

Westridge Homes



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Westridge Redevelopment Master Planning

Preferred Concept Plan presentation

The Denver Housing Authority (DHA) is preparing a master plan that will guide the phased demolition and redevelopment of Westridge Homes.

Project Facts:

- Site is located in West Colfax near light-rail
- Replace existing 200 units of public housing with up to 600+/- total new units of mixed income housing
- Opportunity to update infrastructure, sidewalks and community serving amenities
- Utilize Denver housing funds (D3) for phases 1
 & 2 of the redevelopment 290 units for low
 & moderate income families
- Relocation & construction would not begin until spring of 2022
- Visit the project website for more project facts: www.westridgeredevelopment.com



Project Outreach

October 10 - Kick-off & LRC

Oct 15th - WCAC meeting #1

November - Survey Findings & HLI

November 14 - LRC update – project overview

November 18 - WDRC leader meeting – general project update

December 4 - Westridge resident meeting – project overview

December 17 - WCAC Meeting #2 - review input & date shaping plan options

January 14 - Community Meeting A w/ NPI West public mtg – review plan options

January 23 - Westridge Community Meeting – feedback on plan options

Dec 21- January 31 - Survey 2.0

February 4 - **WCAC meeting #3** - review comments & preferred plan

February 13 - LRC review preferred plan

March 12 - Community Meeting B - Postponed due to COVID19

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May - Refine plan graphics with community feedback

May - WCAC meeting #4 / open to the public - review final plan & phasing

June - Master Plan packed refined and finalized

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Westridge Resident



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Survey Input from Westridge Home residents and leaders







Safer connections needed to abundant neighborhood amenities



Westridge Community Advisory Committee Mtg, Dec 2019



DHA's Healthy Living Initiative (HLI)

What could be?

- · A safe residential neighborhood
- Safer sidewalks & connections
- · Easier walk to transit
- Off-street parking
- · Better outdoor lighting (too dark)
- Gardening + green space
- Chance to meet neighbors / community space
- Visibility to play spaces
- · Better architecture
- · Better household amenities
- · Privacy/sound buffering
- Trash storage areas





What we have heard

The Preferred Concept Plan has been shaped by input from surveys and a range of community meetings. There have been a total of 11 community meetings and one-on-one outreach since October 2019.

Feedback on preliminary options:

- Preserve the area's residential feel
- Maintain current affordable housing
- Create opportunities for community space along 13th Avenue
- Maximize units w/ front door access
- Create private outdoor spaces within blocks
- Enable higher density at 13th Avenue and Knox Court
- Improve pedestrian connections
- Emphasize transit-oriented development (TOD)

Community feedback is combined with health and neighborhood data to create a plan for innovative housing and integrated amenities that align with community needs and opportunities.







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Westridge Master Plan – Project Goals



Example of goals: 1, 5, 6



Example of goals: 1, 3, 4, 9



Example of goals: 1, 3, 4, 8, 9

- Design a healthy and active community for all that responds to the physical, social, and economic needs of Westridge residents.
- 2. Replace all current **public housing units and add more affordable units** to minimize displacement of existing residents. Build a range of diverse, innovate housing options that includes opportunities for homeownership.
- 3. Improve walkability with sidewalk improvements and pedestrian-friendly design to help connect Westridge to the Knox St. transit station, Paco Sanchez Park, and the West Colfax neighborhood.
- 4. Create space for resident and community services along 13th Avenue.



Example of goals: 1, 2, 5, 6



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- Incorporate innovative housing and amenities that meet the needs of families and residents of different ages and cultures.
- 6. Integrate green areas and outdoor community space.
- 7. Increase density along 13th
 Ave in order to add more
 affordable housing options
 near the Knox St. transit
 station.
- 8. Promote building form, the use of brick, and architectural styles that complement existing buildings in the neighborhood.
- resident and neighborhood leaders as key partners throughout the redevelopment process.





Master Plan & Concepts

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- a. Incorporate diverse housing options to serve a range of different households
- b. Work with unique topography of the site while siting and designing buildings
- Design projects, buildings, and site amenities that support healthy living project goals
- d. Create a transitoriented entrance to the neighborhood in phases I & II by concentrating higher density mix-use buildings along 13th closest to the transit station
- e. Provide an enhanced pedestrian experience along 13th Ave with space for community services, streetscape, and a stormwater solution/amenity



- f. Transition to lower density residential building to the north and west to transition to adjacent single family zoning
- g. Maximize number of units with front or back door access to street, open space, gardens, or playgrounds
- h. Improve north/south streets providing safe multi-modal connections to the transit station
- i. Incorporate green space and quality community amenities within blocks
- j. Partner to improve the safety of pedestrian crossings to Paco Sanchez, Knox St. Station, and West Colfax

Building Heights & Massing

Elevation of building proposed heights looking west on King St

Redevelopment Site

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Building Heights & Massing

Elevation of building proposed heights looking north at 13th Ave.

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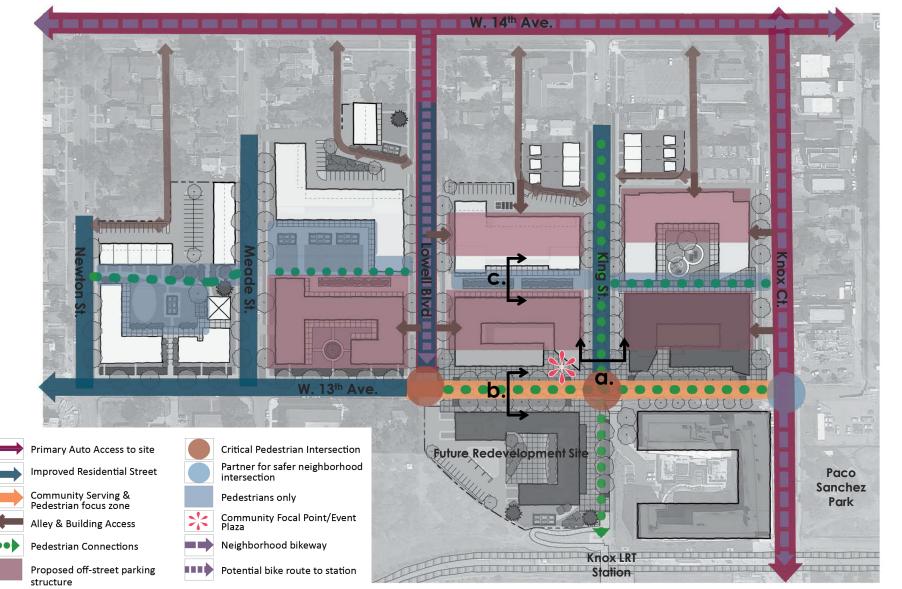
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Streets, Access & Parking

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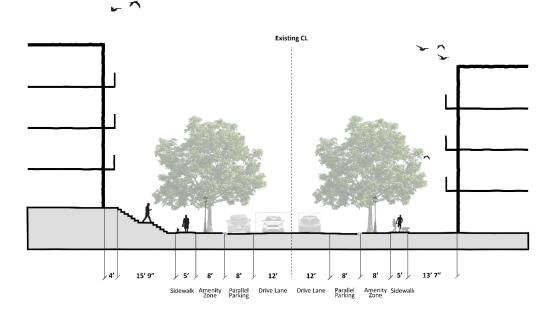
Street improvements will occur as the adjacent block is developed.

- The plan envisions north/south streets with improvements to create safe multimodal connections.
- An enhanced pedestrian experience along 13th Ave with stormwater solution/amenity.
- Joint efforts to improve pedestrian crossings along 13th at King and Knox.

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Street and Pedestrian Sections

a. King St. – Looking north



King St. at 13th Avenue – looking south towards Knox St. Station



King St. at 13th Avenue – looking north towards W. 14th Ave

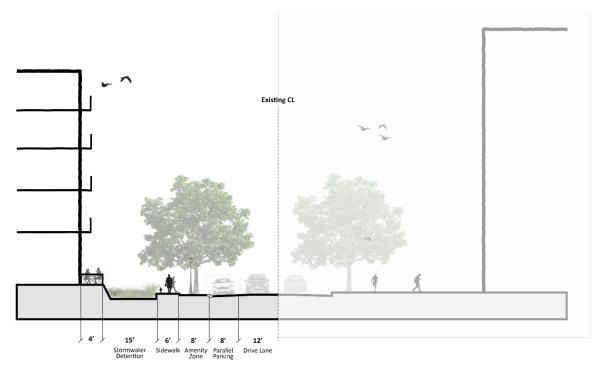




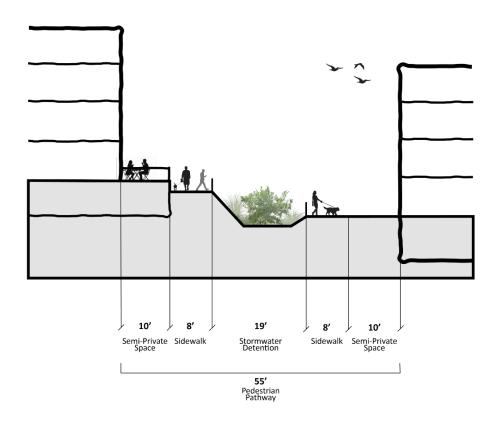
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b. 13th Ave – Looking east

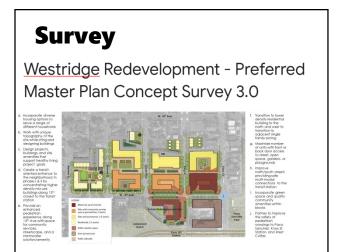


c. Mid-block pedestrian pass through at King St.





Tell Us What You Think!



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Click on this link to access a survey about the Preferred Plan Concept:

Survey 3.0

Your input is important. Click on the survey link and provide input on what you like or don't and your thoughts on the ideas that with shape the plan and future decisions about the Westridge Redevelopment.

Be sure to leave your name, neighborhood and phone number...we will be raffling off 6 randomly selected \$25 prizes to survey respondents on April 30th.







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We are committed to protecting the Westridge and West Colfax residents from unnecessary exposure during this difficult time due to COVID 19.

If you have questions or want to run through the presentation with us via phone, please call or email:

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