as well as reduce the waste caused by single-use water bottles at schools. An example of such fountain is the "Elkay EZH2O Bottle Filling Station", which you can find at the Eagle Pointe recreation center in Commerce City.</p> <p>Alternatively, the money could be used to place water coolers in the schools- the kind that come with 5 gallon jugs that are filled at stations such as the "Water Mill"s that can be found throughout the city.</p> <p>While the installation of the "Elkay EZH2O Bottle Filling Station" is the ideal use of this money, either aforementioned solution would provide clean water to the students of Commerce City- a luxury many don't have access to in their own homes.</p>	Water Quality, Public Health	<p>would have access to clean drinking water, which is beneficial to both mind and body. The installation of "Elkay EZH2O Bottle Filling Station" fountains also has the potential to reduce waste caused by single-use plastic water bottles, by providing students a clean water source at which to refill. Additionally, if students are educated as to why the fountains/water coolers are being placed, it can spark interest in environmental causes, which would lead to more environmental activism in Commerce City. One such example is a club that was formed at Adams City High School focused on the climate and the environment. This club proves that the desire amongst the youth to fix these issues- the same issues the city is currently trying to address- is present, and can be built on.</p>	I am not sure	<p>As a former Adams 14 student, I have seen firsthand the demand for better quality water from our city as a whole, but specifically from our schools. Meeting those demands would not only harbor all of the aforementioned benefits, but it would also show the residents of the city that their concerns are being addressed.</p>
<p>I previously lived in the area and I think some of the funding should go towards cancer treatment for residents diagnosed with cancer in that area (possibly monitoring of diseases and funding for treatment). A second project would be a more stringent monitoring system in place to detect problems earlier at the refinery.</p>	Air Quality, Water Quality, Public Health	<p>Increase life expectancy by early detection of pollutants and give back to community members in need of health services as a result of living in that area for x amount of years.</p>	<p>\$1,500,000 \$2,624,100</p>	<p>We would need technical guidance from experts and hopefully there salaries would be funded by CDPHE in order for the money to go a long ways.</p>

<p>I live one mile from Suncor's plant, next door to their oil pipeline and 10 yards away from the canal that they regularly poison. I would like to see aid for Suncor's neighbors to remediate the effects of their irresponsible and toxic behavior. These might include the planting of trees on our properties, financial aid to install solar panels, closer monitoring of the canal, an information system to inform us of toxic events and insistence that they mow their land to remediate significant fire danger. Suncor only mows when they are threatened with fines.</p>	<p>Air Quality, Water Quality, Renewable Energy Development, Environmental Restoration, Public Health, Community Education &amp; Information, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements, Odor, Noise, and Other Nuisances</p>	<p>As above, it would benefit the community and future generations in multiple ways.</p>	<p>\$50,000 - \$250,000</p>	<p>If fruit trees were included in the tree plantings this could also help community members impacted by poverty and homelessness.</p>
<p>Part of the environment is noise pollution and having a train so close in proximity to residential areas is emotionally draining on Commerce city residents. For instance when you lose sleep from hearing a train horn all night but still have to maintain all your daily responsibilities including work and parenting it is a strain on a person.</p> <p>Also Hwy 85 is an eyesore. I realize that it is mainly an industrial city but we could still have a median and sidewalks and street lights</p>	<p>Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements, Odor, Noise, and Other Nuisances</p>	<p>Noise pollution elimination, improve property values</p>	<p>I am not sure</p>	<p>Maybe provide resources for businesses along Hwy 85 like providing sod or paint to improve appearances</p>

<p>The removal of old sheet piling grade control structures be replaced with the more environmentally and aesthetically version currently being implemented by the Mile High Flood District. Such structures provide improved water quality for aquatic life through better mixing of the stream water which can improve the water's pH and Dissolved Oxygen. They also provide the ability for native fish populations to move upstream and downstream which increases the propagation of fish. Additionally, such structures improve the macroinvertebrate (aquatic insects) habitat. Macroinvertebrates are an essential indicator of aquatic health and is the primary food source of native fish. Finally the removal of such structure will greatly improve the overall appearance of the creek and Sand Creek Greenway, from the appearance of an archaic industrial age to one that is more natural in appearance and create a more enjoyable outdoor experience for the citizens of Commerce City and other surrounding municipalities who recreate and commute along Sand Creek.</p>	<p>Water Quality, Environmental Restoration, Public Health, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements</p>	<p>Measurable improvement in water quality, resulting in benefits to aquatic life; improvement in an aesthetically pleasing trail experience leading to more trail use and improved health for trail users.</p>	<p>\$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000</p>	<p>This project could be a partnership with the City of Commerce City with potential partners being Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership and other technical partners. Metro Wastewater has completed a similar project in another location (document attached; most helpful section of the document is the Executive Summary). Also attached are two photographs of more natural looking drop structures in other locations, to visual possible end results.</p>
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<p>air pollution exposure (see "Personal strategies to minimize effects of air pollution on respiratory health" Eur Respir J. 2020 Jun; 55(6): 1902056). However, Commerce City residents may not be aware of what to do or do not have the resources to carry out recommended strategies as individuals. For example, if there is a poor air quality day, how is that message communicated to all residents, including those without internet access? On those days, do residents know they should wear a face mask to reduce particulate exposure? And, do they have access to such masks (hopefully for free) from public places throughout the city? When physical activities should be reduced, what alternatives are there for vulnerable citizens? (children, seniors, and anyone with a respiratory illness). Does the city have a place (e.g., indoor gym) that can be opened to the public for alternative exercise or for simply hanging out in a low-pollution indoor environment? If so, how is that communicated? If not, how can that be created? Working with a local health clinic, we propose a comprehensive strategy for a) increased education about what to do; b) concrete resources to support activities to keep residents safe; c) increased monitoring of individual vulnerable citizens to determine what barriers they have to reducing exposure to unsafe levels of pollutants. This should be</p>	<p>Public Health, Community Education &amp; Information</p>	<p>Self-awareness of the individual behaviors that can help reduce risk, especially among vulnerable citizens, specific concrete resources that would support the selection of healthy behaviors (wearing a face mask, going to the indoor gym when it is unhealthy outside, using a free bus pass for transportation on days of unhealthy air) and perhaps, a reduction in acute adverse health events (e.g., asthma attacks, emergency room visits).</p>	<p>I am not sure</p>	<p>project for a certain neighborhood or subset of vulnerable individuals. It needs to include the resources necessary for individuals to make proactive changes in how they respond to poor air quality. Audio Information Network provides free internet navigation services, smart-speaker equipment and training to use equipment for individuals who are blind, losing vision, or who cannot read print for a different reason. Working with a health clinic partner, a subset of individuals who meet AINC's eligibility criteria (print-disabled) AND who are vulnerable to air pollution effects,</p>
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<p>Commerce City can be proactive and set a great example for similar communities by having a CC Community (C3) Solar Farm. What if the City could create jobs for unemployed oil workers and provide a rebate for every home's electric bill? Wouldn't that be attractive?</p> <p>A City sponsored project could include the following:</p> <p>1. Certified online training for solar energy jobs primarily for laid off oil workers that live in Commerce City. 2. Use of the easement under the electrical towers for a solar energy farm saving half the cost by not paying for land. 3. Hiring a Solar Energy company that promises that 50% of employees live in Commerce City.</p> <p>Here are some statistics. About 25 acres would be enough to provide solar energy for Commerce City. The easement land under electric towers is 8.5 miles times 100 ft which is about 4,488,000 sq ft or 100 acres. With layoffs happening, now is a great time to get oil workers behind this proposal and make this CC Community (C3) Solar Farm a reality.</p> <p>Respectfully, Mike Kelley 805-551-9567 cell</p>	<p>Air Quality, Renewable Energy Development, Environmental Restoration, Odor, Noise, and Other Nuisances</p>	<p>1. Certified online training for solar energy jobs primarily for laid off oil workers that live in Commerce City. 2. Use of the easement under the electrical towers for a solar energy farm saving half the cost by not paying for land. 3. Hiring a Solar Energy company that promises that 50% of employees live in Commerce City.</p>	<p>\$50,000 - \$250,000</p>	<p>Approval of easement land for use in the project is required.</p>
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<p>Some how, some way contain, or possibly pipe toxic emissions to a less populated area for venting. I think after 45 yrs here as a citizen &amp; business owner in Commerce City, I know from experience Suncor vents these emissions excessively when the wind blows, whatever the direction, thinking we won't notice. In the summer we can't even open our windows during such events, which they usually try pull off at night when the waste matl. is less visible. We also fear family &amp; friends might visit when they do.</p> <p>Sometimes I believe I'd give into a fair buy-out offer, &amp; make my home somewhere else. I also wonder what those people east of me think when the forsaken smell(s) fill their newly built homes. No wonder eastern Commerce City tried, but failed to re-name their city "Reunion," to escape the Commerce City, "stink stigma."</p> <p>Perhaps you can find some resolution with Suncor. Except for that one issue, I like the small town community &amp; business of Commerce City, &amp; am thankful for our Mayor who's working to mitigate this on going problem. Thank you Mayor!</p> <p>Respectfully yours, David Vaught</p>	<p>Air Quality, Odor, Noise, and Other Nuisances</p>	<p>Quality of life in Commerce City / business &amp; community working in harmony</p>	<p>I am not sure</p>	<p>None, this form was adequate</p>
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I think more greenspace and parks with trees would be really nice. Places to walk and run without car noise or nearby air pollution would be ideal. Maybe even a small botanic garden!	Air Quality, Water Quality, Public Health, Community Visual or Aesthetic Improvements	More people enjoying the outdoors, improved mental health & physical health, improved reputation in Commerce City, community members are proud of where they live. Maybe Commerce City will be known for a place where there is greenspace that attempts to combat some of the pollution and ugliness of Suncor.	\$1,500,000 \$2,624,100	Denver Botanic Gardens might be willing to help or offer ideas! Iâ€™m not a project developer here, but simply a resident desiring a healthier and more beautiful place to live!
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