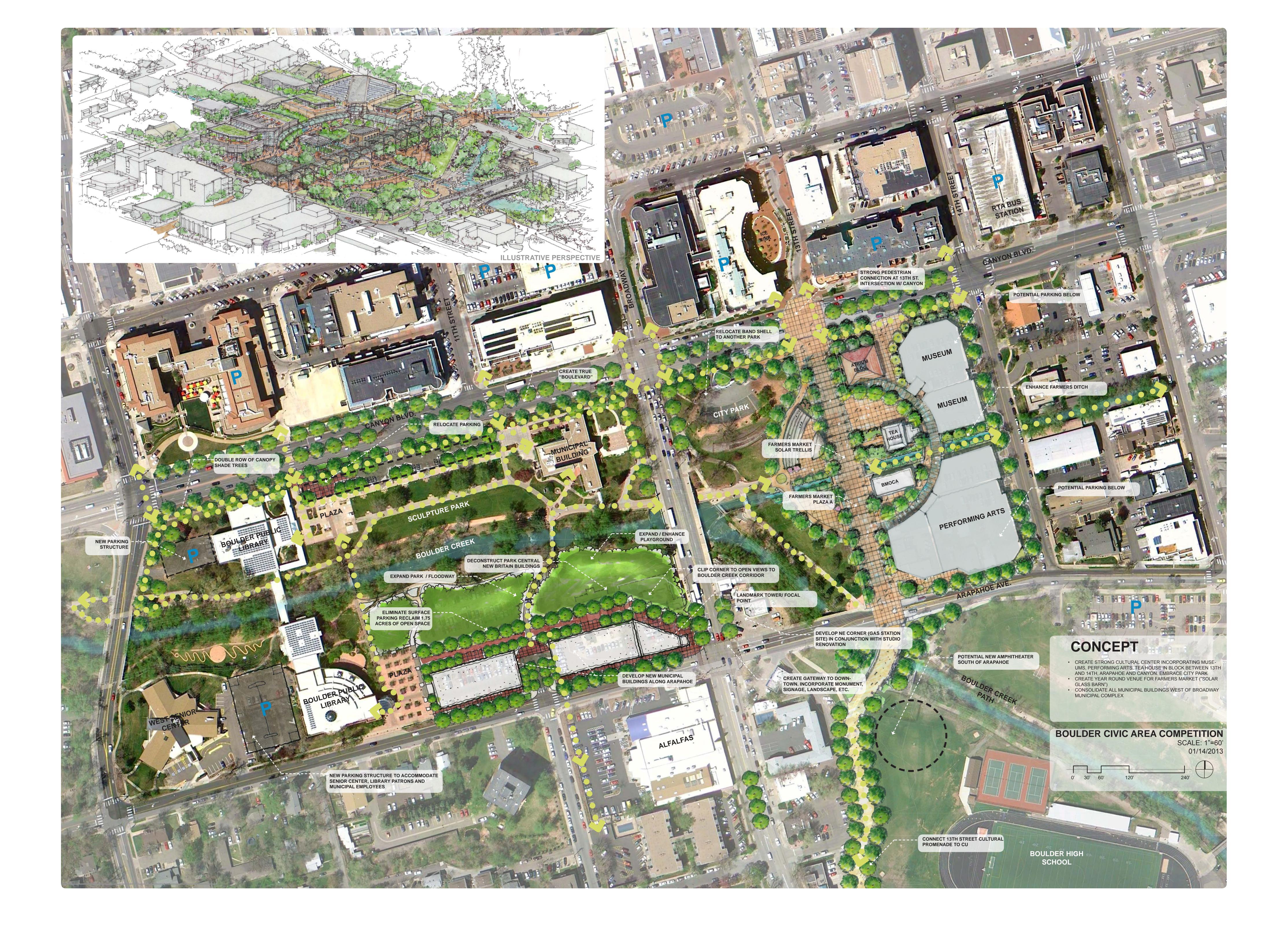
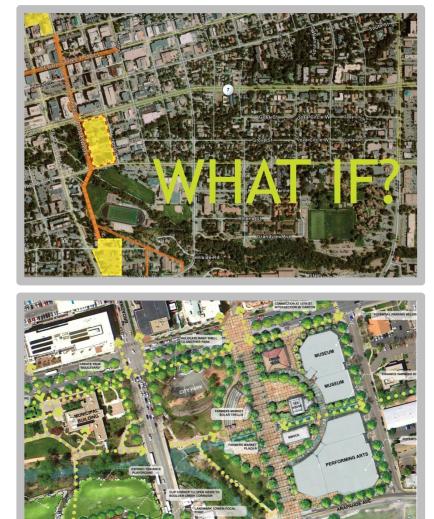
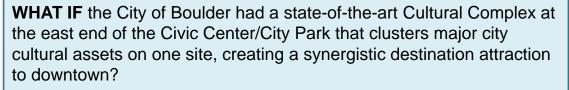
## **Boulder Civic Center Vision**





## Overview





Key elements of our "vision" for the Cultural Complex site include:

- Create a unique "sense of place".
- Strong north-south pedestrian "promenade" connection along 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Solar Trellis/Arcade for weather/sun protection and a source of energy
- Provide significant expansion potential for Farmers Market and downtown festivals/events.
- **Crescent Arcade** with Museum Retail "wrap" showcases the TeaHouse and BMoCA buildings "**Bookend**" at the east end of the Civic Center
- Enhanced east-west canal pathway
- Large floor plates to allow for Museum and Performing Arts type uses
- Step back buildings along Canyon and along the "crescent" to maintain pedestrian scale. Incorporate green roof technology.
- Lower level parking under cultural buildings./Utilize existing CAGID Parking facilities
- Building cost efficiencies in clustering like facilities with common walls.

**BOULDER CIVIC AREA** 

IDEAS COMPETITION



Location:

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## Approach







Location:

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#### **CIVIC CENTER VISION**

The City of Boulder's offices are dispersed.

- Consolidate all City Offices west of Broadway to create a true Civic Center Campus.
- Locate new City offices along Arapahoe at grade or on stilts increasing the Civic Center quad by 2 acres.
  - Retain the existing Library, Senior Center, and Municipal Buildings
- Increase the open space/expansion of the Boulder Creek Riparian Corridor/Civic Park by 2 acres to mitigate the flood impacts.

#### CULTURAL COMPLEX VISION

Boulder has a rich cultural history, but not a cohesive Cultural Complex downtown.

- Cultural uses belong downtown.
- City owns almost all of the block including the Tea House, BMoCA and accommodates the Farmer's Market.
- Clustering Museums, Performing Arts Center, Outdoor Amphitheater and expanding the Farmers Market, this block can become the "cultural heart" of Boulder.
- Make 13<sup>th</sup> Street the Cultural Promenade connecting to Boulderado Hotel.
- Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



**Project Title:** 



# Why Choose Our Design?

# Why is your proposal innovative or inspirational?

- Creates a synergistic Cultural/Civic Center "heart" knitting the Cultural Complex, City Park and the Civic Center together into one.
- Can be phased over time.
- Envisions 13<sup>th</sup> Street as a **Cultural Promenade** connecting the University to the Boulderado Hotel.
- Enhances the strong east-west pedestrian connections from 9<sup>th</sup> Street east to 14<sup>th</sup> Street along the Creek and Farmers Ditch, and connects to the Goss/Grove neighborhood to the east.
- Innovative design and land shaping west of Broadway along the Creek increases flood capacity by 2 acres while creating a strong urban form that reinforces existing Civic Center public spaces.
- Creates opportunities for additional natural open spaces and hardscape plazas.
- CONCEPT MEETS ALL 7 GUIDING PRINCIPLES.





## Required Principle: The Civic Heart of Boulder Project Title:

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- Consolidation of city management and government west of Broadway creates a welldefined "quadrangle" providing meaningful outdoor gathering spaces that blends the "natural" and "built" environments.
- Consolidation of the majority of Cultural Facilities east of Broadway creates synergism between the variety of facilities.
- Strengthening the connections across and under Broadway create a thematically cohesive, unified public outdoor space in Downtown Boulder (the City of Boulder's "living room".
- Provides strong pedestrian/bicycle linkages to the surrounding neighborhoods.





## Required Principle: Life and Property Safety Project Title:

#### **Boulder Civic Center Vision**



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Cross Section Through Proposed New Municipal Buildings

#### JVA Engineers have done a more detailed analysis



- The Cultural Complex buildings can be designed to meet the Life and Property Safety Principles by raising the floor levels 3-5 feet above the 100 year flood level.
- The Farmer's Market Solar Trellis can be designed to accommodate floodwaters.
- Two new Municipal Facilities buildings proposed along Arapahoe can be achieved by modifying the grading south of the creek to increase capacity of the floodplain by slightly lowering the proposed park area where the existing parking lot and buildings sit today, creating developable land on the south edge of the of the floodplain to lower the high hazard across the floodplain.
- Buildings can be on ground or on stilts.



# Project Title: Bewilder Givin Content Vision

**Boulder Civic Center Vision** 



- The Linear "Green" along Boulder Creek serves as the organizing element around which the Civic Center is designed.
- The existing riparian vegetation is to be restored and enhanced to ensure ecological health .
- Incorporate outdoor public art within the "mall" or quadrangle between the Municipal Building and the Library.
- The Cultural Complex will provide outdoor activities to compliment nature in City Park and the Farmers' Ditch.
- The Civic Center concept increases the potential area for nature and park, as well as increases the area for flood mitigation.





Submission No:\_

### Principle of Choice 4: Celebration of History & **Project Title: Existing Assets**

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- All significant/historic buildings within the Civic Center and Cultural Complex shall be preserved.
- Expand Farmer's Market within the **Cultural Complex:**
- Incorporate permanent Solar Trellis over 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Incorporate interpretive signage along Boulder Creek Path to tell the "Boulder Story".
- Concept brings together some of Boulder's most important present and future cultural assets to create a memorable "place", a "must see" place.





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#### Project Title: Beylder Civic Center Vision **Access & Connections**

#### **Boulder Civic Center Vision**





- The concept enhances pedestrian/bicycle experience with north-south and east-west connections.
- Majority of surface lots have been replaced with structured parking. Civic Center is within CAGID to help fund future parking needs.
- Curb cuts along Arapahoe have been consolidated to enhance pedestrian experience.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street to be closed for Farmer's Market and special events.
- Across street from RTD Bus Station





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## **Other Principles:**

**Project Title:** 

Boulder Civic Center Vision

## A Place for New Community Activity & Arts & A Viable & Sustainable Future

- A Place for New Community Activity and Arts
- Creates Outdoor Public Art Space between Library and Municipal Building.
- Cultural Complex will exemplify artistically compelling architecture and site design, celebrating social interaction.

#### A Viable and Sustainable Future

- Creating pedestrian/bicycle friendly connections/access and adjacency to major bus routes reduces dependence on automobile.
- All new buildings to meet LEED Certification.
- Potential for green roofs and solar collectors on all new buildings.
- Farmer's Market Solar Trellis provides weather protection and an energy source.
- Concentrating all municipal buildings west of Broadway reduces duplication of services.
- Concentrating all Cultural Complex Buildings between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets provides synergies to constantly attract a larger audience.





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