CODE ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Pueblo Unified Development Code (UDC) Update

How can we improve the current code?

We gathered feedback from developers & designers:

Simplify: Better-organized code with clearer, consistent standards and flexibility for various project contexts

Streamline: Minor subdivision process, a timely review process with consolidated feedback, updated pre-application.

Adaptable: Architectural guidelines for diverse building types, smaller homes, infill, reuse projects, historic preservation

Flexible: Options for multi-family and mixed-use housing, context-appropriate landscaping, long-term storm water solutions, efficient infrastructure standards to reduce costs.

How does the full Code Assessment fit into the UDC Update?

It informs the engagement conversations with the community about how the UDC aligns with Pueblo's Regional Comprehensive Plan and its nine guiding principles. The code assessment is structured around four principles directly connected to the Plan.

PRINCIPLE 1   Housing Options & Neighborhood Design.

Both are vital to development codes, which should evolve to address changing demographics, housing demands, and lifestyle preferences. An effective code anticipates market shifts and promotes sustainable, valued neighborhoods for the future by creating adaptable, connected communities rather than static, isolated developments.

Neighborhood with a variety of housing options, easy access to amenities & walkable streets.

A variety of housing types integrated into an urban neighborhood.

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PRINCIPLE 2   Strong Local & Regional Connections.

Development codes shape local and regional connectivity by influencing street patterns, land use relationships, and transportation options, moving beyond car-centric designs to support diverse mobility needs. Effective codes create streets that prioritize all users, coordinating development with quality transportation and urban design to expand viable travel options.
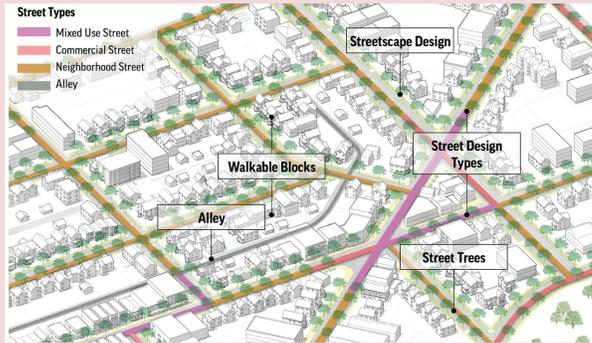
A network of street types tailored to support connectivity to nearby development.

Streetscape elements can maximize the value of streets as public, social, and civic spaces.

PRINCIPLE 3   Grow Smarter: Productive Districts, Corridors and Centers.

Development codes shape areas like downtowns, historic corridors, and civic hubs, and effective codes prioritize compact, mixed-use, and adaptable development to enhance economic and environmental resilience. Flexible codes can support vibrant, diverse places that align with community character and adapt to changing markets over time.

A mixed-use downtown or urban center.
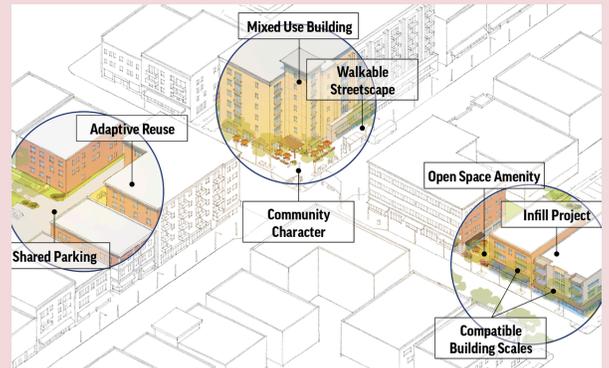
Strategies for vibrant, connected mixed-use center.

PRINCIPLE 4   Celebrate Pueblo: Emphasize Distinct Character Character.

Development codes offer a way to reinforce community goals for adaptable design, historic preservation, and environmental resilience by integrating unique local elements like neighborhood design, native landscaping, public art, and tailored historic preservation. Effective code customizes these standards to different contexts, fostering Pueblo's distinct identity and resilience.
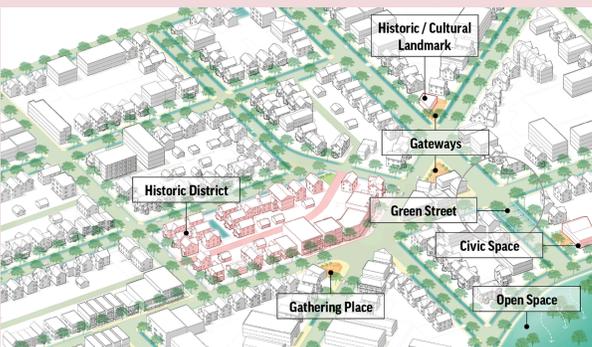
Strategies for celebrating local character and environment.

Streetscape strategies for community character and environmental sustainability.