

2017 COMMUNITY REPORT

ADAMS COUNTY



Future Pete Mirelez Human Services Center
Opening September 2017





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LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read through our 2017 Community Report. Regardless of where you live in the county, it is likely you are experiencing significant growth. The state demographer's office estimates that our current population of nearly 491,000 residents will swell to 750,000 by 2040. Preparing for the county's population to nearly double over 25 years presents both challenges and opportunities.

As you can see on the cover, our new Pete Mirelez Human Services Center will open later this year. Mr. Mirelez was the county's first Director of the War on Poverty Program. He also served as county commissioner and in Washington, D.C. as the National Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity Migrant Division. With that background, the current Board of County Commissioners determined that the facility would be named after Mr. Mirelez, to carry on his legacy by serving our community to the highest standards.

Once complete, the 315,000-square-foot building will house more than 700 dedicated employees who will serve nearly 500 residents every day. Located near 120th Avenue and Pecos Street, this building is close to public transportation, and will combine the functions from multiple county buildings under one roof – making it easier for our residents to acquire the services they need.

We are also proud of the innovative practices introduced over the past year. You'll find our new E-Permit Center, Eye on Adams and other online applications and services on our new website, adcogov.org. With the beautiful summer months ahead of us, we hope to see your family visiting our updated parks, trails and attractions. We value your feedback and hope you will contact us with any questions or concerns.

EMAIL: commissioners@adcogov.org

ADAMS COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

AS OF 2015
SOURCE: DRCOG

Population - 490,829
Caucasian - 51.13%
Hispanic or Latino - 37.96%
Asian or Pacific Islander - 3.59%
African American - 2.97%
Native American - 0.45%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander - 0.12%
Other Race - 3.77%
Median Age - 33
Median Household Income - \$58,946

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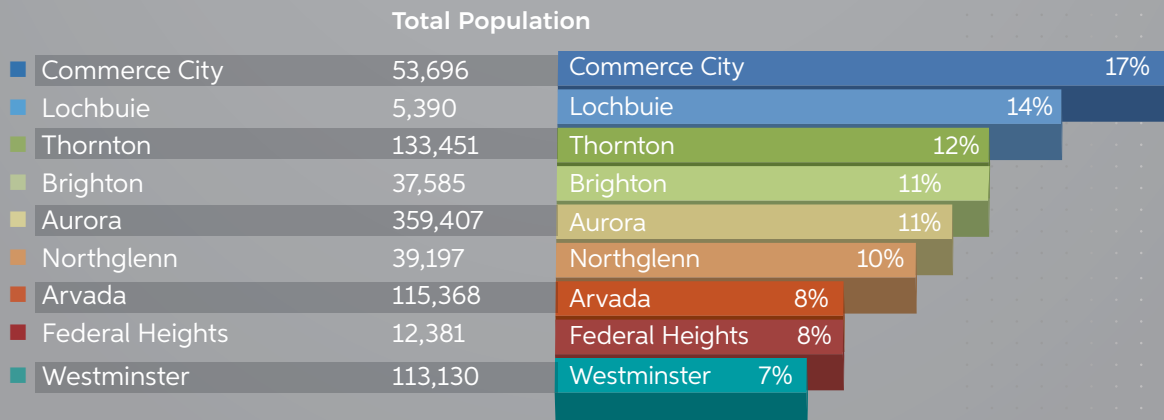
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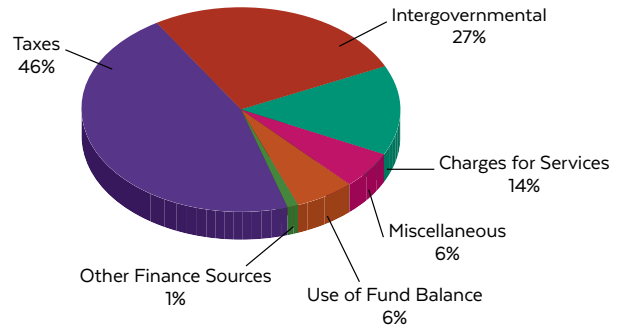
GROWTH IN ADAMS COUNTY CITIES - (2010 - 2015)

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU



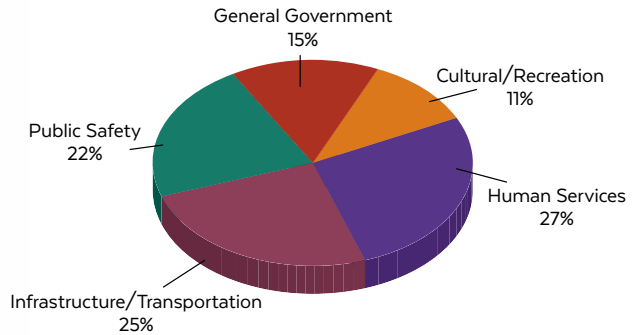
2017 BUDGET

2017 REVENUES BY SOURCE



SOURCE	AMOUNT	%
Taxes	\$213,585,190	46%
Intergovernmental	120,011,167	27%
Charges for Services	61,018,366	14%
Use of Fund Balance	26,354,014	6%
Miscellaneous	25,015,001	6%
Other Finance Sources	5,420,752	1%
Total	451,404,490	100%

EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION




FUNCTION	AMOUNT	%
Human Services	\$122,794,496	27%
Infrastructure/Transportation	112,305,256	25%
Public Safety	101,853,510	22%
General Government	65,789,017	15%
Cultural/Recreation	48,662,211	11%
Total	451,404,490	100%

WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO


TYPE OF LEVY	% OF TOTAL TAXES PAID
School Districts	48%
County	23%
Special Districts	23%
Cities	6%
Total	100%

AROUND THE COUNTY IN 2016

 **449,046**

IN-PERSON TRANSACTIONS

Specific to motor vehicle's six locations: Aurora, Bennett, Brighton, Commerce City, North Pecos, and Westminster.




CLERK & RECORDER

 Adams Hollow

DISC GOLF COURSE

Designed and opened Adams County's first disc golf course. During the opening month, it hosted the Colorado State Disc Golf Championship and is currently the highest-rated disc golf course in the Denver Metro area.


INNOVATION

 **2,300** MILES OF ROAD

NOXIOUS WEEDS

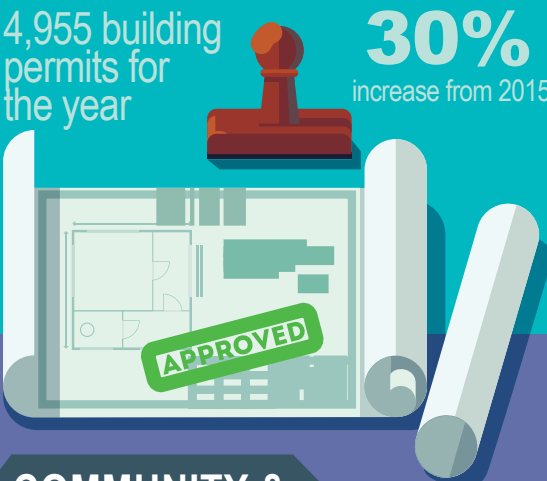
The Parks & Open Space Department's Noxious Weed Team drove more than 2,300 miles of road in 2016 managing noxious weeds. That's more than 1,187 acres of land managed.

PARKS & OPEN SPACE

 **4,955**

BUILDING PERMITS

4,955 building permits for the year **30%** increase from 2015



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

 **\$60,000** AWARDED

INVEST HEALTH GRANT

Co-applied and was awarded a \$60,000 Invest Health Grant to draw investment and implement projects to promote health outcomes in Southwest Adams County and the Federal Blvd. corridor.

LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING

 **\$3 Million** INVESTED

GRAVEL ROAD RESURFACING

Will complete 125 miles of road in 2017. Adams County is now using manufactured materials and polymers in this process.

TRANSPORTATION

 **42% INCREASE**

400,000 POUNDS

Adams County hosted four hazardous waste recycling events in 2016, collecting more than 400,000 pounds of electronics and paint, compared to 280,000 pounds in 2015 (42% increase).

SUSTAINABILITY

HUMAN SERVICES CENTER



PETE MIRELEZ HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

2017 and 2018 promise to bring exciting changes within the county. In late 2017 the new Pete Mirelez Human Services Center will open. The new 315,000-square-foot building is located near 120th Avenue and Pecos Street and will house more than 700 employees, who will serve nearly 500 residents a day. The new location will bring together employees from multiple buildings across the county to centralize all Human Services operations and provide a greater opportunity to transform service delivery through better relationships, collaborative partnerships, and a more integrated service delivery system. Nearby is the RTD Wagon Road Park-and-Ride station, offering convenient access to the new building.

CONSOLIDATED SERVICES

The following services will be centralized and will operate out of the new Pete Mirelez Human Services Center:

- Adoption Services
- Adult Protection Services
- Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)
- Child Support Services
- Colorado Works/TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)
- Community Corrections Administration
- Children and Family Services
- Foster Care Administration
- Financial Assistance Programs
- Food Assistance Programs
- Head Start Administration
- Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program and Medical Assistance)
- Veterans Services Office
- Workforce & Business Center (WBC)
- Other services

HISTORY

Pete Mirelez served as Adams County's first Director of the War on Poverty Program and was named Regional Director of the California Migrant Council in 1968. In 1972, Mirelez was named the National Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity Migrant Division in Washington, D.C. before becoming an Adams County Commissioner. During his time as a commissioner, an edition of the Brighton Sentinel named him as one of the most influential people in Adams County. Given his influential stature, the current Adams County Board of Commissioners determined that the facility would be named after Mirelez, to carry on his legacy by serving our community to the highest standards.

The land where the new Pete Mirelez Human Services Center is located started as a gathering place that dates back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. Family apple orchards, which shortly turned commercial, were built and provided economic vitality that promoted innovation, competitiveness, and entrepreneurship. The orchards served as a gathering place for the community – to picnic and socialize in the spring and to come together for the harvest in the fall. The hard work and dedication of the Human Services staff is a true reflection of the orchard years, and they will continue to showcase that pride and determined work ethic when serving clients within the Adams County community. **For more information, visit adcogov.org/human-services**

ANIMAL SHELTER

In addition to the new Pete Mirelez Human Services Center, a new animal shelter is on the horizon for late 2018 or early 2019. The current Adams County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center (ACASAC) takes in nearly 6,000 stray, abandoned, and neglected animals per year, and provides thousands more with vaccinations and microchips. They save lives by treating injured and ill animals, reuniting lost pets with their families, and serving as the place many Adams County residents come to adopt their pets.

In addition to vaccinating animals against disease, they work closely with the local health department and six municipalities within Adams County, providing quarantine and holding services, including those for animals involved in hoarding situations. The ACASAC also serves as a critical facility responsible for providing temporary shelter for animals in the community, should they become displaced due to an emergency or disaster.



WHY A NEW SHELTER?

As the county's population continues to grow, so does its animal welfare needs. From lack of adequate kennel spaces and public parking, to an undersized health clinic that limits the number and types of procedures the veterinary team can perform, the county's animal care needs have simply outpaced the ability of the facility. The current shelter, which was retrofitted from an existing warehouse, is rapidly falling out of line with modern animal sheltering standards. In addition, the current shelter is located in an industrial area alongside railroad tracks, which is a dangerous environment for the animals, staff, and customers. Limited visibility to the public is a constant issue, and the absence of any green space or sidewalks makes walking dogs in this area unsafe.

THE FUTURE OF ADAMS COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER:

The new 45,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art animal shelter, located on the south end of the Adams County Regional Park between E. 120th Parkway and Henderson Road, will have ample and modernized kennel spaces for cats and dogs and additional housing for small mammals, exotics, and even the occasional small farm animal, allowing for excellence in animal sheltering and an array of services to support and engage Adams County residents.

The expanded health clinic, improved noise abatement, and disease containment features will significantly decrease stress and illness for shelter animals and provide for a better visitor experience. Additional public parking, private adoption rooms, and a dedicated lost and found lobby will help streamline the adoption process and improve efforts to reunite more lost pets with their families. To better serve the community, a large multipurpose room will allow for more frequent public vaccination clinics, behavior support for new adopters, and humane education programs for youth to learn more about animal safety and care. Walking trails and a spacious public off-leash dog park will also enhance the quality of life for pet-loving residents of Adams County and add to the recreational amenities offered at the Adams County Regional Park.

For more information, visit adco.gov/animalshelter



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SAVE A TRIP

Check out the new Adams County website - adcogov.org. Look under the "Save a Trip" section to see the items you can take care of from the comfort of your own home.

- Apply for Assistance
- Driver's License Information
- E-Permit Center (Apply for permits online)
- Get a Ballot
- Look Up Property Information/Zoning
- Pay My Stormwater Utility Fee
- Pay My Taxes
- Perform Public Records Search
- Renew Vehicle Registration
- Schedule a Building Inspection



AUG. 2-6
AdamsCountyFair.com

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MAIN LINE	303.659.2120
ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER	303.288.3294
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	720.523.6038
BUILDING PERMITS/ CODE COMPLIANCE	720.523.6800
CLERK & RECORDER	720.523.6020
ELECTIONS	720.523.6500
GRAFFITI HOTLINE	720.523.6565
HUMAN SERVICES	303.287.8831
MOTOR VEHICLE	720.523.6010
PARKS & OPEN SPACE	303.637.8000
ROADWAY/BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	303.853.7137
SHERIFF'S OFFICE (911 FOR EMERGENCIES)	303.654.1850
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