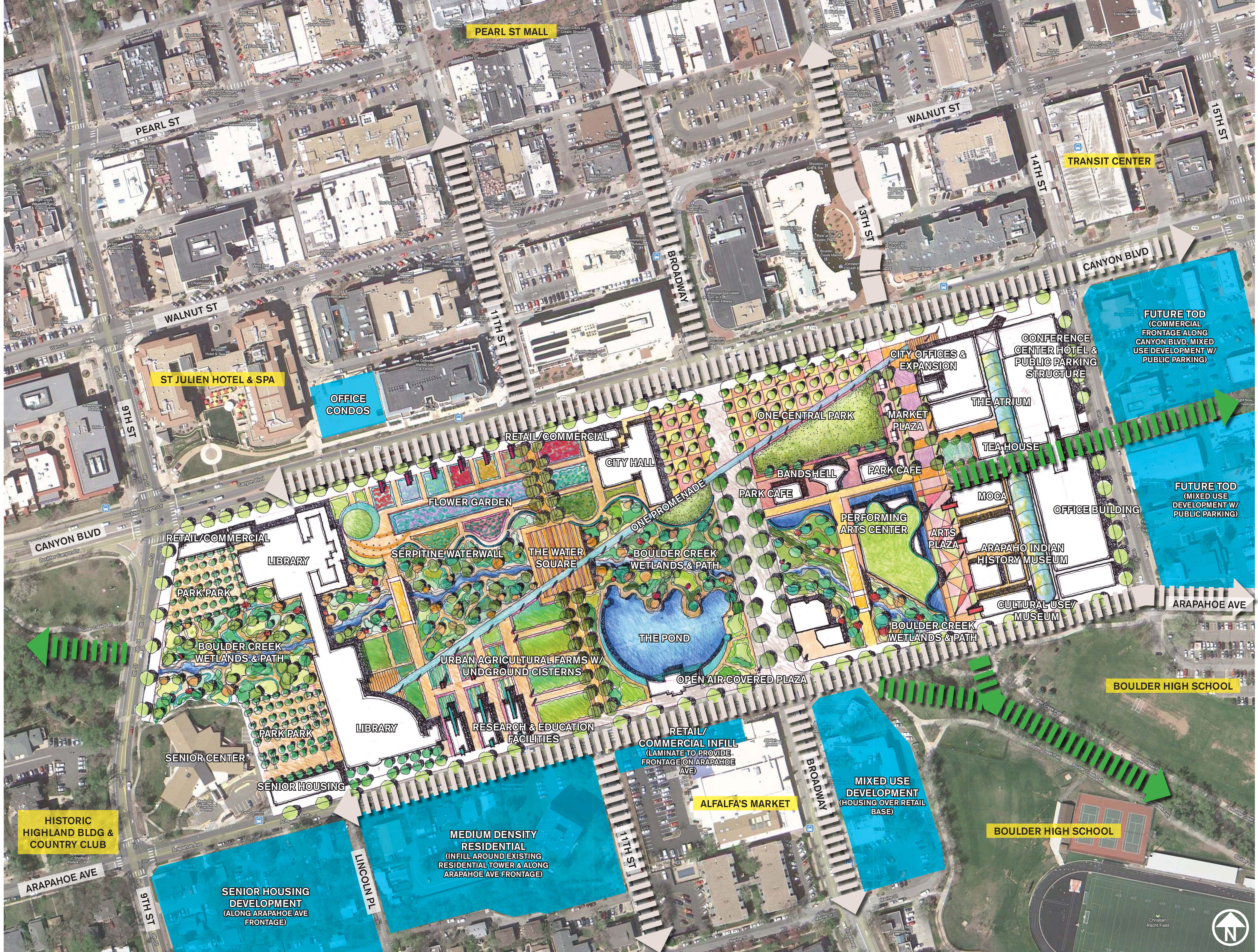


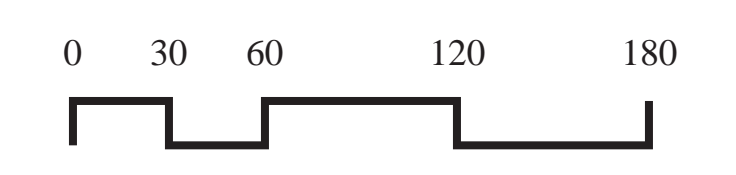
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# ONE Park - "Niiseti-vii" ("To Be One" in Arapaho Language)

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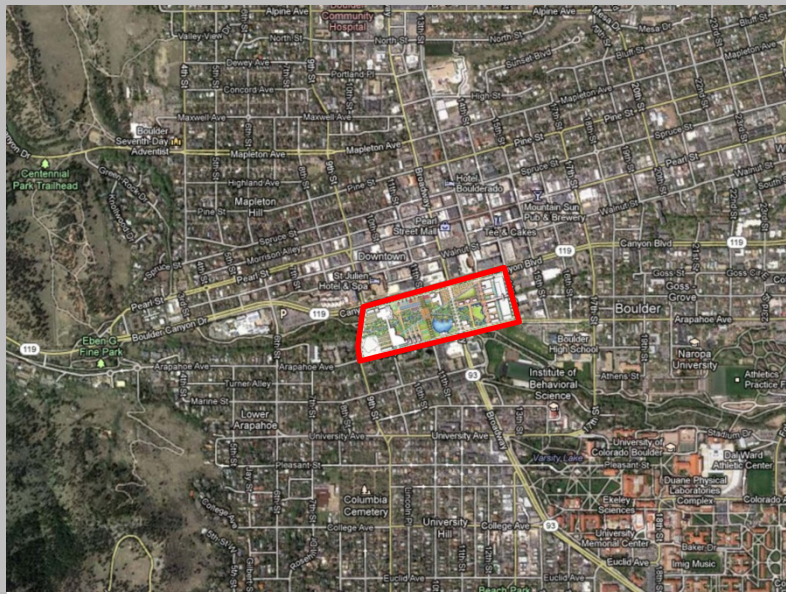




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## Overview



“When we show our respect for other living things, they respond with respect for us.” Arapaho

As the Civic Heart of Boulder, ONE Park, represents an opportunity to unify physically and spiritually the community. The peaceful people of the Arapaho Indian nation, the original people of the Boulder Valley, believed that the land was to be owned by all. Humans were endowed by the creator with the ability to think, and that thought itself could cause things to happen. What better metaphor for a park; the result of the ideas generated by Boulder citizens, and through this ideas competition. ONE Park - A safe and peaceful place for all to live, work, play, learn, and celebrate, together.

### ONE Park will:

- Respect the power of water and will exist in harmony
- Provides an opportunity to unify through One Civic Identity/Central park space
- Utilizes the land as a place to continue to think through science research and education
- Create strong urban edges to allow access by all
- Develop an overall sense of respect for all living things both animals and plants
- Engages all elements in the natural sense of artful expression



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# Approach



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Our approach is rooted in the metaphorical/physical opportunities to reunite the history and culture of the original people of the Boulder Valley with the values of the people of Boulder today. It is rooted in physical and emotional design solutions to the park and the facilities within it. The concept is of ONE Park – “Niiseti-vii” (“to be one”). The plan repurposes the existing spaces with uses that are conducive to public engagement, flood control, research/education, celebration, cultural enrichment, and commercial activity.

*Re-connecting the entirety of the land into one unified park.*

The organizing element of the park is a 1300’ promenade (5-minute walk) from 13<sup>th</sup> to the library. This civic gesture links a series of spaces on both sides of an enhanced wetland. This wetland area will be utilized as part of a retention, detention, and cistern based flood control program. This program is intended to allow the creek to swell during a flash flood and to prevent physical harm to person and property. The civic uses will be relocated to remove several of the city functions from the flood plain while addressing and including the relocated/new space requirements proposed by the citizens of Boulder through the public visioning process.



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# Why Choose Our Design?

From Arapaho proverbs, these become our core values and promise of our design intent

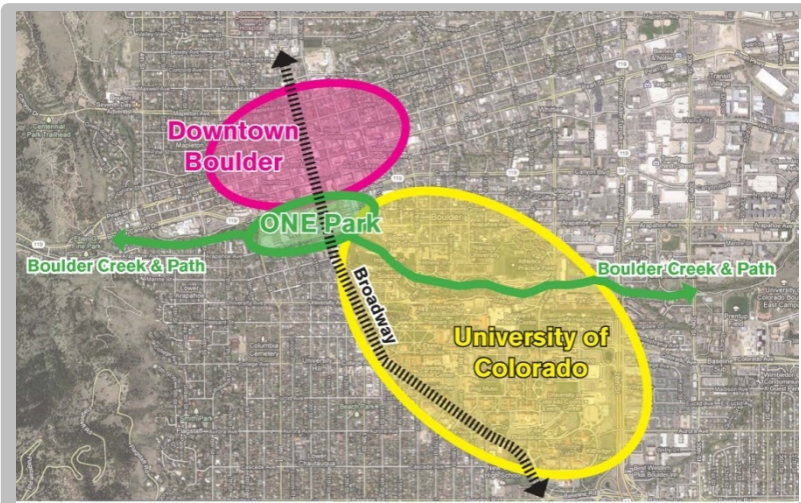
- ONE Park, **Principle: The Civic Heart of Boulder**  
one place, for everyone...rooted in the belief that natural and man made spaces are the one place where all people should be and are equal on the land.
- ONE Park, **Principle: Life and Property Safety**  
*"When we show respect for other living things, they respond with respect for us."* Arapaho proverb
- ONE Park, **Principle: Enhanced Access and Connection**  
*"If we wonder often, the gift of knowledge will come."* Arapaho proverb
- ONE Park, **Principles: Outdoor Culture and Nature/ A Viable and Sustainable Future**  
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*"Each bird loves to hear himself sing."* Arapaho proverb





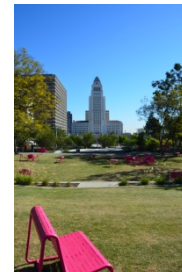
# Required Principle: The Civic Heart of Boulder

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## *ONE Park, The Civic Heart of Boulder...one place for everyone.*

A concept rooted in the belief that natural and man made public spaces are the one place where all people should be, and are equal on the land. Every city needs a civic heart, a place that each citizen will recognize as the center of their community and one of artful expression defined by the culture of Boulder. The intersection of two major physical features, Broadway and Boulder Creek sets the stage for ONE Park to be that physical location.



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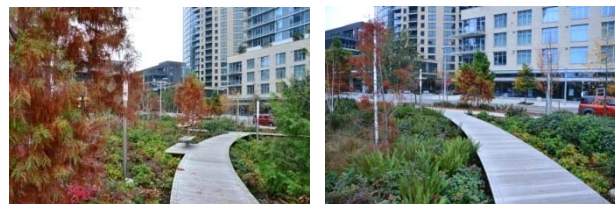
# Required Principle: Life & Property Safety - Wetland

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ONE Park, is the place in Boulder where the natural environment of Boulder Creek directly engages with the manmade environment of the park. Through both manmade and natural elements, the destructive nature of the life blood of the park, the water, may be mitigated and man and nature can again be re-united and exist in harmony. This wetland area will be utilized as part of a retention, detention, and cistern based flood control program, intended to allow the creek to swell naturally during a flash flood, filling new pervious land areas that were once paved to prevent physical harm to person and property. Civic uses will be relocated to remove several of the city functions from the flood plain while addressing and including the relocated/new space requirements proposed by the citizens of Boulder through the public visioning process.

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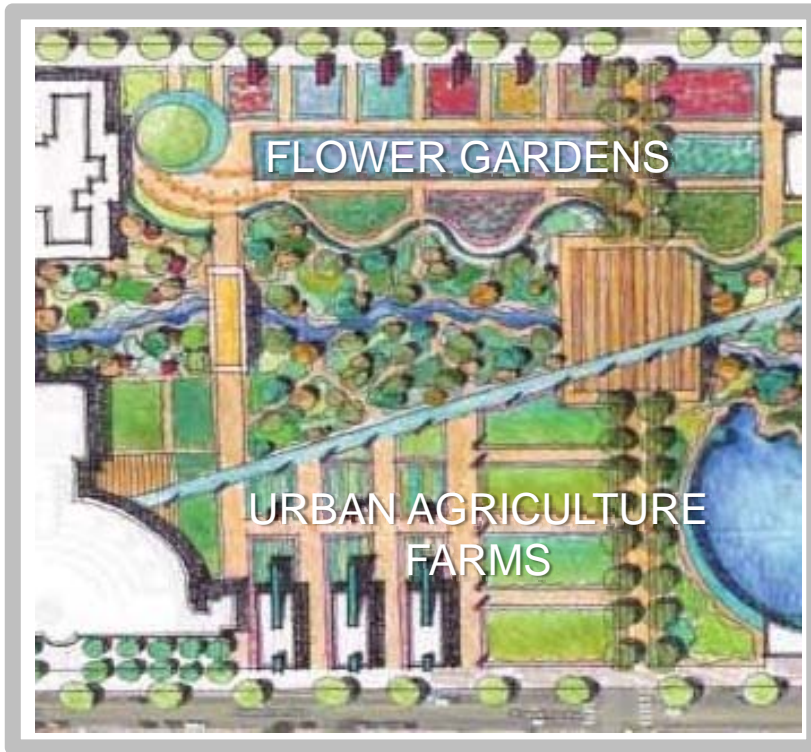




# Additional Principle of Choice 1: Outdoor Culture and Nature

## A Viable & Sustainable Future - ONE Environmental Research Center

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ONE Park is not a preconceived notion, it is an idea born from listening to the land. If we listen long enough, the land will tell us what it needs and wants. This is an opportunity to research and educate the value of plants for food and beauty. It honors the creek and the fertile land it provides. By repurposing the existing surface parking lots, research and educational facilities may be incorporated into the park as areas to further understand the value and future of urban farming for viable economic local food production and horticultural floral research on the value of beauty in holistic health through the built environment. The creek provides for recreational uses, i.e.: biking, and walking. All of these areas play a key role in the sustainable future of the flood control program.

*"Take only what you need and leave the land as you found it." Arapaho proverb*



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## Additional Principle of Choice 2: Enhanced Access & Connections - ONE Promenade

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ONE Park, is a place to think, to believe that all is possible; if we work together, as citizens, it will happen. The organizing element of ONE Park is the 1300 foot long ONE Promenade. This single bold gesture physically connects all spaces within ONE Park while metaphorically enhancing the connections of all citizens. The ONE Promenade stitches each of the newly enhanced north south vehicular and pedestrian connections; 13<sup>th</sup> as a pedestrian market plaza/arts plaza, Broadway as a new Civic urban design street, 11<sup>th</sup> as the Heart of the Park at the Pond, and the Library plaza pedestrian spine. ONE Promenade connects each of the park spaces; City Market Plaza, Central Park, Boulder Creek Wetland, The Flower Gardens, Urban Agriculture Research Center, and Library Plaza.

*"If we wonder often, the gift of knowledge will come." Arapaho proverb*



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# Additional Principle of Choice 3: A Place for New Community Activity & Arts

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ONE Park, is a place where one can experience the beauty of the natural and the manmade arts. The citizens of Boulder have identified several new cultural venues to be incorporated within the park. ONE Park establishes a Civic and Cultural core area along 13<sup>th</sup> and Canyon. The northern section of 13<sup>th</sup> becomes the market plaza with the expanded city hall complex, and the existing farmers market. Space will be provided to allow for temporary incubator uses to do business such as food trucks and others. The Tea House becomes an anchor in the center section of the street along with the existing BMOCA. The band shell is relocated to the south along with 2 new arts cafes and public restrooms fronting a Great Lawn. New museums of Science + Art and Arapaho Indian History, and a new performing arts center anchor the arts plaza, along the southern section of 13<sup>th</sup> at Arapahoe. The corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Canyon will be the new Civic Arts transit parking garage, a hotel/conference center, and a new public private partnership future office building. ***“Each bird loves to hear himself sing.”*** Arapaho proverb



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**ONE Park** is a place where the tenets, established by the proverbs of the Arapaho Indian settlers (the original people of the Boulder Valley), will be the guiding principles behind meeting the goals of the Boulder community of today and tomorrow. Achievable goals, established through the public visioning process. A peaceful people, the Arapaho, believed that land was communal, to be enjoyed by all. A true place of beauty where community can band together to learn from each other, to dream of a future ahead, and to establish a culture for the generations to come. We hope that our proposal for ONE Park might celebrate the history of the City of Boulder, the existing assets, most importantly Boulder Creek, along with the library, the City Hall, the Tea House, the band shell, and the BMOCA by enhancing the spaces between them that have been utilized to park automobiles. ONE Park will reengage them as places for water retention and detention, urban farming research, floral beauty, cultural enrichment, public performance, civic engagements, public private development, recreation, and quiet contemplation.

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