



# A Development Tool for Creative Thinking & Action

**Come learn our  
language and find out  
what Cultural Potluck,  
Tactical Urbanism  
and Creative  
Placemaking means!**

**THE COMMUNITY COORDINATING DISTRICT NO.1** (District) is a unique Metropolitan District that serves as a “collaborative policy platform” to help levels of government, public, non-profit and private sector organizations facilitate development initiatives and public realm improvements within the community.

Through smart collaborations across multiple sectors the District creates opportunities for revitalization and economic development. Anchored and tailored to diverse communities and with an opt-in-structure there exists no geographical boundaries and the District is unique in that it can effect change city-wide.

The District is a qualified local government which provides opportunities to allow access to pursue grants from local, state and federal resources. Through the District, we are able to add working capacity to city led initiatives.

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## Background

The District was created in 2010 through the culmination of thoughts, ideas, and visions of individuals working for decades to improve the areas surrounding NE Downtown Denver. The District was created to address a familiar hurdle in community development projects, aligning multiple stakeholders. The challenge, as with many collaborative efforts, is guiding stakeholders to work together toward a common goal. This requires a clear and actionable strategy, the right funding resources and positive action from everyone involved.

## The District's objective

- » Develop community informed decisions
- » Share ideas and build public trust
- » Facilitate ongoing public dialogue around important local issues
- » Enhance accountability and accessibility
- » Provide a template for collaboration
- » Serve as a vehicle to leverage community assets and resources
- » Mitigate tax burden for those wanting to improve the public realm
- » Build legal consensus around community development initiatives

## Stakeholders and thoughtful participants

City of Denver  
Council District #9 Councilwoman:  
Judy Montero  
Council District #8 Councilman Albus Brooks  
Dept. of Community Planning and Development  
Arts & Venues Denver  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Denver Police Department  
Department of Public Works  
Denver's Road Home  
Ballpark Neighborhood Association  
City Parks Alliance  
Curtis Park Neighbors  
Denver Biennial of the Americas  
Denver Rescue Mission  
Redline Gallery  
St. Francis Center  
Denver Shared Spaces  
Ballet Nouveau Colorado/Wonderbound  
Betterweather Inc.

## Target areas of redevelopment and enhancement

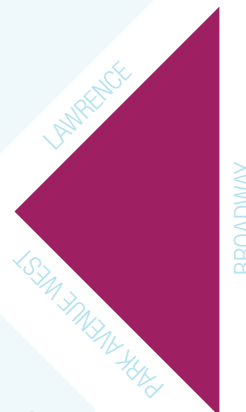
The District has chosen to focus its resources on **Eddie Maestes Park**, directly across from Denver Rescue Mission at Park Avenue & Broadway. For many years the public areas in and around Triangle Parks, specifically Eddie Maestes Park, have been problem spaces in Downtown Denver's Northeast neighborhoods. Eddie Maestes Park has long served as a staging area for the homeless population and it's a known hot spot for crime and drug related activity. Measures must be taken to create a more safe and manageable environment for everyone that lives and works in this area.

In an effort to not just "displace" these issues, the District has spent many months exploring opportunities for positive change across other areas throughout Northeast Downtown and the Five Points Neighborhoods, such as **Little Boxcar Park, Sonny Lawson Park** and the **24th Street Corridor**.

## Why are these areas being targeted?

These projects are conjoined by geography, the homeless population, city services and non-profit partners, neighborhood residents and community stakeholders. Our focus is to create useful and vibrant public spaces for all the residents of Denver and make these areas safe, attractive and sustainable for future generations.

The District has submitted a comprehensive plan to Denver Parks & Recreation for a Memorandum of Understanding with all of the stakeholder groups in an effort to advance our work in 2013.



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

**Attend, watch, listen and participate in our movement and creative process!**  
**Throughout the year, there will be regular meetings and events that we hope you will join.**

### Planning and Coordination Working Group:

this group meets every Monday morning at 10AM to discuss the overarching planning and coordinating objectives of the CCD. Meetings are open to the public and are held at 450 E. 17th Ave, Ste. 400

### Long Term Vision Working Group:

focusing on new opportunities and plans for implementation, this group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Redline (24th and Arapahoe)

### Tactical Urbanism Action Hour:

This exciting hour of community work allows District stakeholders and neighbors to work together to improve the community. Come help us plant flowers, install public art, or clean up the park. Every month we will change the focus of our Tactical Urbanism initiatives. Meet us in front of RedLine on the FIRST FRIDAY of the month at 4pm to get started, then help us celebrate First Friday art activities in RiNo!

### Board Meetings:

to be held in June and November, our board meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to join.



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