



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Public Engagement Kickoff

Overview

The City of Durango launched public outreach for the Comprehensive Plan update the week of **September 1-4, 2026**. Staff engaged over 200 community members through listening sessions, drop-in events, and a public open house kickoff event. Engagement focused on visioning and early stages of identifying key project opportunities across the City. Community feedback from this stage will be used to help the project team draft a plan vision statement and will help identify additional areas for outreach and research.



Key Topics

Across all events, several key topics emerged in conversations with community members. **Housing**, specifically affordability, was repeatedly raised as an area for improvement. **Outdoor Recreation and Open Space** was the second most-raised topic, with community members noting interest in completing and improving trail connections. **Growth and Development**, particularly interest in water and infrastructure capacity keeping pace with growth, was the third most-raised topic.

(Key topics raised by participants, in order of frequency)



HOUSING



OUTDOOR RECREATION & OPEN SPACE



GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

(INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY & CLIMATE)



TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY



ECONOMY & WORKFORCE



NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER & DOWNTOWN



ARTS & CULTURE



GOVERNANCE & REGIONAL COORDINATION

