

NORTH MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY PLAN *Update*

Kick-off Questions

If unable to attend one of the kick-off meetings, people were encouraged to send in responses to the questions asked at the meetings. Below are the responses that were sent in, not associated with a specific meeting.

What is unique about your community?

- Our community is unique for its rural character, history, beauty, and wildlife, as well as access to open space and a state park. (2)
- Many of the residents of Golden Gate Canyon area are descendants of the original homesteaders and still ranch. (2)
- There are no commercially zoned properties in this area and we like it that way (or I do at least). (2)
- Dark night skies and minimal outdoor lighting (such as street lights, commercial and residential lighting). This is an important subcategory of the sense of isolation that I mentioned at the Coal Creek meeting. There are quite a few folks up here with and without telescopes who enjoy watching the night sky along with birds, elk, moose, and mountain skylines.
- Sense of isolation combined with access to town. So do not want much “urbanization” of center city coal Creek and no increase in housing density.
- Surrounded by Open Space/State Park boarder
- “Downtown” without an actual town.
- For the most part, no big obnoxious homes stacked on one another
- Not excess numbers living up here/low population.
- History- people and places
- Open space/park availability and access to public
- Public tourist traffic – drivers, bikers
- Sense of community- Grange, visitor center
- Focus and accessibility to natural foothills beauty
- I’ve only been here a couple months & I came from a planned community in Evergreen, so I don’t have a lot to compare to. I do like the fact that this is not a planned community and not only that there is no HOA, but the fact that people living here take pride in the community & there isn’t the need for one!

What improvements could be made to your community?

- NO commercial uses, please. My main concern for both Golden Gate and for my particular neighborhood, the Douglas Mountain-Robinson Hill area, is the lack of off-road shoulders or trails for bicycles (mainly in Golden Gate) and especially for horses. I do not mean there are none--there are many in the open space and state parks. The problem is that as paving extends up these two county roads through residential areas, it forces horse traffic and children on bicycles to either stay on the pavement (bad for horses) or to travel on intermittent informal paths and drainage ditches alongside the roads. There is plenty of room to build a narrow, unpaved trail along the county right-of-way along both Douglas Mountain Drive and Robinson Hill Road. In many stretches it would simply require linking informal trail segments already in use. And it would make conditions much safer for residents, who already experience greatly increased traffic due to the popularity of Centennial Cone open space. (2)
- Gap Road was paved in 2001 along with Gilpin improvements has increased traffic 10 times, especially more through traffic and heavy trucks. Can restrictions such as weight limits, no air braking, etc, be imposed if Gap Road is rated residential.
- Thriving businesses in our “downtown” area/more area to
- Need restaurant/evening entertainment/theater
- Need recreation facility or place to have fitness classes/programs (wellness)
- Trails to link parks and open space
- Great to have a plan, Then we can execute, discuss, and modify it.
- Fence and dead tree maintenance along canyon roads
- Rock fencing and protection in critical areas.
- I would love it if there were guard rails on the downhill sides of Douglas Mountain Drive!
- I would also like to see the area remain as it is – do not allow current properties to be subdivide and allow only 1 main residence per property.
- I also do not want to see any commercial use at all. I moved here to get away from all that!

Anything else you want us to know?

- I thought that I was willing to see a small commercial development at the site -- one that would benefit the residents of the neighborhood. However, Marith Reheis's eloquent defense of keeping the area around the Grange (an organization founded by and for farmers and ranchers) zoned agricultural is compelling. Do not allow commercial development adjacent to the Grange.
- Get open space to buy the Goltra land between Golden Gate and Clear Creek.
- This is an important part of Jeffco open space and the character of the County. We all should truly understand the value and contributions and preserve and enhance them. “Don’t screw it up” is the first rule of zoning and the zoning process. Keep us in the areas informed. Thanks.

- Does the community also include the area around I-70? I'm sure it's wishful thinking, but it would be wonderful if there could be an east-bound entrance to I-70 from either the US 6 or Floyd Hills exits!