

City Council

Special Meeting

Agenda

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
City Hall, Council Chambers
6:00 PM

Members of the public are welcome to attend remotely; however, the in-person meeting may continue even if technology issues prevent remote attendance.

- You can call in to **+1 719 359 4580 or 877 853 5247 (toll free)**
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Anyone may email comments to the Council prior to the meeting at Council@LouisvilleCO.gov.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

2. Joint Meeting with Louisville Fire Protection District Board and Presentation of the Boulder County Wildfire Protection Plan

- Public Comments (Please limit to three minutes each)
- Presentation
- Council Discussion

3. Biennial Open-Government and Ethics Training

- Public Comments (Please limit to three minutes each)
- Presentation
- Council Discussion

4. Adjourn

Citizen Information

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SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING WITH THE LOUISVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD AND PRESENTATION OF THE BOULDER COUNTY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

DATE: MARCH 5, 2025

PRESENTED BY: JOHN WILLSON, LOUISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT CHIEF
MEG HALFORD, WILDFIRE TEAM FOREST AND GRASSLANDS PROJECT COORDINATOR
SAMMA FOX, LOUISVILLE CITY MANAGER

SUMMARY:

The 2025 Louisville City Council Work Plan identifies safety as one of four priorities with preparedness, including coordination with regional partners and overviews on topics such as the Boulder County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Tonight, the Louisville Fire Protection District (LFPD) board will join city council and receive a presentation from Boulder County on the Boulder County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This will be an opportunity to engage with each other on priorities, coordination of policy initiatives, and learn more about the CWPP.

LFPD board members include President James Dubay, President Pro Tem Ingrid Lechner, Treasurer Larry Boven, Director Ben Carter, and Director Don Brown Jr.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A – This is in informational meeting only.

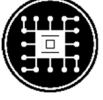
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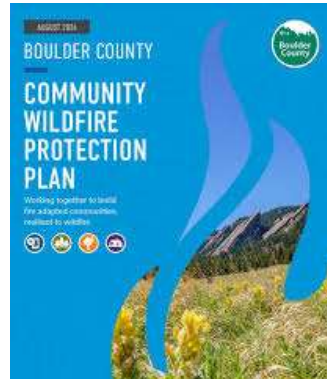
Engage with the LFPD Board and the Boulder County CWPP Presentation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Presentation.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

☐		Financial Stewardship & Asset Management	☐		Reliable Core Services
☐		Vibrant Economic Climate	☐		Quality Programs & Amenities
☐		Engaged Community	☐		Healthy Workforce
☐		Supportive Technology	☒		Collaborative Regional Partner



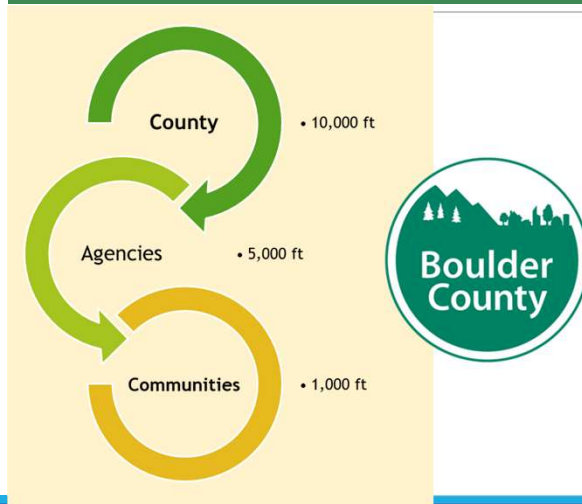
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BOULDER COUNTY CWPP OVERVIEW

MARCH 5, 2025

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Purpose of a County-Level CWPP



The County CWPP identifies risk across the landscape

A living document for planning and implementation.

- Adaptive to changes and events

Not a regulatory or legal document, but they do include certain requirements and guidelines

The BC CWPP links with local level and FPD plans (and other types of plans) to augment resources, broaden support and enhance implementation.

- Help coordinate and support local level goals and objectives.

Identify broad strategies to reduce the risks to lives, homes and critical infrastructure

Help to meet the criteria of state, federal, and local grant programs

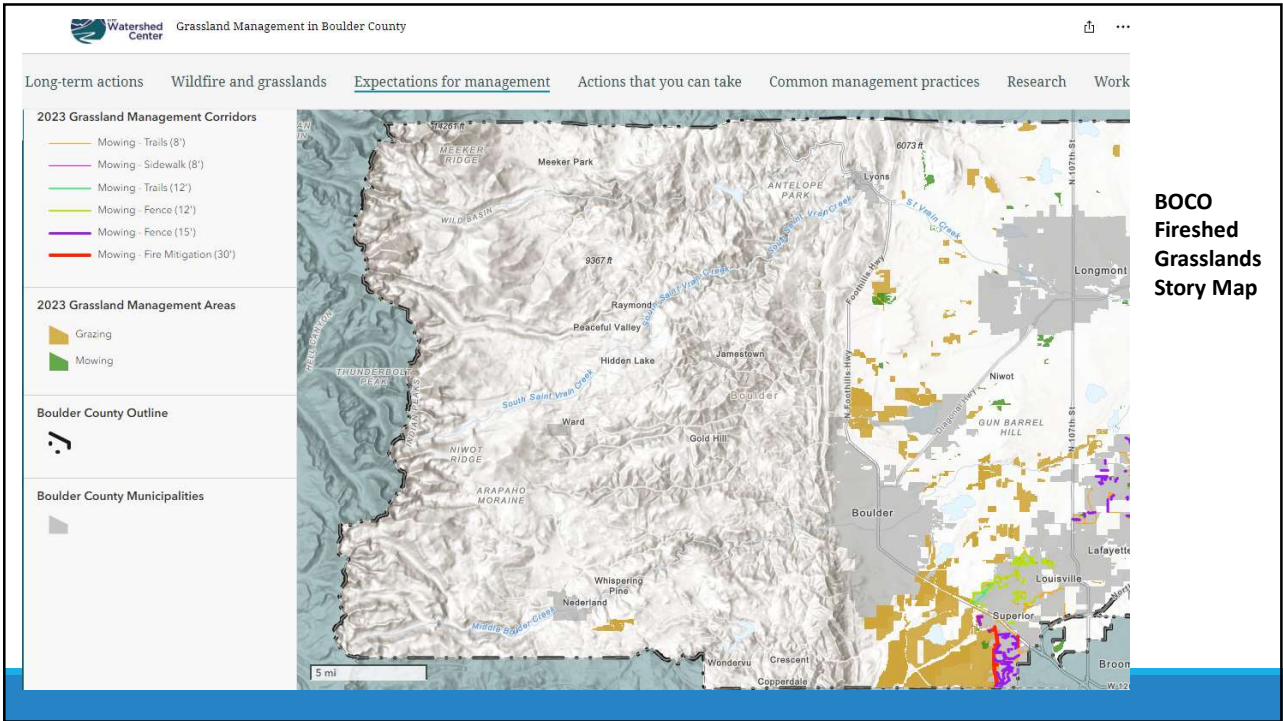
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Boulder County CWPP Story Map



**Boulder County
Community Wildfire
Protection Plan**
The story map for
the Boulder County
CWPP allows you to
explore the plan
through maps,
graphics, and other
visual resources

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**BOCO
Firedshed
Grasslands
Story Map**

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CWPP Management Recommendations and Implementation. Action in Motion!

➤ City of Louisville Mitigation Actions:

- Implementation from the Wildfire Risk Assessment (WRA)
- Wildfire mitigation via goat and cattle grazing and mowing (targeted moderate to high-risk areas)~ 220 acres (Open Space)
- Woody residue removal (Open Space)
- Noxious weed control (Open Space)
- Ditch mitigation, additional grazing and mowing (~292 acres) in 2025-2026 (Open Space)

➤ City of Louisville Preparedness Actions:

- Outreach and education activities (including but not limited to)
 - Debris Removal volunteer events
 - Grassland walking tours
 - Preparedness month (private property mitigation educational event and mitigation giveaway)
 - Test & registration campaign for the BOCOAlert emergency notification system
- Community Planning/Firewise Communities: Cornerstone HOA (1st urban Firewise community in Boulder County)
- Implementation of the home-hardening code
- Robust outreach and education on wildfire campaign-hiring consultant to consolidate mitigation communications
- Working with Wildfire Partners program: Rebates, Community Planning, Outreach and Education

➤ Louisville FPD:

- Expand the city Wildfire Risk Assessment (WRA) to include entire city
- Promoting resident action-home hardening, community planning
- Offering the Wildfire Partners Home Assessment program to homeowners in Louisville

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CWPP Management Recommendations

To safely and effectively extinguish fire, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage our natural resources; and collectively, learn to live with wildland fire."



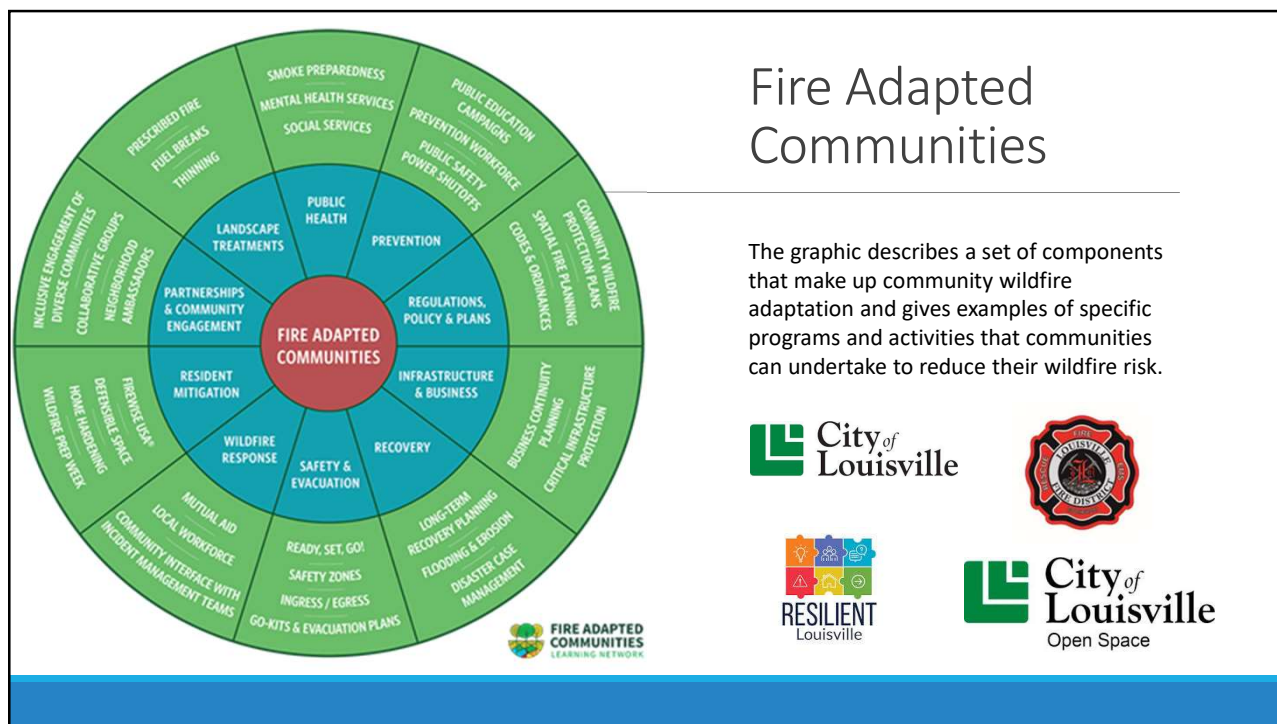
**Community Mitigation Planning
(Local level actions within established communities)**



Fire Adapted Community



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BC CWPP Management Recommendations/Actions

Resilient Landscapes (Vegetation Management)

Project Description	Lead Agency	Partnering Agencies
Fuels Reduction (East)-Open Space owned lands - Grassland/Shrublands - Ditches - Buffers on BCPOS lands - Prescribed Fire	-Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS)	-Municipal Open Space Managers (Louisville, Superior, Lafayette, Longmont etc.), ditch companies, BCSO
Fuels Reduction: Ingress and Egress	Countywide	Local government, fire protection districts, road departments, HOA's, municipal disaster management

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BC CWPP Management Recommendations/Actions

Creating Fire Adapted Communities (Public outreach and education, community planning and structure ignitability)

Project Description	Lead Agency	Partnering Agencies
Policy and Regulation: - HOA subdivision covenants - Building Codes (Wildfire)	HOA's, Boulder County Land Use	HOA boards and leadership, municipal leaders, fire protection districts
Awareness and Outreach: - Realtor training - Landscaper training	Boulder County Wildfire Partners	Boulder Area Realtor Association, local realtors, local landscapers, CSFS, IBHS
Promote Boulder County Wildfire Partners Programs: - Rebate Program (\$500) - Home Assessments - Community Chipping Program - Outreach and Education - Community Mitigation Planning - New Firewise Incentive Program *** \$20/household - Youth programs	Boulder County Wildfire Partners	Countywide partners (local governments, NGO's, HOA leaders, resident leaders)

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BC CWPP Management Recommendations/Actions

Safe and Effective Wildfire Response

Project Description	Lead Agency	Partnering Agencies
Evacuation and Planning: - Vulnerable populations - Pre-planning-evacuation - Evacuation route identification and signage in communities	Boulder County ODM, local law enforcement, FPD's, local emergency managers	Countywide-Boulder County ODM, local law enforcement, FPD's, local emergency managers
Response and Suppression: - Response and Suppression Plan-tactical and operational - Water Resources - Wildland Fire Team - Urban Conflagration Planning-structural defense	Boulder County ODM, FPD's, BCSO	Countywide-Countywide-Boulder County ODM, local law enforcement, FPD's, local emergency managers
Staffing and Training: Increase staffing-address staffing limitations within BC wildfire division	Boulder County ODM, FPD's, BCSO	Countywide-Countywide-Boulder County ODM, local law enforcement, FPD's, local emergency managers

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Louisville Local Level Management Targets and Action Items

Project Name	Partnering Agency	General Location	General Goals of Project
Outreach and Education: • Home Hardening • Defensible Space • Mitigation in urban settings • Wildfire Awareness and Communications plan • Private property mitigation incentives • Volunteer events • Grassland walking tours	Boulder County Wildfire Partners, Boulder Watershed Collective, local fire protection district	City of Louisville	Increase outreach and education activities, improve wildfire awareness and preparedness and develop a wildfire awareness and communications plan
Community Mitigation Planning: • Established HOA communities do CMP and gain Firewise Recognition	Wildfire Partners, local HOA leads, Firewise-NFPA	City of Louisville	
Fuels Mitigation: • Open space grasslands-grazing, mowing and prescribed fire • Open Space-Ditch mitigation and maintenance	City of Louisville Open Space, BC POS, Ditch Companies, Wildfire Partners, local FPD's	City of Louisville	Implement strategic fuels mitigation activities to protect communities and critical infrastructure
Louisville FPD: • Mitigation Education and Preparedness • Community Mitigation Programs • Private Property Mitigation • Open Space mitigation	Louisville Fire Protection District, City of Louisville, Louisville Open Space, local emergency, ODM	City of Louisville	

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Project Name	Priority 1- High 10 - Low	General Location	Approx. Acres (acres unless noted otherwise)	Landowners Involved	General Goals of the Project	Proposed Treatment(s)	Partners	Notes
Mitigation education and outreach	2	City of Louisville	N/A	N/A	Outreach and Education Community Engagement	N/A	Louisville Fire Protection District, Boulder County Wildfire Partners, Boulder County ODM, Boulder County Sheriff's Office	Build programming on private property mitigation and expand education and outreach opportunities with internal and external departments on mitigation initiatives for open spaces. Develop and implement programs to engage citizens, neighborhoods, and HOAs to improve disaster preparedness (home hardening, defensible space, and fire adapted concepts).
Expand capacity for mitigation initiatives	5	City of Louisville	N/A	N/A	Capacity Building	N/A	N/A	Expanding capacity on mitigation projects within the City.
Private property mitigation incentives	5	City of Louisville	N/A	N/A	Outreach and Education	N/A	Louisville Fire Protection District	Researching and developing mitigation incentives for the whole City.

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Links to Resources

- Boulder County CWPP: <https://bouldercounty.gov/disasters/wildfires/mitigation/community-wildfire-protection-plan/>
- Boulder County CWPP Story Map: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f8e3d5e7dd9a4ef5aab1d4aac966f35c>
- BOCO Fireshed Grasslands Story Map: [Grassland Management in Boulder County](#)
- https://www.nrs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr_nrs89.pdf
- Colorado State Forest Service: <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/community-wildfire-protection-plans/>

SUBJECT: BIENNIAL OPEN GOVERNMENT AND ETHICS TRAINING

DATE: MARCH 5, 2025

PRESENTED BY: MEREDYTH MUTH, CITY CLERK

SUMMARY:

Section 4-16 of the Home Rule Charter states that “each Councilmember and each member of a permanent board or commission shall participate in at least one City-sponsored open government-related seminar, workshop or other program at least once every two years. Such program shall provide information on at least these topics relating to municipal government: the theories and policies underlying and laws relating to ethics, open government, open meetings, open records, and promoting citizen participation in municipal government.”

Geoff Wilson, partner at Wilson Williams Fellman Dittman and former general counsel for the Colorado Municipal League, will give a training covering the topics required in the Charter.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

PROGRAM/SUB-PROGRAM IMPACT:

This training helps the Council meet the goal of transparent and effective governance.

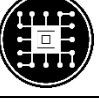
RECOMMENDATION:

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