



Community Workshop
August 3, 2016

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Welcome to the first of four community workshops
- Introductions
 - City of Colorado Springs
 - NES team



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. Community participation overview
2. Project intent and givens
3. Project area existing conditions
4. Community view of project area
5. Small group work and report-out
6. Next steps in the process



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



NORTH NEVADA AVENUE PLAN DECISION PROCESS



July – August 3, 2016 Workshop #1
Community: Identify challenges, opportunities, vision elements

August-September 2016
Project Team: Study and analyze project area

September 13, 2016 Workshop #2
Community: Receive analysis results and review Draft Vision

September-October 2016
Project Team: Develop Plan concepts

October 27, 2016 Workshop #3
Community: Review and respond to Plan concepts

November 2016
Project Team: Develop Plan alternatives

December 8, 2016 Workshop #4
Community: Review and respond to Plan alternatives

December 2016-January 2017
Project Team: Develop Draft Plan

January 17, 2017 Open House
Community: Review and respond to Draft Plan

February 2017
Project Team: Develop Recommended Plan

February-March 2017
City Planning Commission and City Council review/consideration of Plan approval



PROPOSED GROUND RULES

- ✓ Say what you think
- ✓ Be brief so everybody gets a chance to talk
- ✓ Listen with respect to the opinions and beliefs of others
- ✓ Be open to compromise
- ✓ Hold your questions until after the presentation



PROJECT INTENT

- Area identified as an Economic Opportunity Zone
- The EOZ Task Force required a comprehensive community process
- The planning process will:
 - ✓ Analyze what uses would be appropriate for the area;
 - ✓ Identify incentives to attract and to expand existing businesses and jobs; and
 - ✓ Study roads, utilities, land use, and zoning to determine what's needed to support the corridor's renewal.

PROJECT INTENT

Build on existing opportunities:



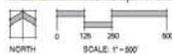
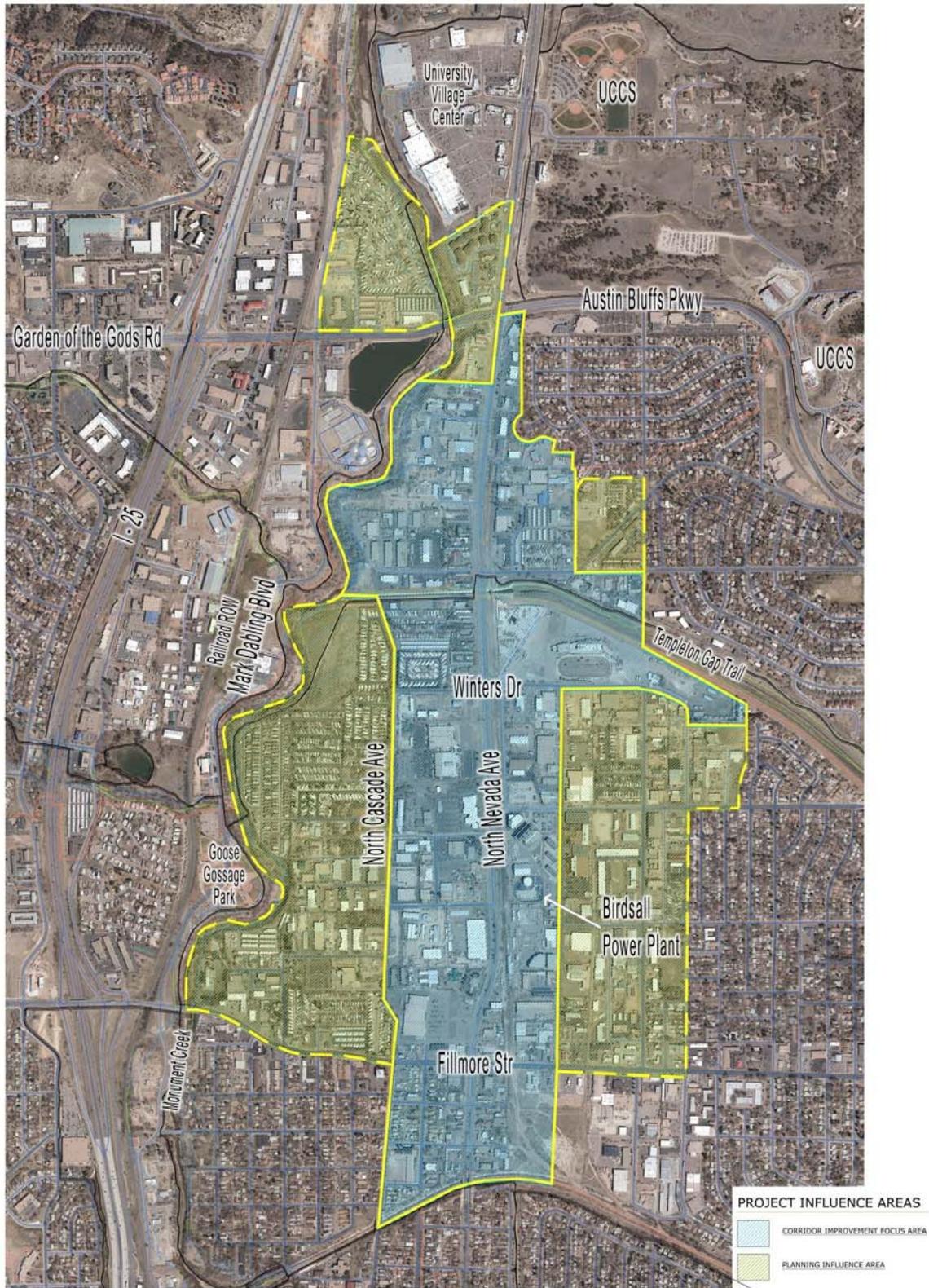
- Large and small businesses
- Established neighborhoods
- Access to regional trails
- Nearby infrastructure improvements
- National Cybersecurity Center
- University Village
- UCCS campus
- Transportation connections

Transform into a thriving community gateway

PROJECT GIVENS

- The Plan must be **economically feasible** and address and balance market needs with the priorities expressed through a **community involvement** process.
- It must be consistent with the City of Colorado Springs **Infill Policy** Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and Infill Action Plan and consistent with and inform the City of Colorado Springs **Comprehensive Plan Update** currently in process.
- It will capitalize on and leverage the success of **public and private investments** affecting the project area, such as implementation of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs 2013 Master Plan, the University Village Colorado commercial area, and the planned National Cybersecurity Center.
- The City of Colorado Springs will **not use eminent domain** to implement the Plan.
- All City of Colorado Springs **vehicle and pedestrian safety standards** as well as **infrastructure standards** must be addressed.
- The **Birdsall Power Plant** provides supplemental electric generation capacity and hosts other core operations. The Plant and its necessary supporting infrastructure will remain in the project area.
- Many businesses, neighborhoods, groups, and individuals are interested in and are encouraged by the City to participate in the open, **public process** that will result in creation of the North Nevada Avenue Plan.
- The preferred Plan will be submitted to the Colorado Springs Planning Commission for review and recommendation to the Colorado Springs **City Council** for consideration and **final approval**.

PROJECT BOUNDARIES



EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Existing Character
- Existing Land Uses
- Existing Infrastructure
- Historic Interest
- Current Zoning

EXISTING CHARACTER

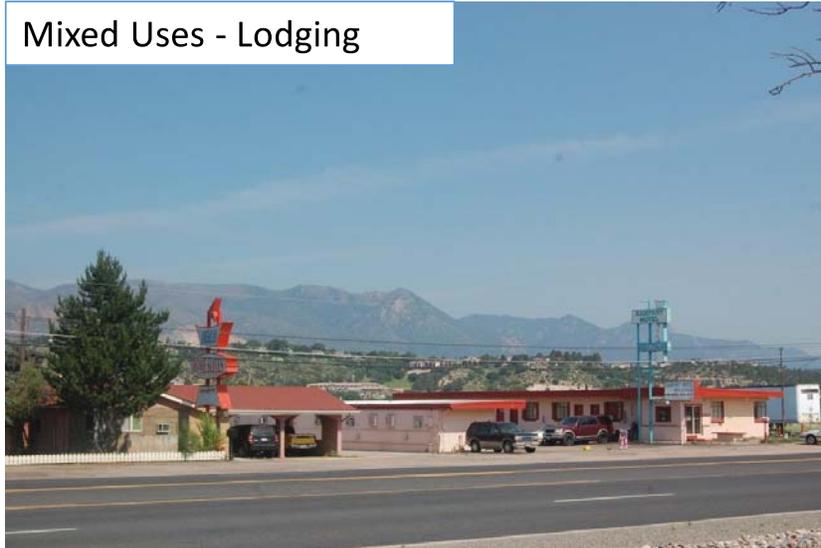
Mixed Uses - Commercial



Mixed Uses - Industrial



Mixed Uses - Lodging



EXISTING CHARACTER

Mixed Uses – Affordable Housing



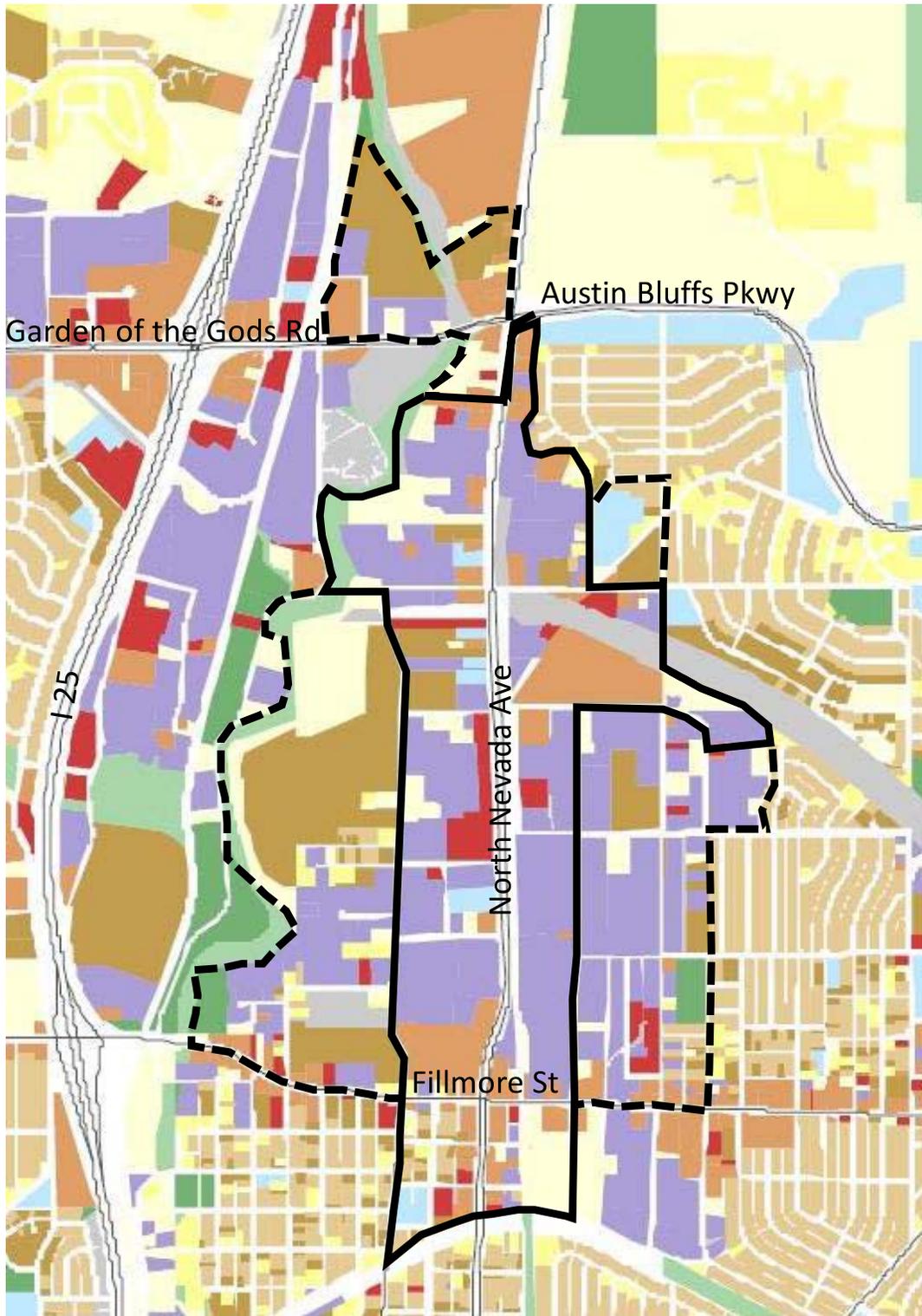
Mountain Views



Infrastructure Challenges



EXISTING LAND USES



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| Land Use | ■ Residential (common area) | ■ Parks | ■ Institution |
| ■ Residential (low density) | ■ Commercial | ■ Open Space; Trails | ■ Other |
| ■ Residential (med density) | ■ Office | ■ Cemetery, Golf Course | |
| ■ Residential (hi density) | ■ Industrial | ■ Vacant | |



EXISTING LAND USES

Batch Plant



Waste Management

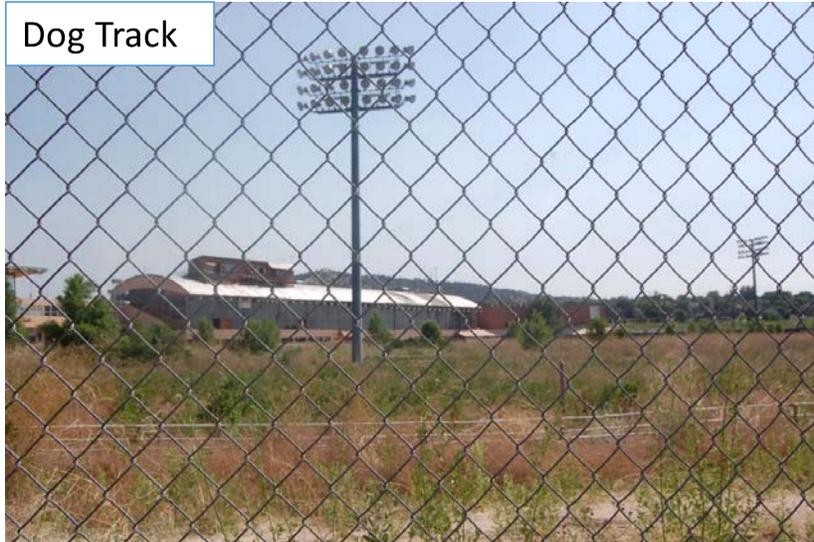


Power Plant



EXISTING LAND USES

Dog Track



Expo Center



Comcor



Comcor



EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Major Intersections



Truck Route

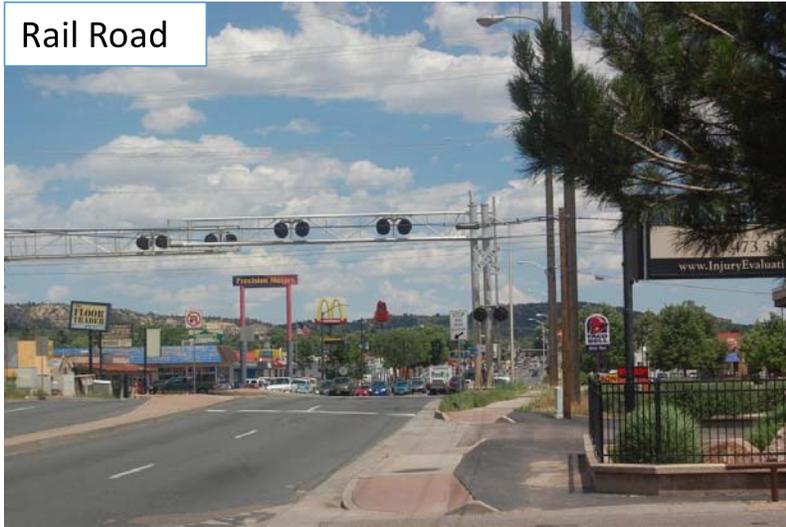


Road Conditions



EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Rail Road



Trail and Drainage



Power Lines and Rail Road



HISTORIC INTEREST

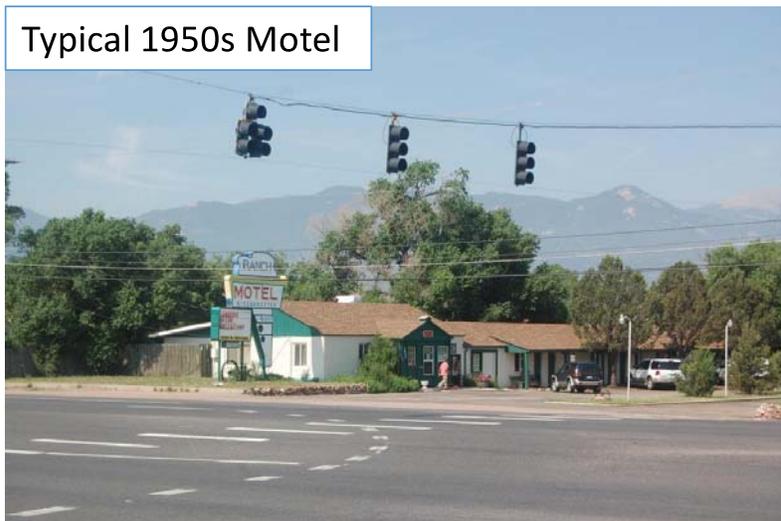
Alexandria Film



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Typical 1950s Motel



HISTORIC INTEREST

Murphy's Tavern



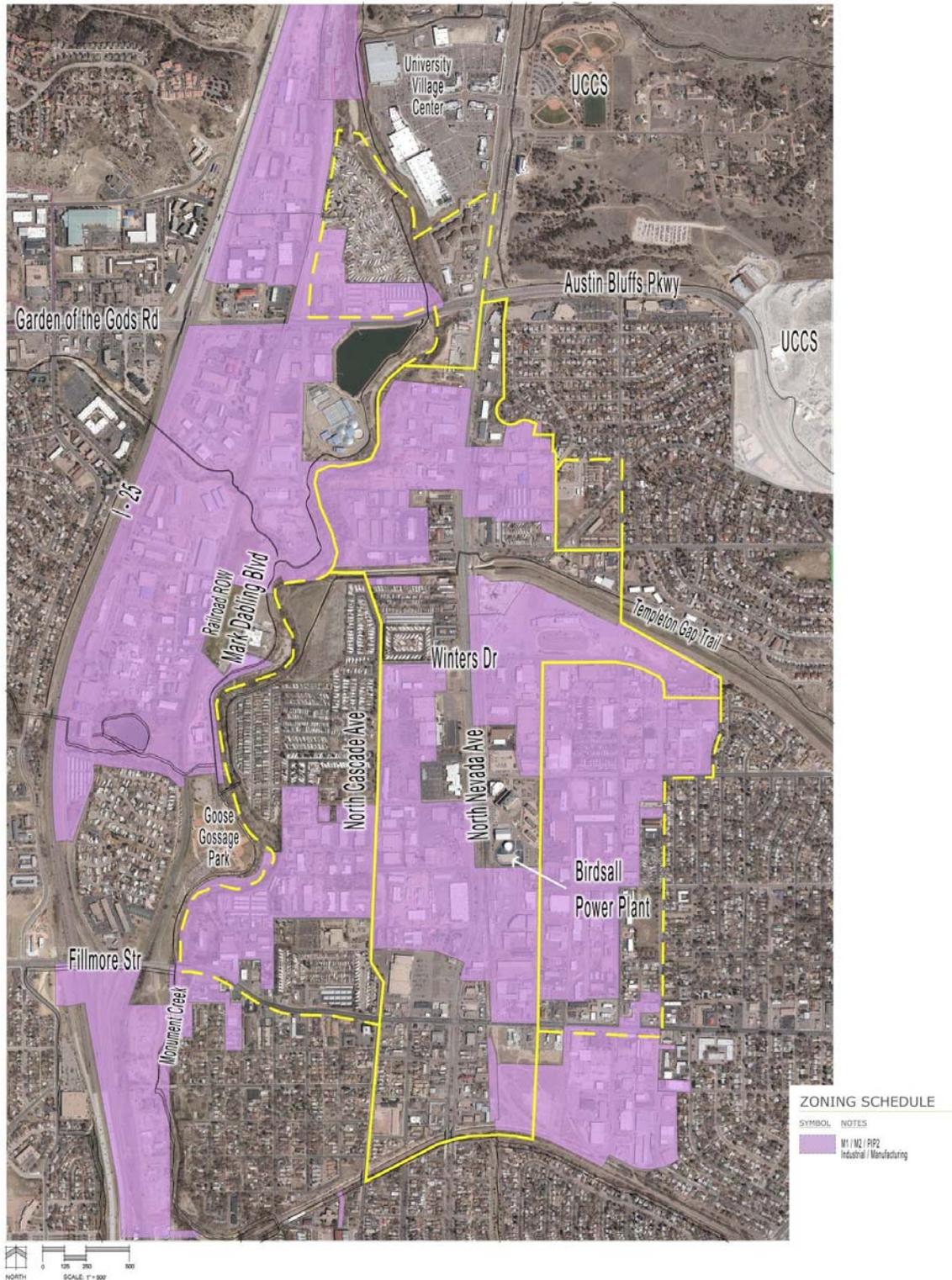
Navajo Hogan



Birdsall Power Plant

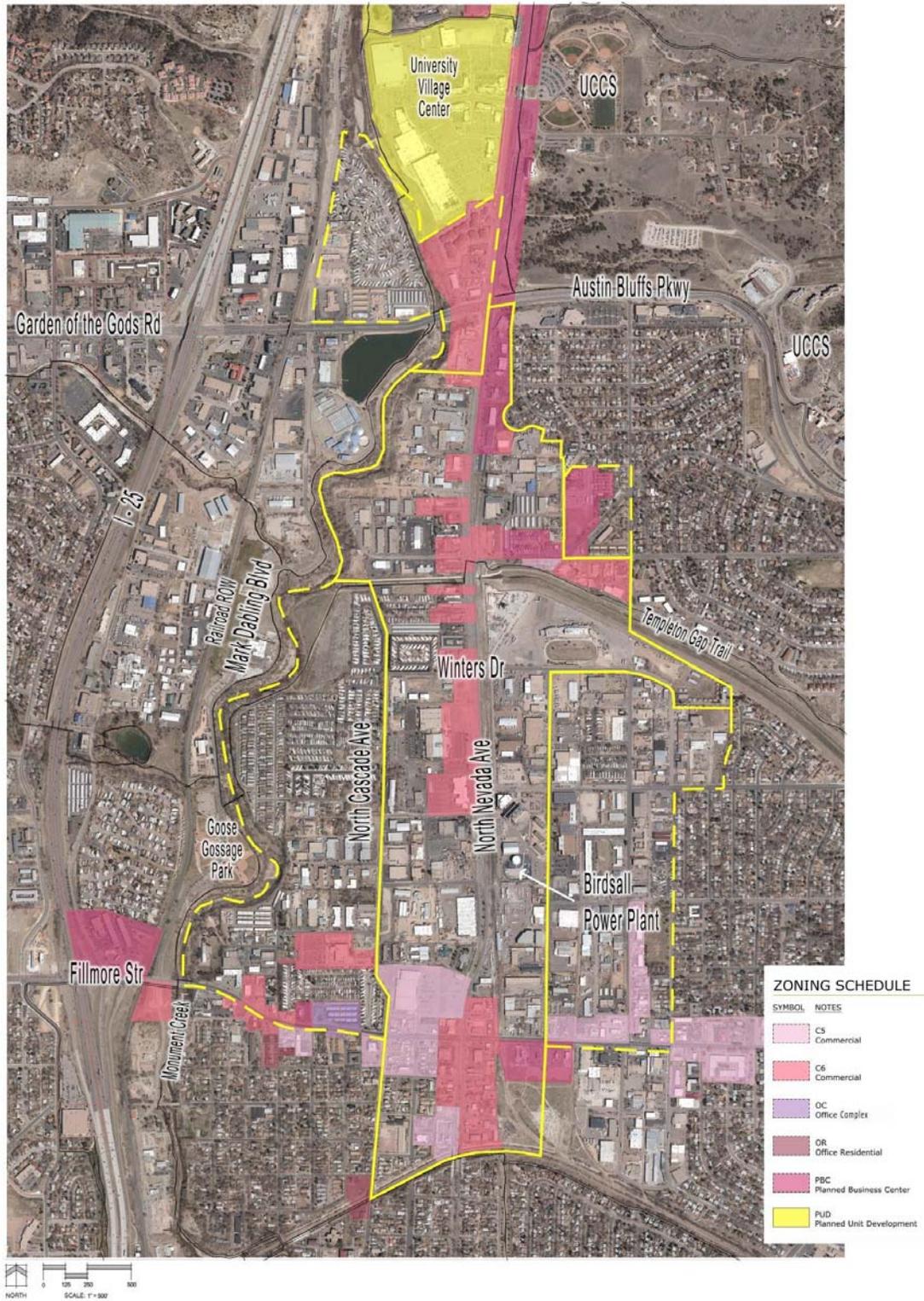


EXISTING ZONING: Industrial/Manufacturing



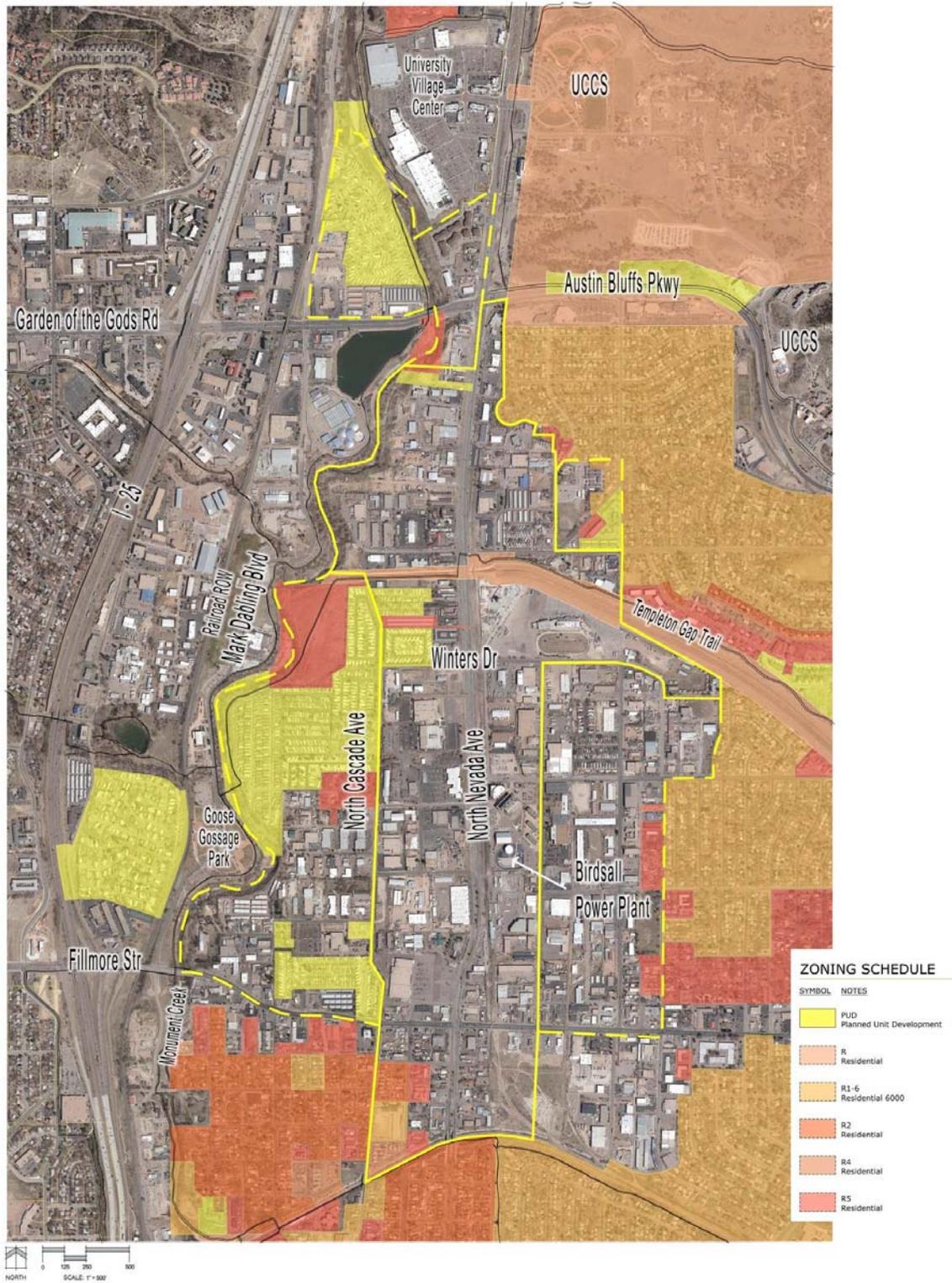
EXISTING ZONING:

Commercial



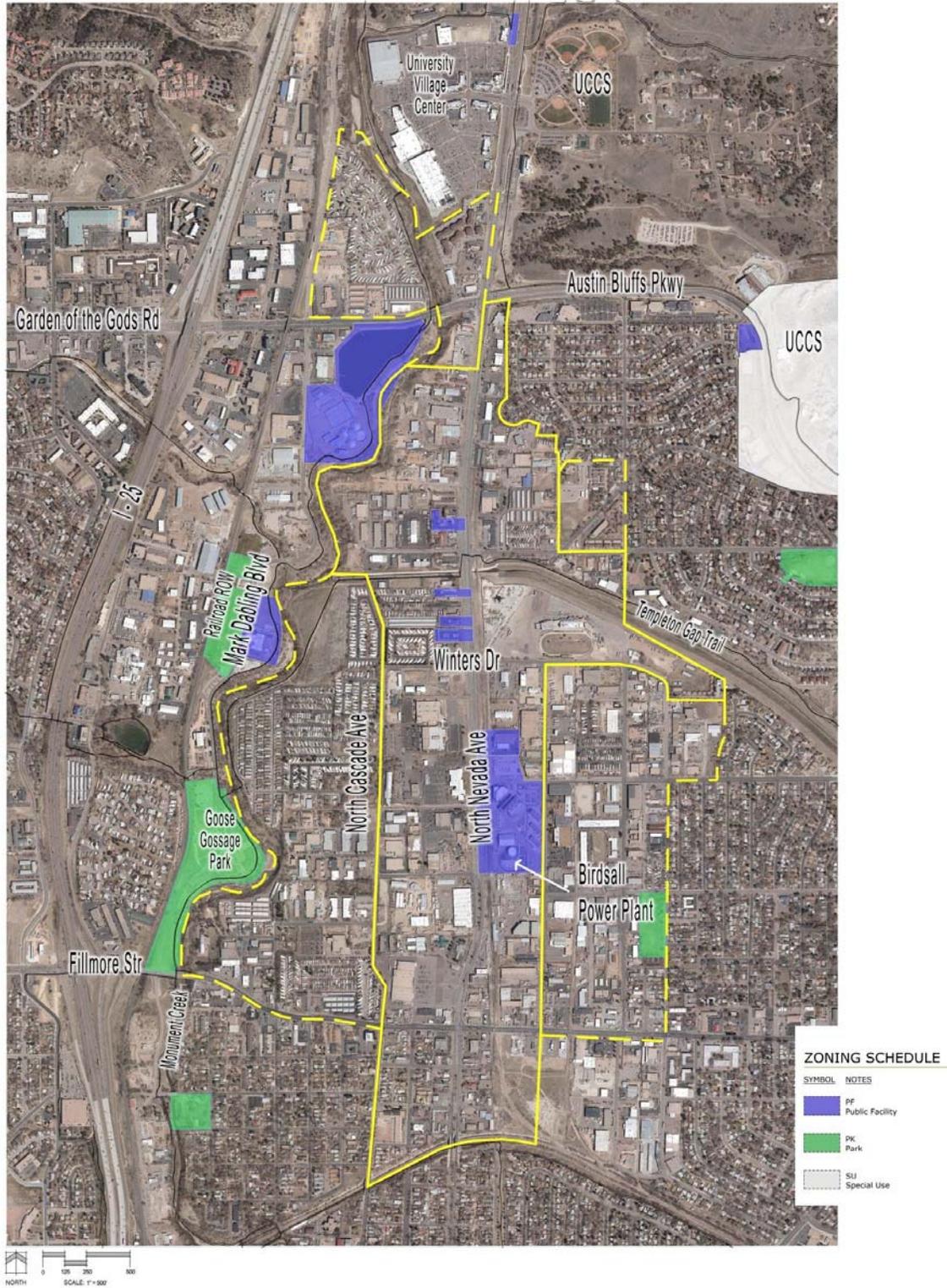
EXISTING ZONING:

Residential



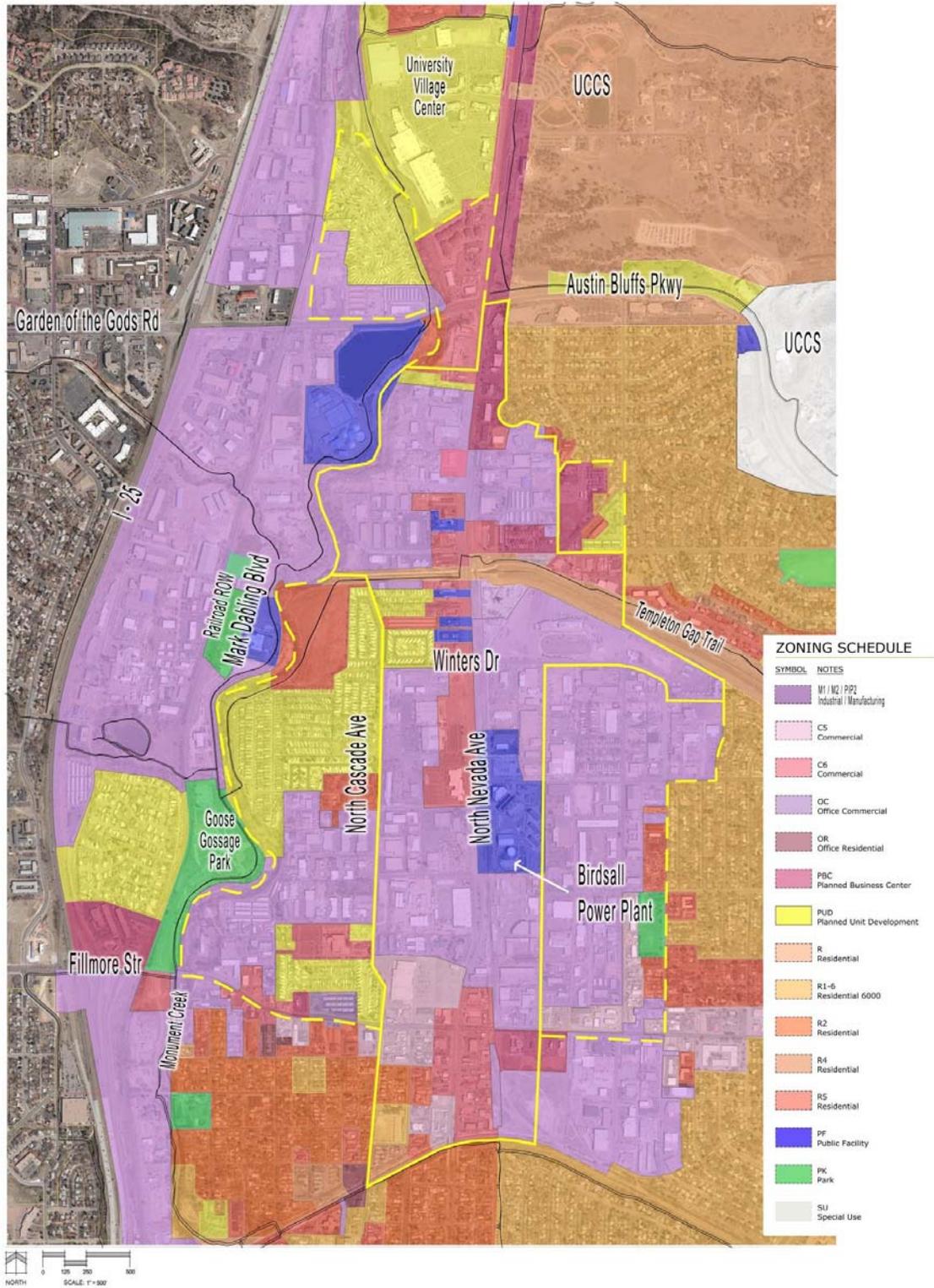
EXISTING ZONING:

Parks and Public Facilities



EXISTING ZONING

Composite



PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Defining Factors:

- Recognizing and reflecting community's preferences and priorities; and
- Identifying and acknowledging what is technically feasible and responsible.

Next Steps:

- Market analysis
- Infrastructure analysis
- Land use analysis

COMMUNITY'S ASSESSMENT

Sources

- Community roundtables
- Online survey
- Background discussions

Challenges

Area undefined and unattractive

Businesses

City services

Funding sources for improvements

Homeless residents

Housing

Infrastructure

Land use

Negative perception of the area

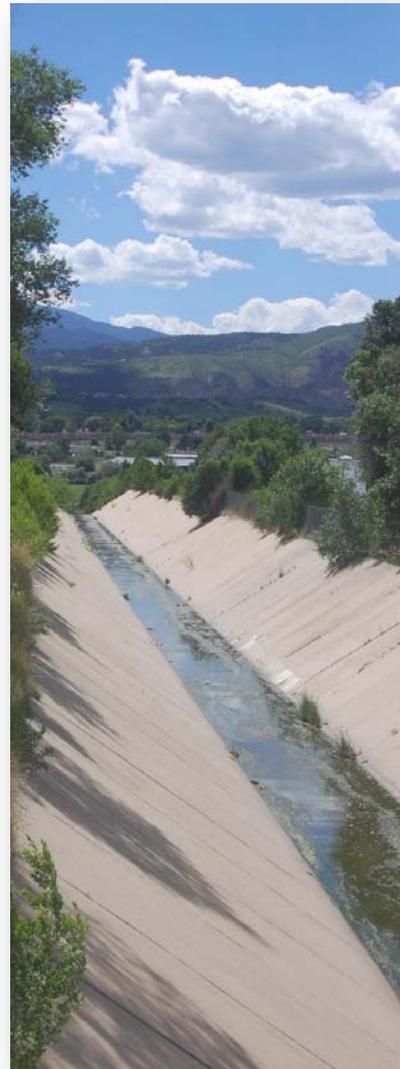
Plan development process

Public safety

Railroad right-of-way

Trail connectivity

Transportation



COMMUNITY'S ASSESSMENT

Opportunities

Arts and cultural focus

Businesses/jobs

City policies

Facilities to support UCCS

Health and wellness focus

History of the area

Housing

Infrastructure improvements

Land use

Location advantage

National Cybersecurity Center

Trail connectivity and parks

Transportation



COMMUNITY'S ASSESSMENT

Vision Elements

Attractive

Business mix

Housing mix

Infrastructure plan

Land use mix

Safe and clean

Trail connections/parks

Transportation accessibility

Well-planned



Descriptions of the Future:

- Safe
- Vibrant
- Stroll-able
- A destination
- Lots of activity
- Place for all ages
- Bustling
- Unique
- Charming
- Cool
- Young
- Clean
- Urban feel
- Beautiful/inviting
- Innovative
- More like a neighborhood



SMALL GROUP WORK

Task #1

- ✓ Introduce yourselves at your table
- ✓ Individually review your blue handout

Task #2

- ✓ Discuss and decide which two challenges your group thinks are most important to address
- ✓ List on your yellow Group Response Form

Task #3

- ✓ Discuss and decide which two opportunities are most important to your group
- ✓ List on your Group Response Form

Task #4

- ✓ List any vision elements your group believes are missing and should be added to the list

Task #5

- ✓ Choose someone from your group to report your group's additions

REMINDERS



- Your responses will be reviewed by and will help guide the project team
- Leave your group and individual forms on your table
- Sign in so we can keep in touch via email
- Your responses and workshop materials will be posted on the project website
- The website survey ends Aug. 15th – remind your friends

www.ColoradoSprings.gov/RenewNNAve

NEXT STEPS

Community Workshop
6 p.m. Tuesday, September 13
Expo Center

Remember:
Workshop participants will guide
Plan decisions!

