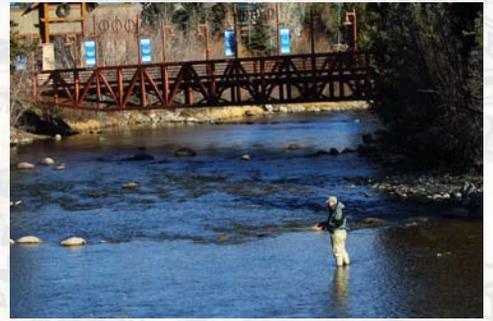


Blueprint



2014 Comprehensive Plan Update



Introductory Remarks

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As the Town of Silverthorne looks to the future, 2014 signals a year of growth and change on many levels. Development in mountain communities like Silverthorne has once again gained traction, but in a more measured, strategic, and sustainable manner than in previous decades. There is a renewed focus on creating great places that people will continue to visit, where those who are lucky enough will choose to live, and that children will desire to come back to. While the economic downturn caused many challenges and hardships, the silver lining was that it allowed communities like Silverthorne to re-examine the path of growth that they were on and adjust their course to truly gain the future that they aspire to. The 2014 Silverthorne Comprehensive Plan Update embodies that spirit through bold ideas for the town.

Many of these ideas are not new, but have been voiced by the community for many years; in particular, the desire to establish a vibrant downtown in Silverthorne. Through community surveys in 2007 and 2011, the Downtown Assessment in 2011, and most recently the revised Urban Renewal Plan in 2013, residents and community leaders have widely supported the idea of creating a commercial destination in Silverthorne that is walkable, compact, includes mixed uses, and fosters a variety of businesses. This update reaffirmed that vision, and elaborated on it to recognize the importance of the Blue River and civic spaces in future redevelopment scenarios. The Pavilion, the Recreation Center, Town Hall and the Library, existing businesses, and the Blue River Trail are all community assets that provide the framework for establishing that vision.

The 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update is one of the many tools that the Town now has in place to encourage investment in the community's future and make strides towards downtown redevelopment. It will work in concert with the Town Code and development regulations to ensure that future projects uphold the principles of urban design in mountain communities. Tools such as the Urban Renewal Authority will bolster this plan by facilitating funding strategies to get projects in the downtown area built. Through illustrative graphics, detailed maps, and clear and concise goals and policies, this plan articulates the Town's vision to inspire future investments from both the public and private sectors.

This update would not have been possible without the strong community participation that occurred at every event, forum, and activity. Today's community truly cares about setting the course for a great future tomorrow, and their efforts in this plan update are recognized. Read on to see what the future holds for Silverthorne.



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