

July 12, 2017 Town Hall: Neighborhood Snapshot Report

Southwest Adams County: 64th Ave. to 52nd Ave., Tennyson St. to Broadway St.

07/12/17



This picture showcases an aerial view of the South West Area of Adams County and Regis University.

Photo Credit: 5280 Magazine, April 2015

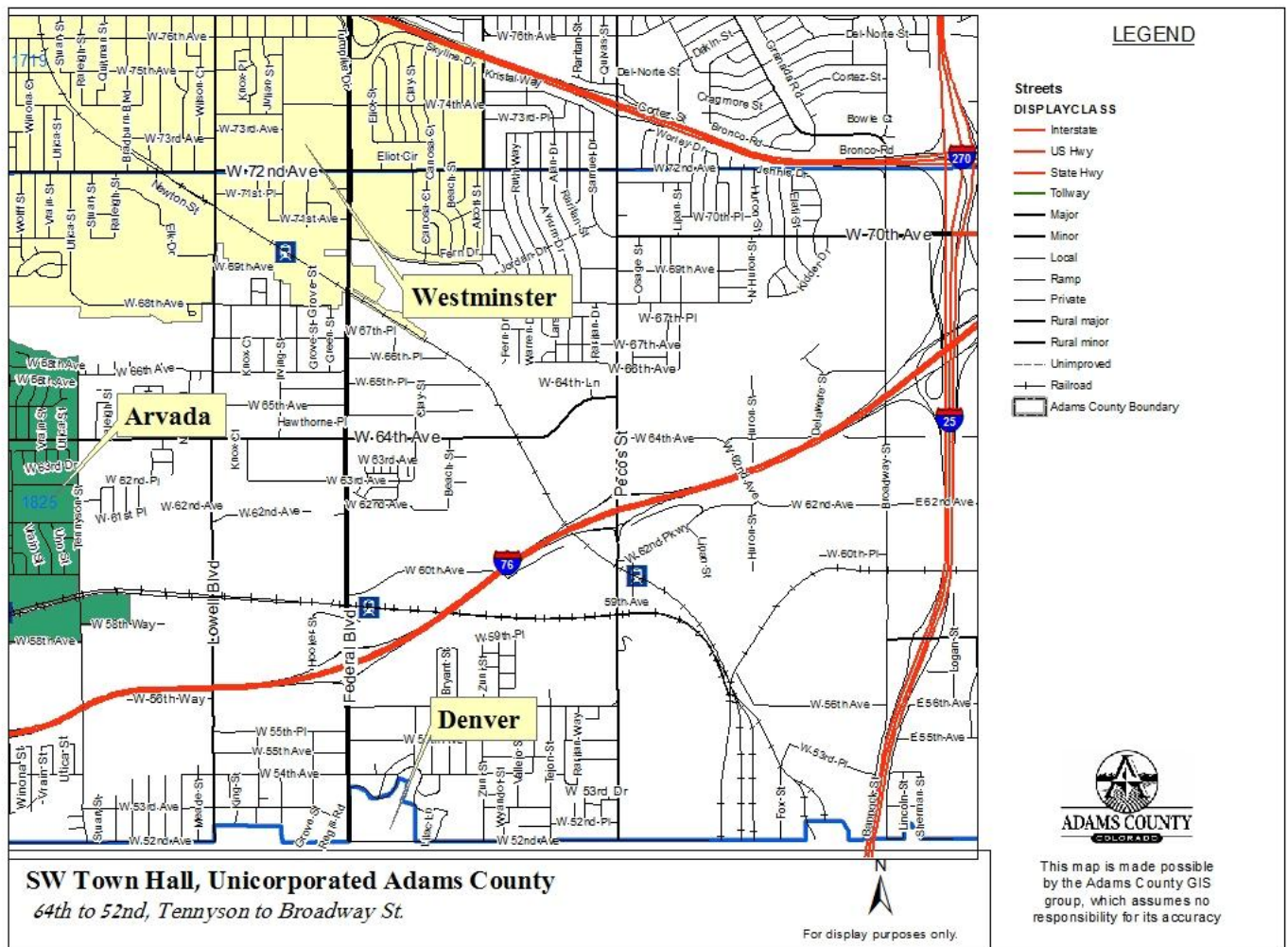


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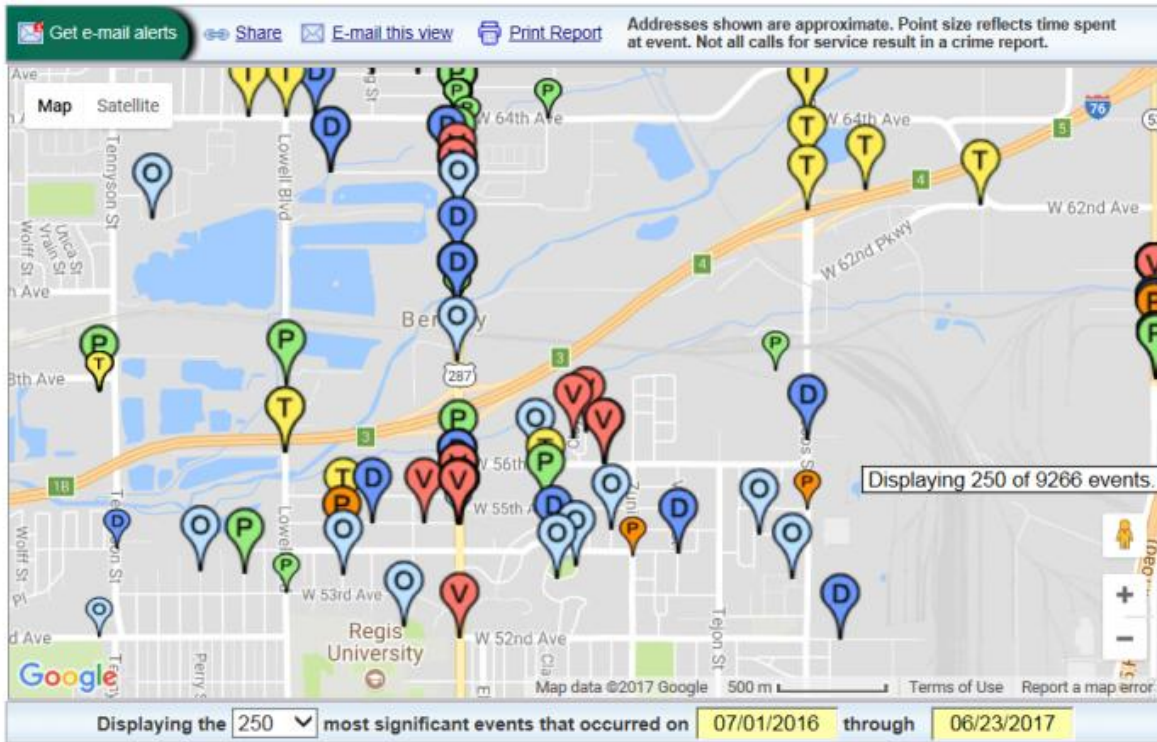
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Area Snapshot

Southwest Adams County area encompasses the communities between 64th Avenue to 52nd Avenue and Tennyson Street to Broadway Street. The Southwest area shares boundaries with the cities of Westminster and Arvada to the West, Thornton to the North, and Commerce City to the East, and Denver to the South. This community has recently received several FasTracks stations and several more stations scheduled. This community is an eclectic mix of new TOD - Transit Oriented Development and existing infrastructure, housing, and businesses.



Crime and Traffic Statistics



On	Category	#
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Property	1016
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Violent	466
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Traffic	2653
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proactive Policing	1021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noise	175
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disorder	2512
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	1423

This report was generated by the Adams County Sheriff's Office *My Neighborhood Update* tool. The main issue in this area seems to be traffic followed by disorder and other policing matters.

It is important to note that "Disorder" includes matters such as: abandoned vehicles, shots fired suspicious incidents, disturbances, disorderly conduct, and animal issues. "Other" policing matters include: fire, medical assistance, civil assistance, missing persons and child welfare checks.

Check out the My Neighborhood tool at:
<http://www.myneighborhoodupdate.net>

Southwest Area Demographics

S.W. Area

Adams County



20,595



491,337

Population



32



33.4

Mean Resident Age



159,980



240,330

Property Value



40,764



63,493

Avg. Household Income



27.4 Min.



28.5 Min.

Avg. Commute Time

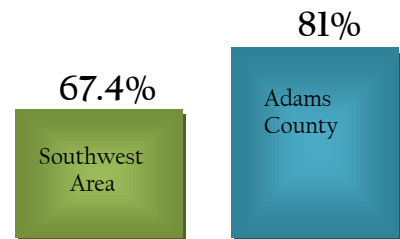
Gender Population in Area

49.2 %

50.8%



Educational Information



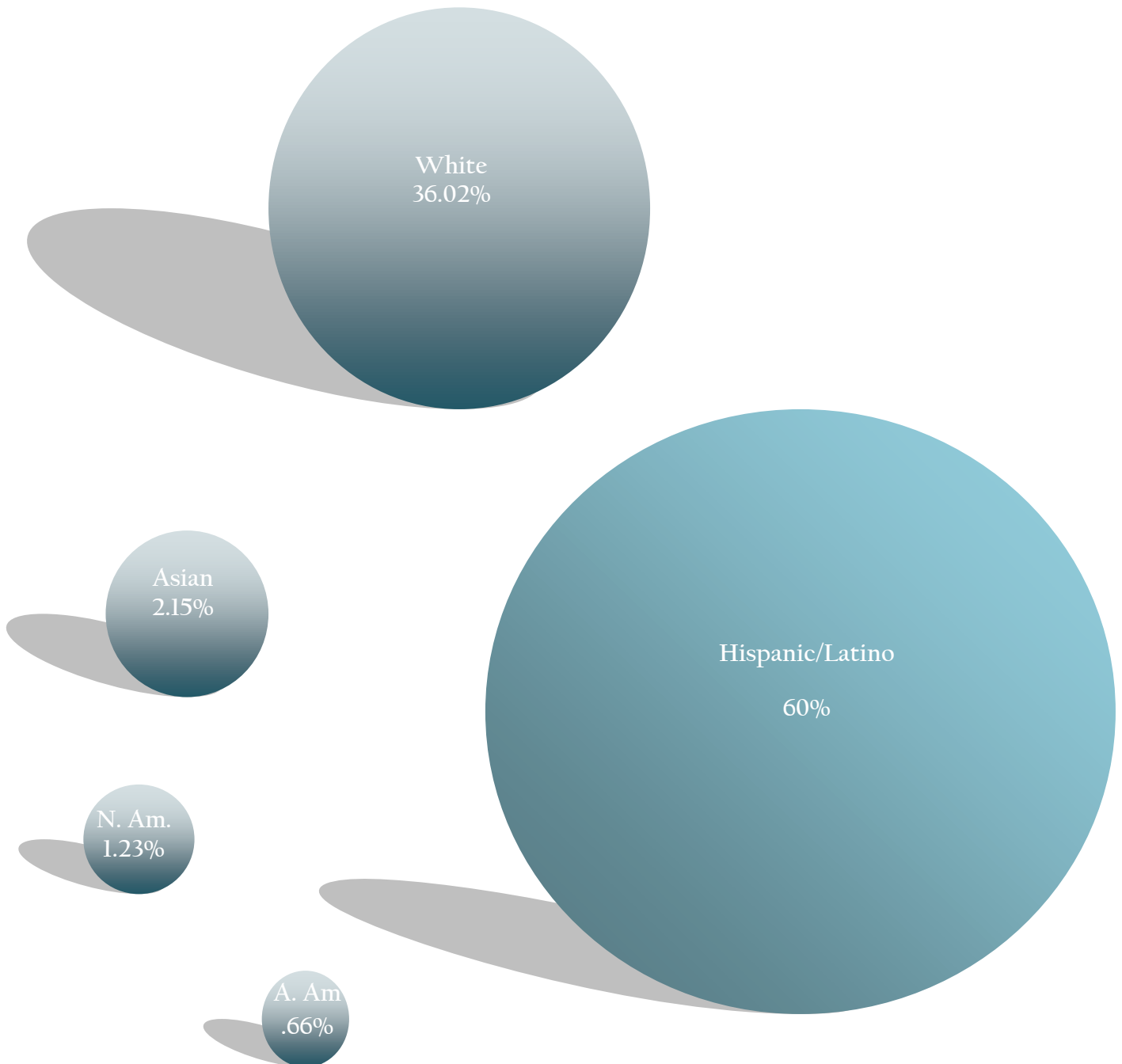
High School Diploma or Higher
*28.2% have less than a H.S. Degree



Bachelors Degree or Higher

Reference: GIS Demographics Data and DataUSA website.

Southwest Area: Ethnicity Demographics



Reference: County GIS Mapping 2010 Census Tract Information.

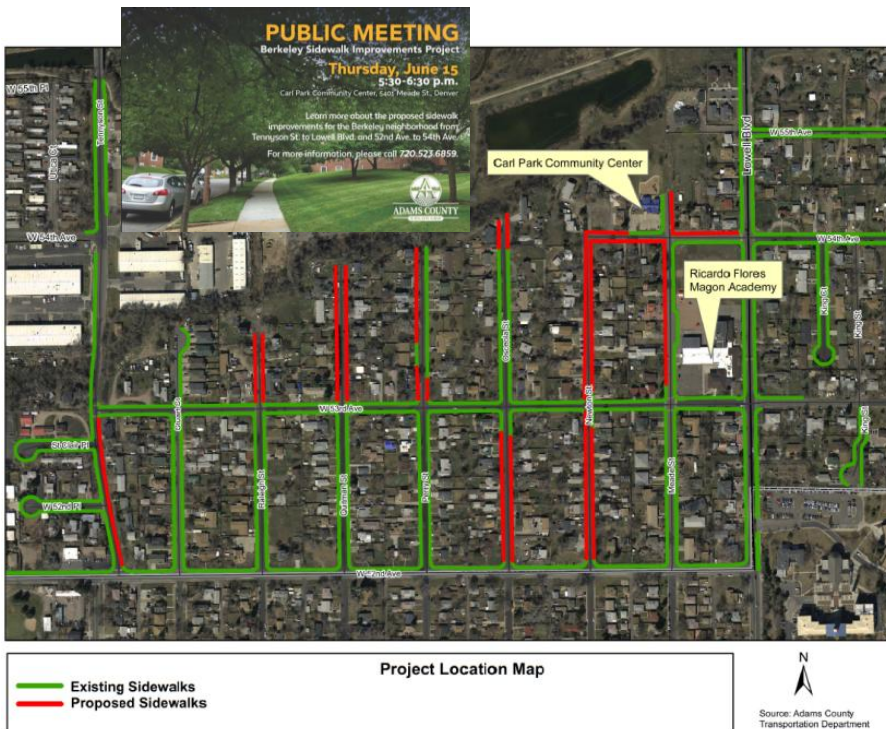
Neighborhood Snapshots



Looking South on Lowell Blvd. (Regis University on the Left.)

Resident's near the Regis University campus have complained about off campus student parking and student activity off campus.

Regis University staff regularly attends community meetings to hear and problem-solve these challenges in coordination with both campus security and the Adams County Sherriff.



On June 15th at the Carl Park Community Center, the Transportation also held a community meeting around the sidewalk improvements for this area. The picture to the right highlights the improvements. To learn more about these improvements use this link:

<http://2017berkeleysidewalks.com/>



Top discussions on NextDoor and news in this area: Noise/late night parties, stolen vehicles, and theft/assault/robbery.

The Neighborhood Pop-Up Community event is scheduled in partnership with the City of Westminster on July 14th at Westminster Station. Adams County will be present at the Film Noir Classic Series showing of Sunset Boulevard starting at 6pm.

Community and Economic Development

Top Projects that Impact Town Hall Area

1. Economic development efforts focused around the 60th and Federal Station transit station area
2. Administering the county's brownfields assessment grant for properties in the Clear Creek corridor area between Lowell Blvd. and Huron St.
3. Development review services for a variety of development projects in the area.
<https://adamscounty.buildingeye.com/planning>

Future Plans for this Area

1. Station Areas
 - 60TH Ave. and Federal Blvd. – east side of Federal
 - Pecos Station at 62nd Pkwy and Pecos St
2. Clear Creek Corridor between Lowell and Huron
 - Learn more about the plan here: <http://www.adcogov.org/ccplan>

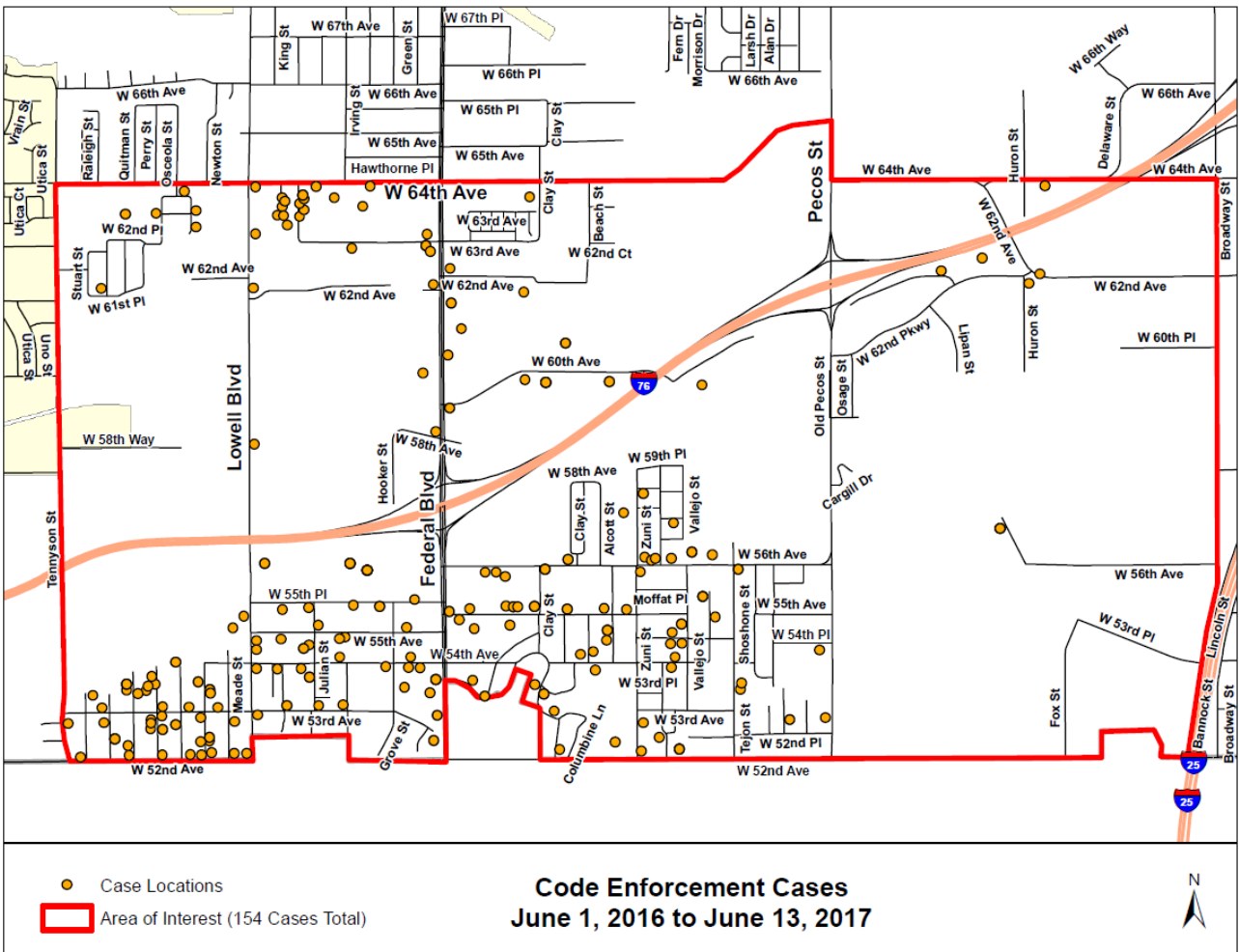
Biggest Success in Area

This is an area undergoing major changes in land use in recent years, with more to come with the opening of the G line of FasTracks later this year. There is strong interest in development opportunities near transit and the surrounding areas. Some residents are anxious about the changes and the impacts it may have on gentrification and their ability to continue to afford to live in this area. Some residents are concerned about increases in population and traffic in the area. Many residents are welcoming of the changes and eager to see new investment in the area.

- New investment, new homes, new roads serving new development, and sidewalk improvements.
- Reinvestment in the public schools.
- Job creation in the industrial areas.
- Relocation of heavy industrial uses to other parts of the county.
- 142 units of new affordable housing approved, job creation in the industrial areas.

Code Enforcement

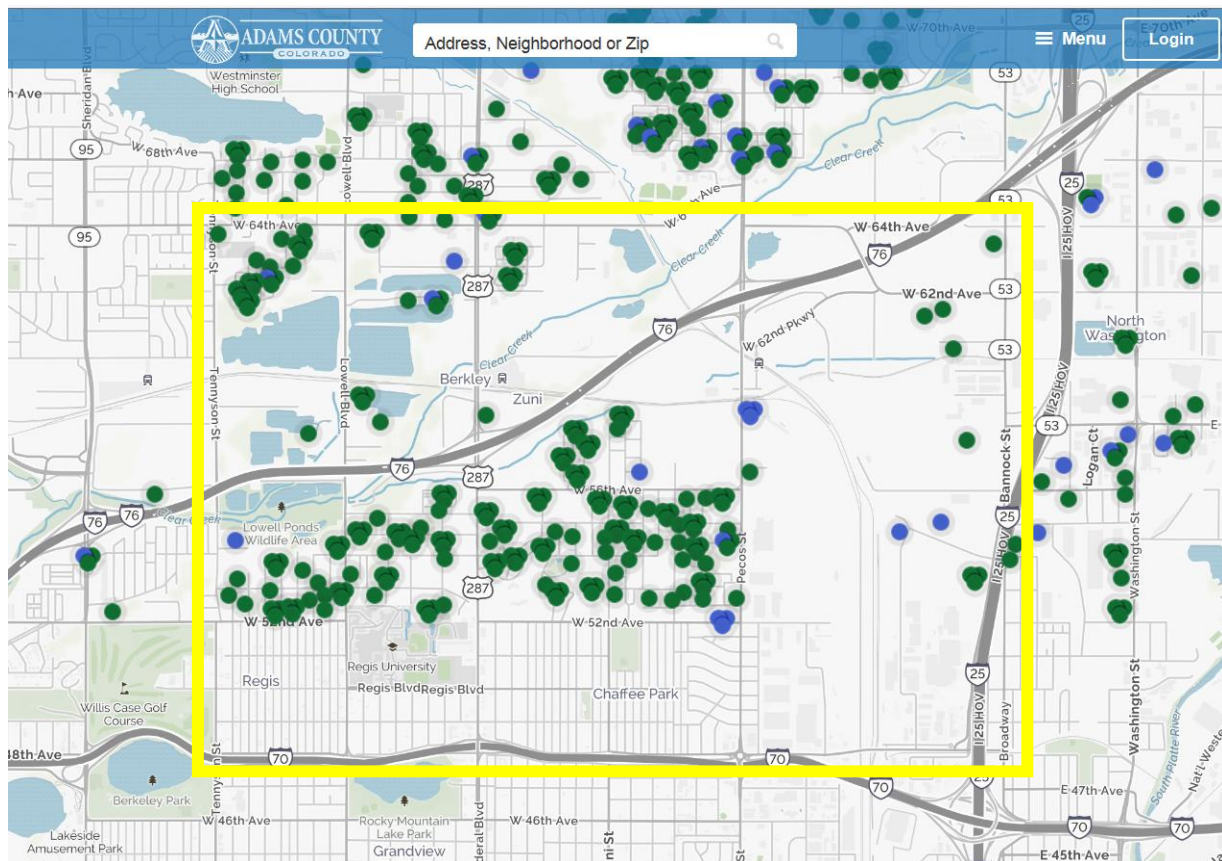
The Southwest area is a mixture of established neighborhoods and new housing development. Below is a current map of code enforcement issues in the area. The most common code enforcement issues in this area were graffiti, weeds, and improper vehicle storage. Want to see real-time code enforcement information? Use our Eye on Adams Map Tool to see what code enforcement is doing in your neighborhood: <https://adamscounty.buildingeye.com/building>



Need to contact Adams County Neighborhood Services? Got to:
<https://www.adcogov.org/neighborhood-services>

Building Permit Information

Generally, the Community & Economic Development Department reports it “provides frequent development review services for a wide range of residential construction projects for the neighborhoods in this area. These permits are frequently for outbuildings, fences, interior remodels, and new single-family homes.” The Eye on Adams report captures the building permits the County has issued in the Town Hall area this year. The most common permits issued were home improvement permits for roofs, additions, and other home maintenance that requires permitting. What home improvements need permitting? Learn all you need to know here: <http://www.adcogov.org/residential-building-permits>



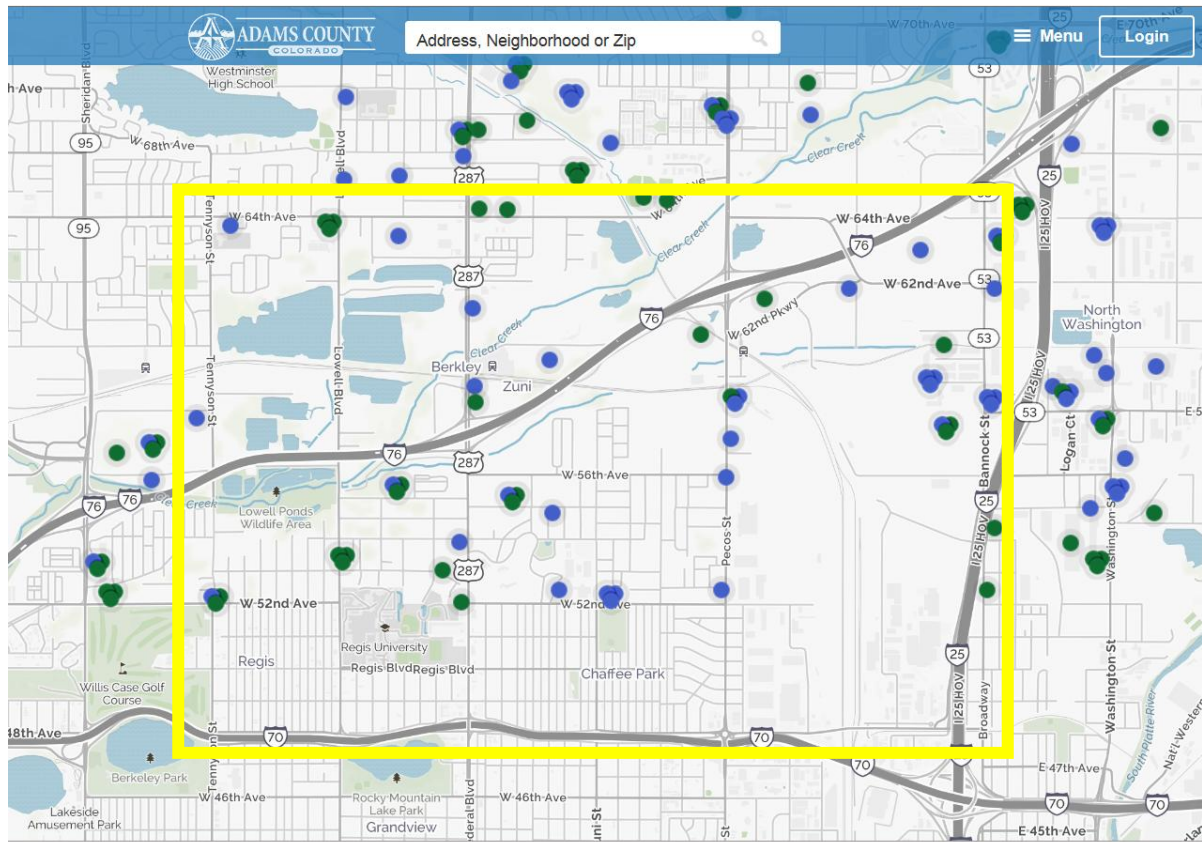
Eye on Adams Map: Green dots are completed/issued permits, blue are received permits. Map depicts a snapshot of building permits issued in the past year.

Need a building permit? You can apply online.

Got to: <https://permits.adcogov.org/citizenaccess/>

Land Use Cases

Over the last year there have been approximately 30 land use cases in the Town Hall area within the last year. The blue dots on the map show cases that are currently under review and green dots highlight completed land use cases. The most common land use cases in this area involved home improvement projects.



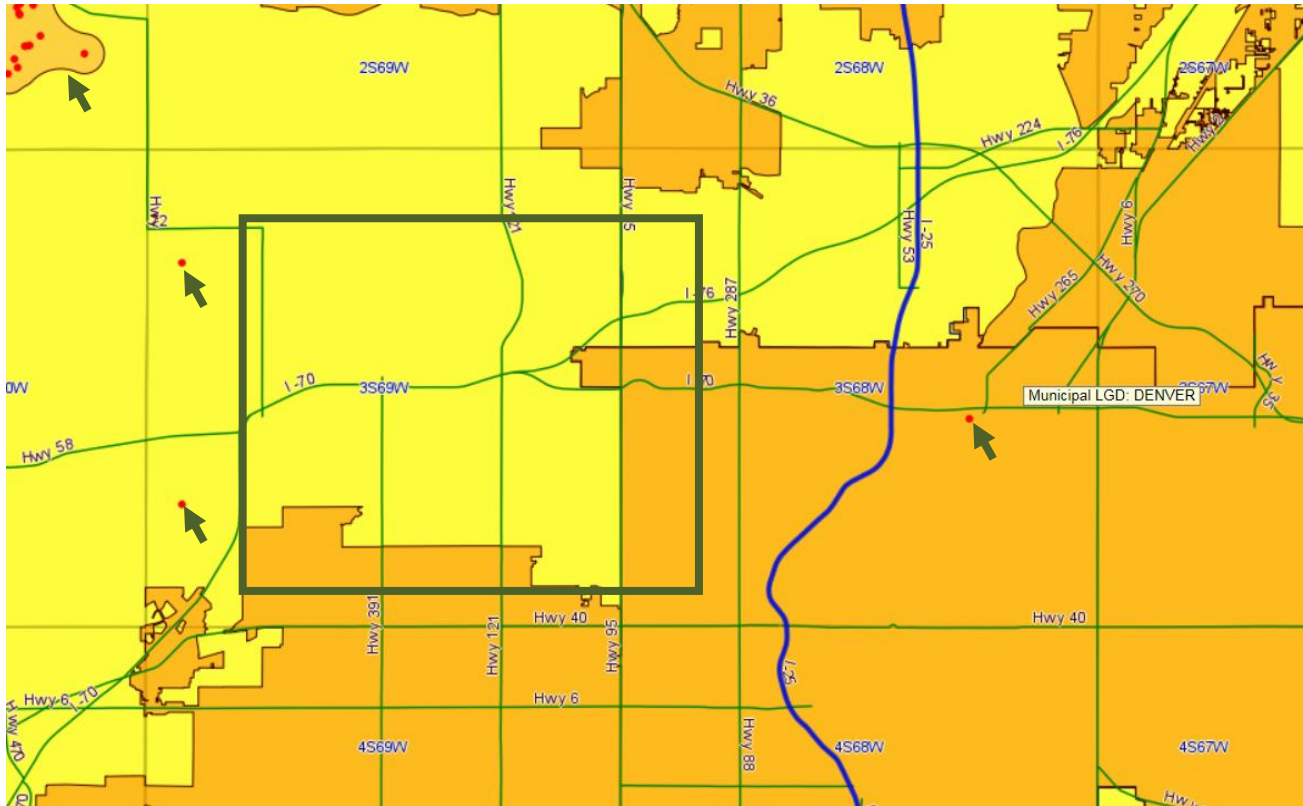
Need Adams County land use information? Visit our current land use page:

<https://www.adcogov.org/planning/currentcases>

Visit us today as we are often seeking public comment on land use cases.

You can use the Eye on Adams! It's located on our website! Got to: www.adcogov.org and under **How Do I?** Click on, **View County Maps**. There you will find the Eye on Adams tool that will help you see what building, code, and even planning activities are going on in your area!

Oil and Gas Information



Layers

- Wells
 - Well (API Spot)
 - Well Status
 - Abandoned Location (AL)
 - Active (AC)
 - Domestic (DM)
 - Drilling (DG)
 - Dry & Abandoned (DA)
 - Injecting (IJ)
 - Permitted (XX)
 - Plugged & Abandoned (PA)
 - Producing (PR)
 - Shut-In (SI)
 - Temporarily Abandoned (TA)
 - Waiting On Completion (WO)

There is no active oil and gas activity within the Town Hall area. However, highlighted on this map, provided by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission shows that there is are some producing well site located approximately 10 or more miles outside the Town Hall area (green arrows on map).

Want more information? Go to:

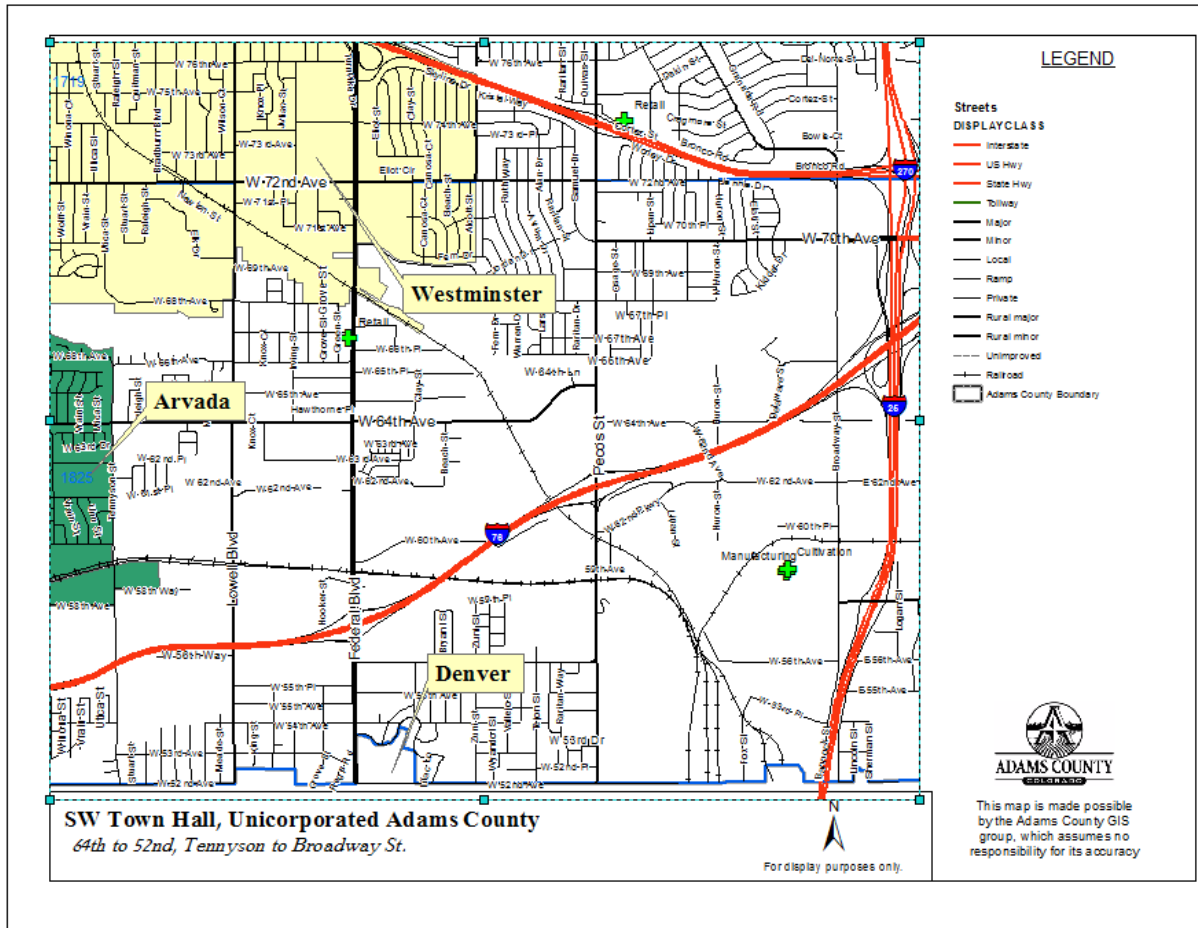
<http://cogcc.state.co.us/maps.html#/gisonline>

<http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information>

The county updates its page weekly with an oil and gas report prepared by the county's oil and gas liaison.

Retail Marijuana Information

Adams County retail marijuana regulation currently caps marijuana retail facilities at 10 businesses. This includes marijuana infused product manufacturers (MIPS), retail marijuana stores, retail cultivation facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities. There are approximately 3 retail locations, 1 manufacturing, and 1 cultivation site within or near the Town Hall area.



Need Adams County Retail Marijuana Information? Visit us at:
<https://www.adcogov.org/marijuana-land-use-regulations>
<https://www.adcogov.org/marijuana-licensing>

Parks and Open Space Information

Top Projects that Impact Town Hall Area

- Twin Lakes Park renovation
- Clear Creek Corridor Plan
- Clear Creek Trail Access
- Gateway Plaza

Project Descriptions

- Twin Lakes Park renovation - Twin Lakes Park is located at approximately 70th & Broadway. The park is scheduled to undergo substantial renovations this fall. Park facilities have deteriorated and significant improvements are necessary. The banks of the lake have eroded, and grading work will be done in order to repair them and make the shoreline more accessible to visitors. The old restroom will be removed and replaced with a port-a-let facility. The work will also include new trails, a new irrigation system, new picnic shelters and the replacement of the current playground. Drainage improvements will be constructed in order to address citizen concerns regarding summertime odor and mosquito problems.
- Trail Connection behind Carl Park – Parks staff is working with Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District to create a trail connection for the Berkeley neighborhood from Carl Park Community Center to the Clear Creek Trail by utilizing land already owned by Hyland Hills. The trail will be off-street, beginning behind Carl Park Community Center, traveling down a hillside (meeting all ADA requirements) and around a lake that is adjacent to the Clear Creek Trail.
- Clear Creek Corridor Plan - The plan effort will help us understand public wants and needs along the Clear Creek Trail Corridor to use as a basis for future improvements.
- Gateway Plaza – Adams County acquired a property adjacent to the Federal Station as part of the 60th Avenue realignment project. The property is located between the Federal Station and Federal Boulevard on the south side of 60th Avenue. The design is almost complete for a new plaza, Gateway Plaza. The plaza will create a welcoming atmosphere for commuter rail riders and provide a space for the public in addition to the station itself. Seating, artwork, landscaping, and other amenities are planned.

Anticipated Impact of Projects

Twin Lakes Park – The park will need to be closed for several months in order for the work to be accomplished. We anticipate construction beginning in the fall. We must wait for the two irrigation ditches that flow through the park to be turned off for the season before we can begin. We plan to reopen the park in the spring, before the ditches are turned on again. The proposed renovations will provide a variety of experiences for different users at Twin Lakes. The replacement of the playground and installation of new pavilions will provide for children, families, and groups looking for a place to get together. The new bridges across the Lower Clear Creek ditch will make access to the Clear Creek Trail more convenient, and connect Twin Lakes to the wider regional trail system. Our planned soft-surface trail will offer a quieter, more natural experience around the smaller lake, and the new trails around the larger lake, combined with the drainage improvements and grading work on the banks, will bring a much more pleasant park experience for all users. This project is a substantial upgrade to Twin Lakes, and will enhance the park experience for all visitors, as well as improving quality of life for the park's many neighbors.

Clear Creek Corridor Plan - As this is a master planning effort, no actually physical impacts are anticipated. A final Community Open House is set for June 26th, 2017 at Valley view elementary School. See vision section for more information on plan recommendations.

Clear Creek Trail Access –

- a. Lafayette Park: The impact of this change initially occurred when CDOT closed the parking area in 2016. The Sheriff's Office should see a reduction in unsavory activity in this location.
- b. Engineer's Lake Trailhead: This project, once constructed, will provide a more visible, safer parking area for residents to access both the South Platte River and Clear Creek Trails. Trail users will be inconvenienced during construction, but we hope to schedule it in the colder weather months.
- c. Pedestrian Underpass at York – The pedestrian underpass will provide a safe, off-street pedestrian and bicycle access between residents and the Clear Creek Trail. Once completed, access to regional trails will be much easier and safer for residents in this area.

Gateway Plaza – This plaza will provide additional public space around the station itself. Few impacts should result from construction.

Future Plans for this Area

The Clear Creek Corridor Plan is still in progress, but initial recommendations prioritize fulfilling basic needs for the trail corridor. Things such as signage, access, safety, lighting, parking, and restrooms are clear priorities for residents. Future enhancements could include additional park amenities like water access, fishing areas, picnic areas, interpretive signage, and on-water recreation opportunities. Additionally, stream

restoration and habitat improvements were highly valued for the corridor.

Area Trends

We saw a great response from citizens as volunteers for our first Conservation on the Creek event. It has been really exciting to see that residents are interested in helping improve the recreational assets we have in the area.

We are also seeing a growing population of homeless living along our regional trails. The impact of this increase is felt in terms of users no longer feeling safe while on the trails to huge amounts of trash being spread throughout the trail system. During public outreach events for both Twin Lakes Park and the Clear Creek Corridor Plan, we heard residents are concerned with the increase in transients camping along Clear Creek and in the park itself.

Parks and Open Space Successes

Rotella Park is the nearest property that has seen a major renovation in recent years. That renovation put much more of a focus on the northern side of the park, which is easily accessible to both citizens and law enforcement. Traffic now flows through the park in the new paved parking areas on the north side. The picnic shelters are all easily accessible to the parking area and grouped around other amenities such as basketball courts or playgrounds. The community loves this park and we believe the renovation made it much more usable.

Need Adams County Parks and Open Space Information? Visit us at:
<https://www.adcogov.org/parks-open-space>

Hyland Hills- Clear Creek Park

Hyland Hills has completed their first phase of an 80 acre park project on 58th and Tennyson Street. Learn more about the park and upcoming phases here:

<https://www.hylandhills.org/administration/clear-creek-valley-park/?portfolioCats=6>



Public Works Information

The following are a list of current and future projects that impact the Town Hall area both directly and indirectly.

Current Projects

- Lowell Blvd - Widening from 56th Avenue to 62nd Avenue including curb, gutter and sidewalk.
- CDBG Project – ADA Accessibility Between Tennyson St and Lowell Blvd and W 52nd Ave and W 54th Ave

The intention of the project is to identify and improve the overall mobility and accessibility of the residential neighborhood established in 1916 within the southwest corner of unincorporated Adams County, Colorado. This project will consist of the overall enhancement of the historical Berkley neighborhood with ADA accessibility connectivity including ADA-compliant sidewalks and the addition of ADA pedestrian ramps where absent. The missing sidewalk segments to be built with this project includes:

- Tennyson Street east sidewalk from West 52nd Avenue to West 53rd Avenue
- Raleigh Street east and west sidewalks from West 53rd Ave, north to the end of the street
- Quitman Street east and west sidewalks from West 53rd Ave, north to the end of the street
- Perry Street parts of the east and west sidewalks from West 53rd Ave, north to the end of the street
- Osceola Street east and west sidewalks from West 52nd Avenue to West 53rd Avenue
- Osceola Street east and west sidewalks on the most northern part of the street
- Newton Street east and west sidewalks from West 52nd Avenue to West 54th Ave
- West 54th Avenue parts of the north and south sidewalks from Newton Street to Lowell Blvd
- Meade Street parts of the east and west sidewalks from West 53rd Avenue to the end, north of West 54th Avenue
- The missing ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps will be placed at the corner of Newton Street and West 54th Avenue, as well as Meade Street and West 54th Avenue.
- Drainage maintenance – Working at maintenance and repair on existing drainage infrastructure to improve functionality and repair damaged infrastructure.

Need Adams County Public Works Information? Visit us at:
<http://www.adcogov.org/public-works>

FasTracks Map

For more information on current and future FasTracks developments go to:

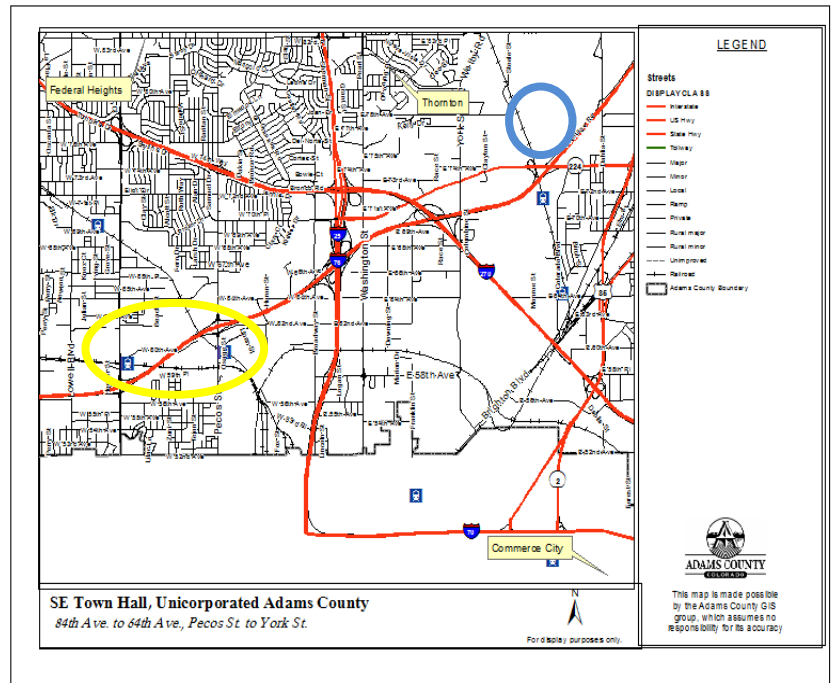
<http://www.rtd-denver.com/Fastracks.shtml>

Some of the closest FasTrack Stations near the Town Hall area are the Gold Line (circled in yellow):

- Pecos Junction (Pecos & 60th Ave)
- Clear Creek Federal Station (Federal & 60th Ave.)

As well as the N Line, just east of York Street in Town Hall area. (Circled on blue):

Commerce City Station (72th Ave. & I-76)



Adams County Fire Rescue

The following letter was posted on Nextdoor as part of the Adams County Fire Rescue community engagement efforts around the new Fire Station being planned at 69th and Pecos Street.

Fire Chief Patrick Laurienti from [Adams County Fire Rescue](#) · 15 Mar
Hello Residents,

Adams County Fire Rescue is in the process of purchasing 4.5 acres of land from the Westminster Public Schools south of F.M. Day Elementary School at 69th and Pecos Street to build a new fire station for your community! We would like to know how you feel about having a new fire station in your neighborhood. Currently the closest stations are located at 65th and Irving and 80th and Elmwood. We have done a vast amount of research and map work since our merger to identify the ideal location for this station to better serve your neighborhoods and enable us to respond to your emergency much quicker when time is of the essence. We also feel it will heighten the safety of your community with a new fire station located closer to your neighborhoods.

The Fire District and School District plan to team up to make this corner a Community Hub, not just a new location for a fire station. We plan to work together to utilize our new parking areas to help pick-up and drop-off traffic as well as special events with the school. We also will have a new community room attached to your new fire station for public events and a meeting location for your HOA's. Sidewalks will be updated and/or added to meet ADA standards.

We understand that there may be some concern regarding fire station noise. The Fire District engages in noise mitigation efforts to avoid disruption to the neighborhood. For example, the District activates its sirens on main or arterial roads and at intersections while minimizing the use of sirens and horns once in the residential area side streets. During low traffic periods of the day, the District makes every effort to minimize use of sirens. We currently have stations nested in residential areas now and we are mindfully considerate of our neighbors, particularly during the night time hours.

I look forward to your comments, concerns, and/or questions.

Sincerely,

Chief Laurienti

Want to learn more about Adams County Fire Rescue and the services they provide?

Find out more here: <http://www.acfpd.org/>

Animal Shelter/Adoptions

Top Projects that Impact Town Hall Area

1. **New Adams County Animal Shelter and Public Dog Park “In Progress” (To serve all Adams County Residents)**
 - Map of Future Location, Renderings, “Frequently Asked Questions” can be found at: <http://www.adcogov.org/acasnewlocation> (website will up continually updated as the project unfolds.)
 - Questions to animal-shelter@adcogov.org

2. **Public Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic offered every other Wednesday at the shelter from 3-5:30 p.m.**
 - Vaccinations \$10.00 each.
 - Spanish speaking staff onsite at every clinic.
 - Increase in wildlife with rabies through front range.
 - Clinic Schedule is posted in the animal shelter section of the www.adcogov.org
[http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/LowCostVaccineClinic Poster April-June 2017.pdf](http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/LowCostVaccineClinic%20Poster%20April-June%202017.pdf)

3. **Volunteer Opportunities at the Animal Shelter**
 - General Volunteer Info: <http://www.adcogov.org/volunteer-program>
 - Foster Volunteers (in-home care: <http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/Foster%20Care.jpg>)
 - Must be 16 years old. (Younger children can assist adult foster volunteers in home.)
 - 6th -Month Commitment Required

Projects Descriptions

- **New Adams County Animal Shelter Location** will be on the south end of the Adams County Regional Park (North of 120th and East of Riverdale Road in Unincorporated Adams County)
 - Map of Future Location, Renderings, “Frequently Asked Questions” can be found at: <http://www.adcogov.org/acasnewlocation>

- **Public Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics held at the Adams County Animal Shelter Year Round at**
 - Address:
 - 10705 Fulton Street
 - Brighton, CO 80022
 - 303-288-3294
 - Two Wednesdays per Month from 3-5:30 pm
 - Clinic Schedule is posted in the animal shelter section of the www.adcogov.org
 - [http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/LowCostVaccineClinic Poster April-June 2017pdf.pdf](http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/LowCostVaccineClinic%20Poster%20April-June%202017.pdf)

- **Onsite Volunteering** also occurs at the above current shelter location

Anticipated Impact of Projects

- Public Dog Park will bring a great new community amenity to the Regional Park.
- New shelter will improve care of animals and service delivery to public.
- Ability to hold more frequent vaccination clinics with indoor amenities during in climate weather.
- Opportunities for to engage youth/students for humane education presentations.

Community Trends

- Increase in rabies detected in wildlife across the Front Range—puts pet animals at risk for rabies. Encouraging pet owners to vaccinate their pets.
- Some negative responses from citizens living closest to new animal shelter location. Concerned with project cost and impact on agricultural land.

Animal Shelter Data

- In 2016 the animal shelter provided shelter for 5,683 animals, provided vaccinations for 1,432 owned pet animals in the community--serving a total of 7,115 animals.

Online Resident Services

Eye on Adams

Ability to look up any building permit, land use case, or code compliance case

Link: <https://adamscounty.buildingeye.com/building>

E-Permit Center

Launched in early 2017 and allows the submission and tracking of building permits online

Link: <https://permits.adcogov.org/citizenaccess/>

Oil and Gas Information

Weekly report uploaded here each Friday on oil and gas activity and spill report

Link: <http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information>

Adams County Sheriff App

Connect directly with the Sheriff on non-emergency issues 24/7. Get download link on Sheriff

site. Link: <http://www.adamssheriff.org/>

Graffiti Removal

Report and schedule free graffiti removal.

Link: <http://www.adcogov.org/graffiti-removal>

Roads, Bridges, and Traffic

Additional information on how to contact the County in regards to infrastructure and roads.

Link: <http://www.adcogov.org/contact-reporting-information>

Nextdoor

Connect with your neighbors and community.

Link: Available on iTunes or Google play

Adams County Contact Information

Community and Economic Development

Development Review	720.523.6200
Oil and Gas	720.523.6891
Neighborhood Services	720.523.6877
Building Permits	720.523.6825
Code Enforcement	720.523.6800
Graffiti	720.523.6565
Animal Services:	303.288.3294 or 303.288.3135

Parks and Open Space

General Information Line	303.637.800
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Public Works

General Information Line	720.523.6875
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Department of Regional Affairs

Neighborhood Liaison	720.523.6991
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Adams County Sherriff

General Information Line	303.288.1535
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Not finding the information you need? Visit Adams County online at: www.adcogov.org. Here you will find a one-stop shop with all county information as well as links for all your resident needs.