

October 2, 2019 Town Hall: Neighborhood Snapshot Report

Eastern Plains Neighborhoods: 88th Avenue to 144th Avenue and Schumacher Road to Strasburg Road. Report can encompass this area and surrounding Eastern Plains Areas.



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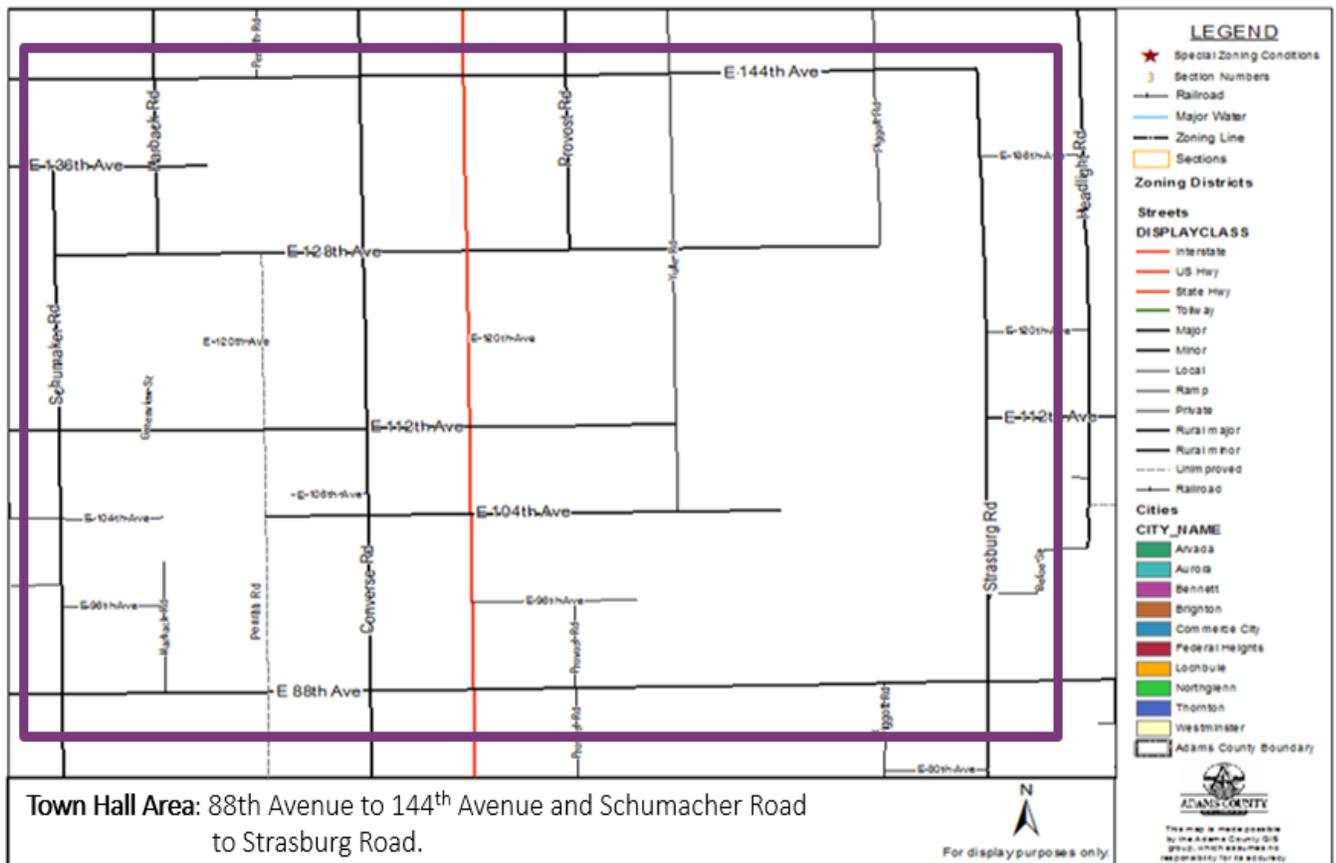
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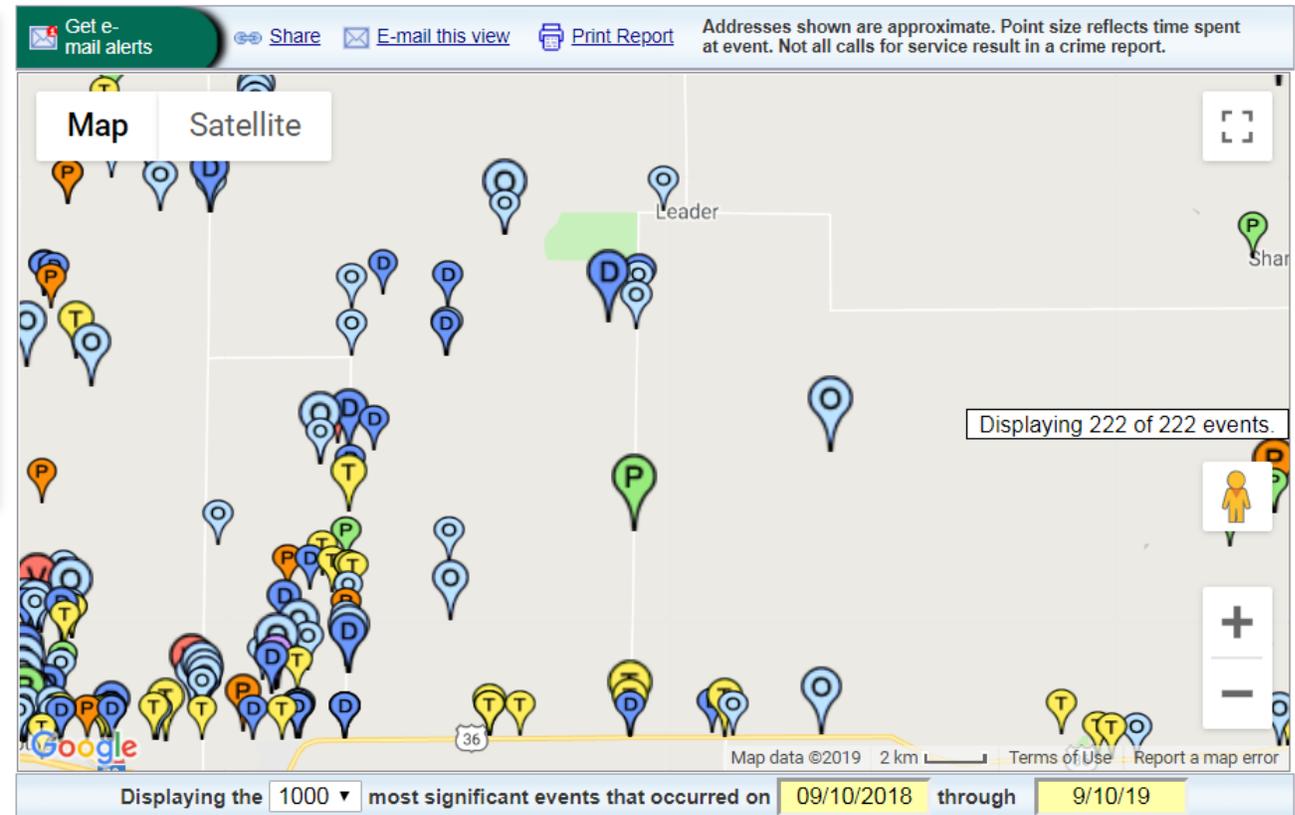
Area Snapshot

The Eastern Plains Town Hall area encompasses neighborhoods between 88th Avenue to 144th Avenue and Schumacher Road to Strasburg Road. This community resides in unincorporated Adams County and neighbors include the towns of Bennett and Strasburg. Boundaries around this area also include Arapahoe, Washington, and Douglas counties. This community maintains a mix of agricultural, residential, and industrial areas.

Eastern Adams County Town Hall



Crime and Traffic Statistics

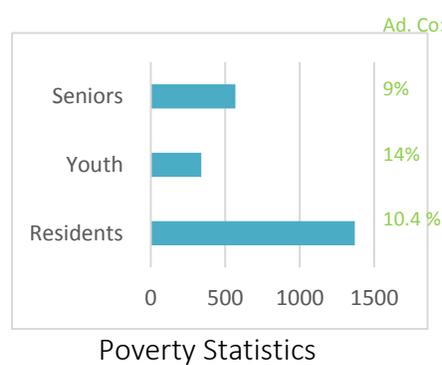
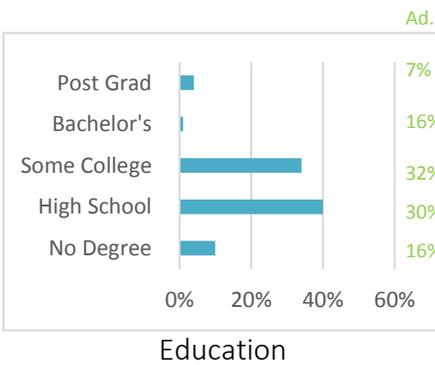
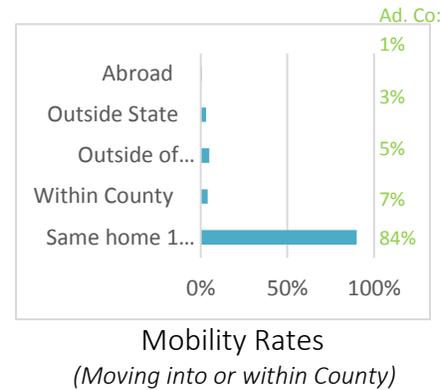
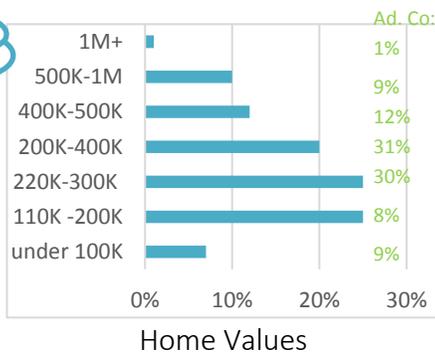
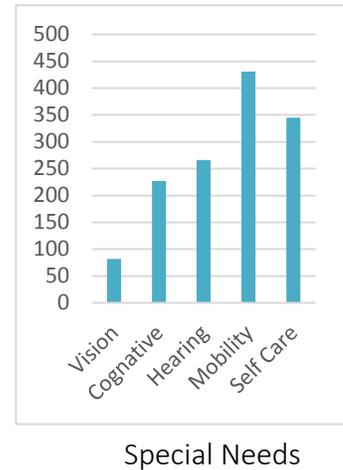
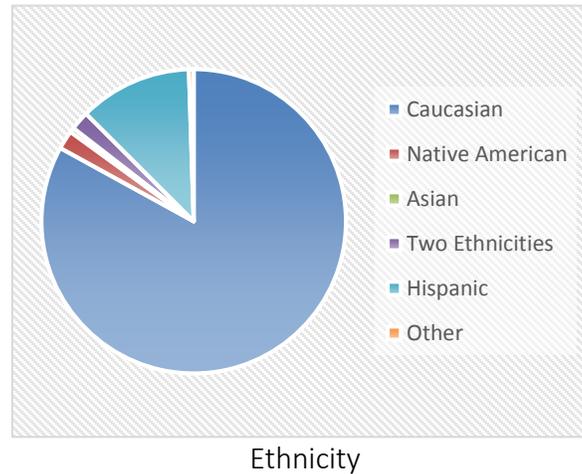
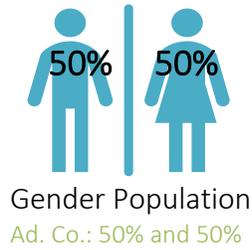
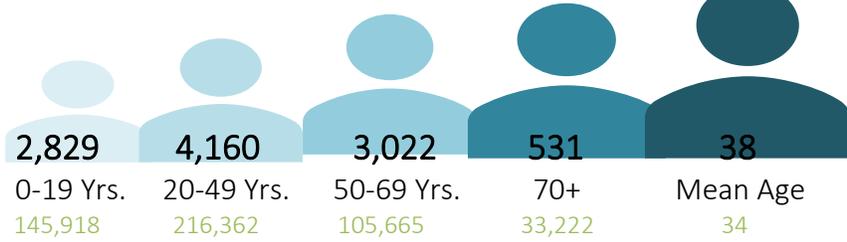


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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Traffic</u>	44
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Disorder</u>	50
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Other</u>	86

This report was generated by the Adams County Sheriff's Office *My Neighborhood Update* tool. Current police activity trends in the area seem other policing matters, followed by disorder and traffic.

It is important to note that "Other" includes matters in which officers follow up on 911 calls and public assistance requests, "Disorder" includes matters such as: abandoned vehicles, shots fired suspicious incidents, disturbances, disorderly conduct, and animal issues, and "Traffic" includes traffic incidents/offences, hazards, and VIN tapering.

Eastern Plains Neighborhood Demographics (Census Tracts 84.01 and 84.02)



Reference: Census Reporter

Neighborhood Snapshots



Strasburg Road and agricultural lands near Wolf Creek



Residential property and roads: 144th Ave. and Kiowa- Bennett Rd.



Town Hall area neighborhood off 88th Ave. in between Schumacher Road and Strasburg Road.

Community and Economic Development

Top Improvements, Projects, and Programs

Community and Economic Development recently completed the adoption of new regulations for oil and gas development in unincorporated Adams County. Staff are currently working on proposing a set of development regulation updates focused around legal, administrative and revised performance standards, including changes for solar developments.

Anticipated Impact of Improvements

The proposed development regulations will apply county-wide.

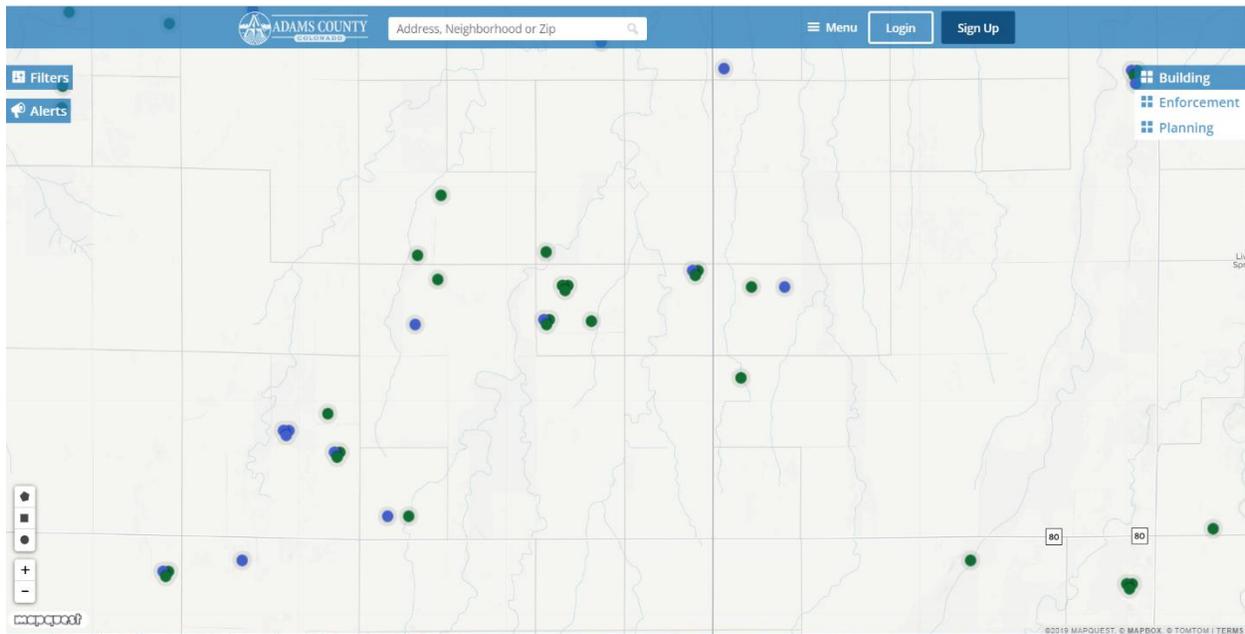
Community Trends

The oil and gas regulations are in response to increased authority under SB-181 for local governments to regulate the surface impacts of oil and gas development. The development regulations currently being worked on will be presented for public review and comment in **October**. These changes are in response to legal requirements for telecommunication facilities and signage, administrative updates, and changing the allowed uses in the I-1 and I-2 zone districts to ensure that they are more compatible with adjacent land uses.

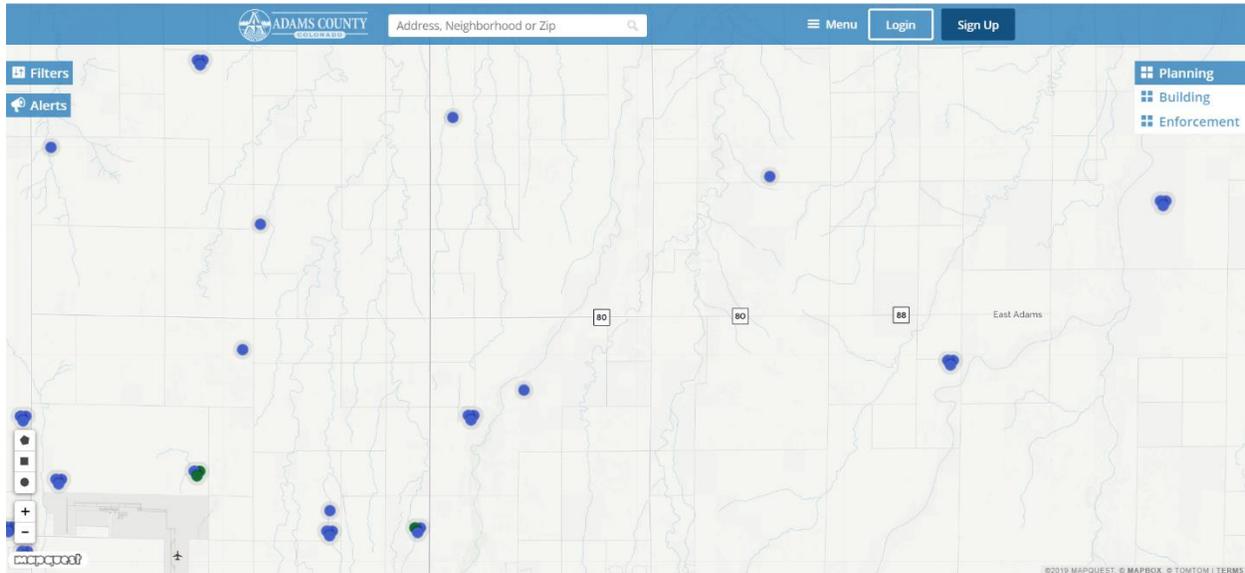
County-Wide Plans

The Adams County 2012 Comprehensive Plan covers this area, and there are no current plans for any new planning in this area until a new comprehensive plan is started.

Current CED Activity: Eye on Adams



Top community trends for building permits: roof replacement/repair and building permits.

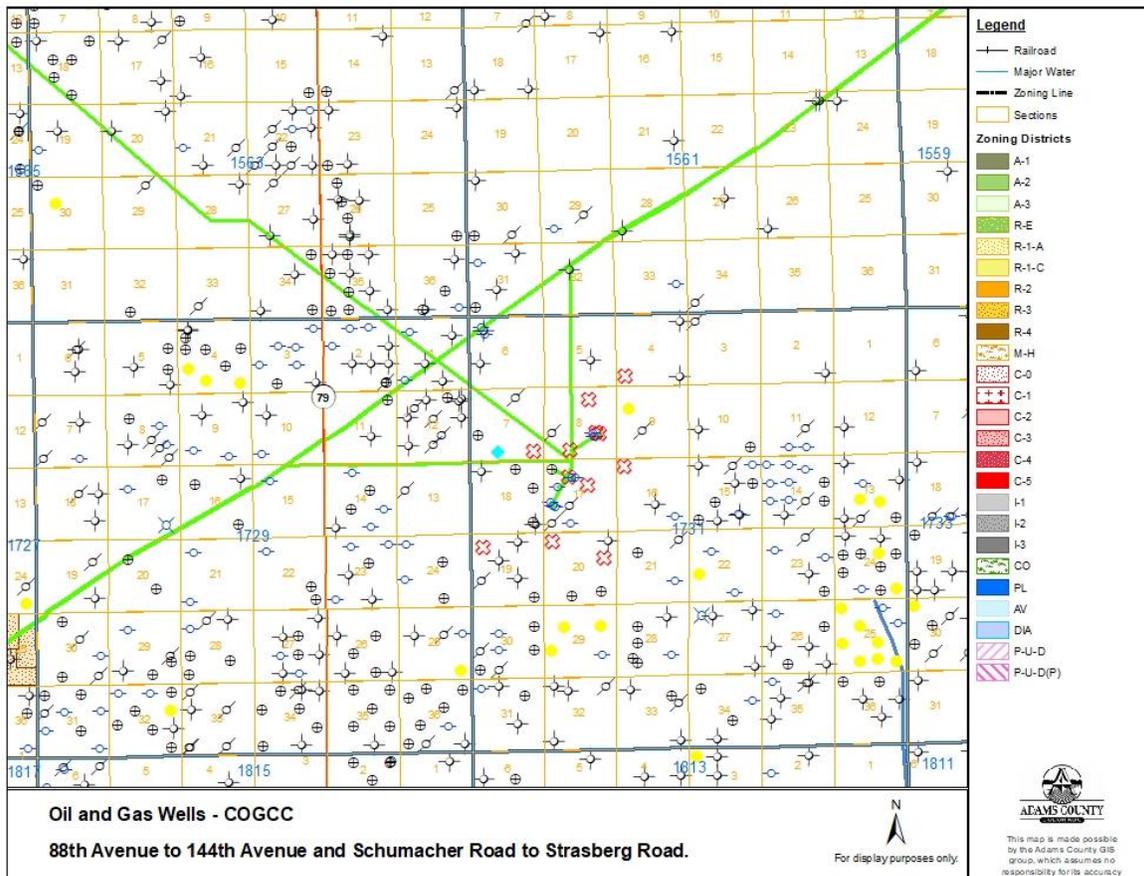


Top planning trends in this are development/developer construction and business permits.

Want to learn more about Community and Economic Development? Go to:

<http://www.adcogov.org/community-economic-development>

Oil and Gas



There are 435 oil and gas wells located within this area, of which 22 are actively producing, 12 are active. The remaining wells are in shut-in status, plugged, or abandoned. There are currently no pending surface location applications or drilling permits for this area at the state COGCC. There are no new permit applications for oil and gas facilities filed with Adams county for this area. The most up-to-date map of existing oil and gas wells is shown above.

Adams County adopted new oil and gas regulations on September 3, 2019. All new permit applications for oil and gas facilities are subject to the new regulations, which specify required performance standards and criteria for the design and operation of these facilities. To learn more about county-wide regulation contact Christine Dougherty the County's Oil and Gas Liaison for more information: (720) 523-6891 or go to: <http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information>

Want more information? Go to:

<http://cogcc.state.co.us/maps.html#/gisonline>
<http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information>

The county updates its page weekly with an oil and gas report prepared by the county's oil and gas liaison.

Community Safety and Well-being

The Community Safety and Well-being Department is a newly formed team within Adams County devoted to supporting our residents and neighborhoods. You can find code enforcement, animal control, community corrections, emergency management, as well as your neighborhood, homelessness, and 2020 census liaisons in this department. Coming soon, parking enforcement and park ranger staff as well. We are looking forward to serving you!

Top Improvements, Projects, and Programs

- 2020 Census
- PIT Count
- Neighborhood Tool Kit Program

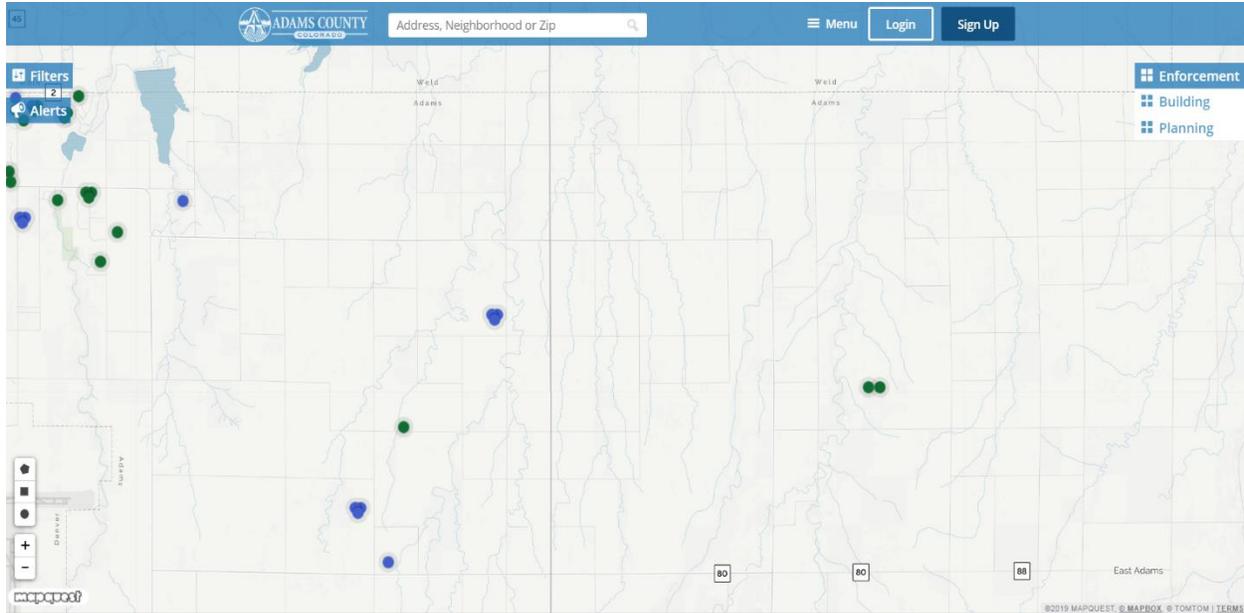
Anticipated Impact

- **2020 Census:** “The U.S. census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives (a process called apportionment) and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.” (Census.gov) Funding from the Census bring the County dollars for a variety of programs that effect Adams County Residents. To name a few: Title I Education Funds, Medicaid, SNAP, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, Head Start, and Highway Planning and Construction. This year you will be able to complete the 2020 Census online starting in **March through July**. Contact Crystal Elliott your Adams County Census Liaison form more information: celliott@adcogov.org or check out our website: <http://www.adcogov.org/2020-census>
- **Point in Time Count:** Annual outreach is mandated by HUD and is conducted at the end of January. This count allows the County and government to count the number of residents experiencing homelessness in a 24-hour period. This tremendous effort brings together multiple stakeholders, volunteers and local organizations. If you would like to learn more, or volunteer contact your Homelessness Liaison, Sam Olson, solson@adcogov.org
- **Neighborhood Tool Kit:** Coming Soon! Adams County will be launching a website with a digital neighborhood tool kit. This program is designed make starting neighborhood group and hosting block parties easier than ever before! For more information, call your Neighborhood Liaison, Rebecca Zamora, rzamora@adcogov.org

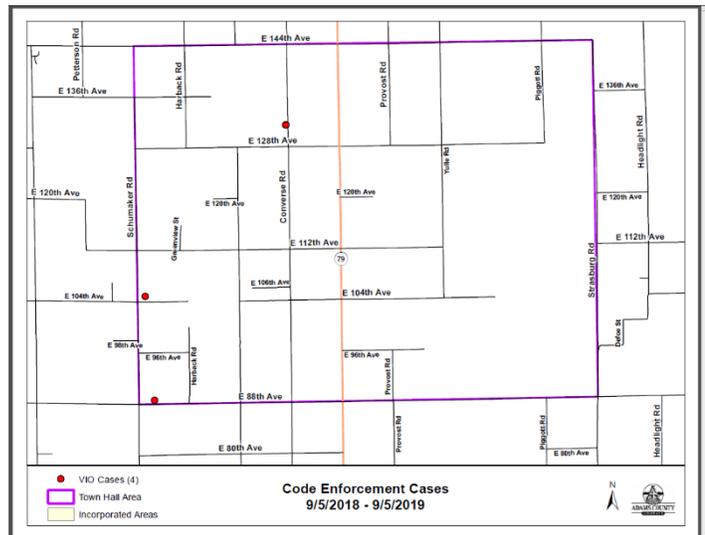


Community Trends

Code Enforcement: Eye on Adams



There are a total of eight total code enforcement citations within the Town Hall area boundary. Larger review finds that top citation trends are unpermitted businesses, unpermitted fencing, and unpermitted structures.



You can use the Eye on Adams to get even more information in your neighborhood! Got to: www.adcogov.org and under **How Do I?** Click on, **View County Maps**. There you will find the **Eye on Adams** tool that will help you see what building permits, code violations, and even planning activities are going on in your area!

Parks, Open Space and Culture Information

Top Improvements, Projects, and Programs

In Bennett, we are working cooperatively with the Town on purchasing land that encompasses the floodplain of Kiowa Creek.

Throughout Adams County, our noxious weed team has been spraying weeds along roadways.

The Open Space Sales Tax program is currently reviewing the following grant applications near this area of Adams County:

- Town of Bennett – Purple Pipe Sustainable Parks and Open Space Irrigation: Proposal is to change the irrigation of parks to a reclaimed water system.
- Town of Bennett – Trupp Park Phase IV Amenity Improvements: Proposal is to improve the soccer fields, fill in the skate bowl, and make landscaping improvements to the park.
- Town of Bennett – Community Garden in Brother’s Four Park: Proposal is to build a community garden in Brother’s Four Park.
- Strasburg Park and Rec District – Wagner Street Land Acquisition: The District proposes to acquire a piece of land adjacent to the High School, Middle School, and Community Park for future park purposes.

Anticipated Impact of Improvements

The land we are purchasing along Kiowa Creek is located at Old Victory Road near Oak Park Drive. The purchase protects floodplain, riparian forest, and the creek itself. It also provides a location for a future trail.

Virtually every road in Adams County is inspected and treated for noxious weeds in summer months.

There are no negative impacts to the acquisition of land along Kiowa Creek. Positive impacts include perpetual protection of the creek and floodplain, preservation of riparian forest, a future recreational trail alignment, and open space that will be publicly accessible for residents in the area. The preservation of this property builds on work already completed by Arapahoe County south along Kiowa Creek.

Treating noxious weeds in the road right-of-way helps prevent the spread of noxious weeds to private property.

Future Plans

Future plans of the Kiowa Creek property include weed management and construction of a recreational trail

Community Trends

We heard very positive support of the preservation of land for open space in Bennett.



Photo Credit: Gannon Holder, 2016

Need Adams County Parks, Open Space and Culture Information? Visit us at:
<https://www.adcogov.org/parks-open-space>

Public Works Information

Top Improvements, Projects, and Programs

The Public Works Team is primarily working on the following programs in Eastern Adams County:

- Asphalt Crack Seal – this program helps preserve and protect asphalt roadways by filling small surface cracks before they grow into potholes or larger failure points on the roadway.
- Maintenance Paving – this program identifies locations where roadway pavement has degraded, and replacement is required.
- Drainage & Bridge Repair Efforts – the County monitors and schedules repairs to stormwater facilities and on over 290 bridges. As needs arise, the team engages with contractors and experts to ensure that all work is completed in a safe and complete fashion.
- Gravel Roads Program – this program provides ongoing maintenance to unpaved roads throughout Adams County.

CDOT recently installed new 48" stop signs with LED lights at two intersections along SH 79 at 144th Ave. and 88th Ave. to increase safety at these intersections. Adams County Public Works also installed thermoplastic striping on the roadway surface to help warn drivers of the stop signs ahead when coming up to SH 79 on the approaches. CDOT has begun a full safety assessment along SH 79, which will take several months to complete, but will conclude with a report and recommendations that may be eligible for safety funding (FASTER and Highway Safety Improvement Program dollars). There have been several fatal traffic accidents along SH 79 within the last year.

Current Project Information

Asphalt Crack Seal – at highlighted locations on the map.

Maintenance paving (asphalt approaches)

- E. 160th Ave – at HWY 79
- E. 112th Ave – at Hwy 79
- Shumaker Rd – at E. 88th Ave
- E. 38th Ave – at HWY 79
- E. 56th Ave – at Hwy 79

Bridge Repair Efforts

- E 88th Avenue over Local Drainage (between Manila Road and Schumacher Road)
 - Under Construction to be completed January 2020



- New exterior girders and deck
- E 96th Avenue over Bijou Creek Phase I (between Behrens Road and Rector Leader Road)
 - Awarded for construction to be completed by February 2020
 - Work under the bridge to improve the foundation.
- E 96th Avenue over Bijou Creek Phase I (between Behrens Road and Rector Leader Road)
 - To be advertised in February 2020
 - Work on the bridge deck and riding surface
- Calhoun Byers over Bijou Creek
 - This bridge experienced significant degradation in 2019
 - Speed limit over bridge has been reduced to 30 mph and bridge is now load posted at 15 tons
 - Currently staff is conducting an assessment to plan for major rehabilitation or full replacement of bridge

Intersection improvements completed by CDOT (at intersection) and Adams County (on eastbound and westbound approaches):

- SH 79 and 144th Ave.
- SH 79 and 88th Ave.

Anticipated Impact of Improvements

As with any roadway project, when Adams County employees or contractors are working in the public right-of-way, safety is our top priority. The Adams County team does their best to communicate planned projects and traffic control zones to the traveling public. In the event of emergency operations, the team ensures that they are meeting all standards for safety and advance warning through signage to motorists.

The goal of all routine maintenance and major project work is to help ensure the long-term health and safety of our Adams County residents.

Future Plans

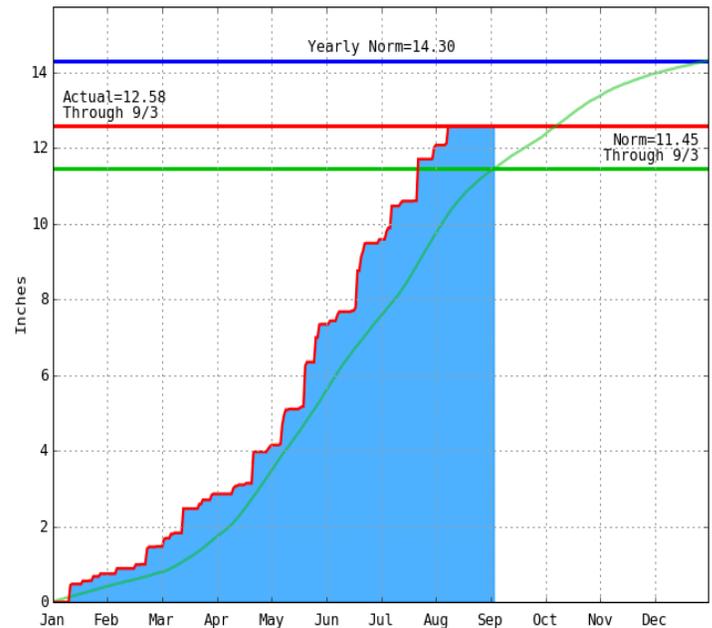
The Public Works department plans to continue ongoing maintenance programs in eastern Adams County including paving operations, gravel road rehabilitation, and snow removal operations.

Community Trends

In Adams County, the Public Works Department maintains 3,000+ miles of roadways. Public safety challenges on our road network in eastern Adams County include maintenance of traffic control devices like street signs, snow removal in the winter, and gravel road maintenance. One of the biggest challenges faced in maintaining the gravel road network is precipitation. This year has seen higher than average rainfall, particularly in the spring months.

As a result, the Public Works team has been working diligently to perform both routine and urgent gravel road maintenance to make the roads in our County as safe as possible following rain events.

Total Precipitation for 2019 YTD



Biggest Success

The Public Works team is proud to report that we have completed four years on the gravel road rehabilitation program. The program has implemented major reconstruction, material augmentation, and surface grading to both improve and extend the useful life of gravel roads in Adams County.

Stormwater Report

The Stormwater Utility Fee is applied to residents of Adams County who are located on the West side of Schumacher Rd. Residents who are located on the east side of Schumacher Rd. do not contribute to the fund at this time. For more information on the Adams County Stormwater Utility Fee, please visit <http://www.adcogov.org/stormwater>.

Need Adams County Public-Works Information? Visit us at:

<http://www.adcogov.org/public-works>

Learn about the Gravel Resurfacing Projects that are scheduled here:

<http://www.adcogov.org/gravel-road-resurfacing-program>

Transportation Report

The gravel road rehabilitation and gravel surfacing program is an ongoing effort for the Public Works department. The intent of this program is to fund safe and efficient gravel roads which have been identified as unstable and hazardous. The county is using a new approach to gravel roads, incorporating manufactured material and polymers to create a surface that provides a better driving experience, durability and less maintenance.

In 2015, Adams County Public Works developed a strategy to address the gravel road conditions throughout the County. This effort includes fugitive dust control, gravel resurfacing and gravel reclamation. Starting in 2017, the BoCC approved \$3M in additional annual funding to support these efforts. Since 2016, the County has invested and completed the following cumulative totals:

	Totals since 2016
Cost	\$ 11,442,373
Lane Miles	435
Tons of gravel	271,528
Total haul Miles	1,246,398

These improvements have made roadways safer, more stable and sustainable through on-going maintenance.

The 2019 gravel improvement program is underway and has been productive despite record setting precipitation and the impacts from many weather events. We anticipate that our improvement programs will continue through December this year in order to stay on track. Public Works also applied gravel to several additional roads in 2019 that were not originally on the list. These roads were added based on worse than anticipated field conditions after major weather events. The 2019 year-to-date totals are described below, with completion percentages for each roadway segment:



District	Route	From	To	Lane Mile	Completion %
1	138th Ave	Franklin St	York St	1.54	100%
2	128th Ave	E. of Flatrock Facility	Powhaton Rd	5.23	100%
2	112th Ave	Shumacker Rd	HWY 79	10.78	100%
2	Harback Rd	144th Ave	160th Ave	5.61	100%
2	Piccadilly Rd	112th Ave	120th Ave	2.88	100%
2	Penrith	144th Ave	160th Ave	6.60	100%
2	Cavanaugh	149th Ave	160th Ave	4.02	100%
2	Watkins Rd	120th Ave	136th Ave	4.99	100%
3	Winview Rd	72nd Ave	104th Ave	12.66	100%
3	Shamrock Rd	104th Ave	120th Ave	5.95	100%
3	88th Ave	Headlight Rd	Bradbury Krebs Rd	7.96	100%
3	26th Ave	District 3 Shop Entrance	Headlight Rd	2.33	100%
3	Provost Rd	Old Victory Rd	32nd Ave	0.31	100%
3	Yulle	56th	64th	2.50	100%
3	64th	Yulle	Strasburg Rd	5.96	100%
3	88th Ave	Strasburg Rd	Headlight Rd	3.49	100%
3	38th	Provost	Yulle	1.65	100%
3	42nd	Yulle	Vanderhoof	0.99	100%
3	Headlight Rd	42nd	64th	7.81	100%
3	56th	Headlight Rd	Strasburg Rd	2.40	100%
3	56th	Strasburg Rd	End Of Right of Way	0.94	100%
2	64th Ave	Shumaker Rd	Converse Rd	5.99	50%
2	104th Ave	Manilla Rd	Shumaker Rd	4.80	5%
2	Manilla Rd	104th Ave	139th Ave	10.78	50%
3	Mimosa Rd	N. of 128th Ave	152nd Ave	8.30	10%
3	88th Ave	Calhoun Byers Rd	Behrens Rd	5.79	50%
3	Behrens Rd	88th Ave	96th Ave	2.60	40%
3	38th Ave	Headlight Rd	Bradbury Krebs Rd	5.87	50%

Animal Shelter/Adoptions

Top Projects that Impact Town Hall Area

- The new Riverdale Animal Shelter construction is underway and scheduled to open in the summer of 2020. Located at 12155 Park Blvd in the new expanded area of Riverdale Regional Park.
- Low cost pet vaccination and microchip clinics continue to be offered by the Adams County Animal Shelter/Adoption Center on a bimonthly basis.
- Adams county Animal Shelter/Adoption Center renewed its current Intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for sheltering services with the Town of Bennett in 2019. We also provide sheltering services for the Cities of Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, the Town of Bennett, and unincorporated Adams County.

Projects Descriptions

The new Riverdale animal shelter will be located at 12155 Park Blvd in the newly expanded area of Riverdale Regional Park near the Adams County Fairgrounds. It is bordered by 120th to the south, 124th to the north, Brighton Road to the east and Riverdale Road to the west See more info and map at:

<http://animalshelter.adcogov.org/learn-about-our-new-shelter>

The shelter's current low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics are held at the current Adams County Animal Shelter/Adoption Center facility located at 10705 Fulton Street, Brighton, CO

- Vaccinations are for cats and dogs.
- Vaccinations are \$10 each and microchips are \$20 each.

See more info and the current schedule at

<http://animalshelter.adcogov.org/learn-about-our-new-shelter>

Impact of Projects

- The new Riverdale Animal Shelter will be in a more visible and appropriate location for both animal and residents. The new facility will have improved housing for animals, to include better noise abatement, HVAC systems, and a modern and expanded medical clinic with X-ray capabilities that do not exist in the current facility. Green space and sidewalks will allow for safer and more pleasing places to walk dogs.

- A large covered community room in the new shelter will provide more opportunities for community engagement, humane education programs for youth, and expanded pet vaccination and microchip services for the public.
- Animal Control partners will have a drive through bay, which eliminates backing therefore improving safety, more receiving kennels, and a dedicated workroom and bathrooms.

Future Plans

- Increase community engagement and expand existing shelter services
- Hope to eventually add a barn at new Riverdale Animal Shelter site to house lost pet farm animals.

Community Trends

- Rabies and distemper positive skunks and racoons.
- Still seeing a sizable number of lost pets in municipalities throughout Adams County. Many of these pets are not microchipped/ not wearing ID tags, and/or are not spayed/neutered

Biggest Success

- Riverdale Animal Shelter project underway to be completed in 2020.
- Adopted more than 3,000 pets in one year for the first time.
- Recorded more volunteer service hours than in any prior year.
- The launch of our new and improved animal shelter website resulted in a 300% increase in average monthly unique page views.
- 33% more pets were microchipped during our monthly microchip clinics, improving the likelihood their owners may be contacted when their pet is lost.
- Our animals' average length of stay decreased from 10 days to 9, meaning we're improving efficiencies in animal care and adoption, and reuniting animals with their owners.

Online Resident Services

Eye on Adams

Ability to look up any building permit, land use case, or code compliance case

Link: <https://adamscounty.buildingeye.com/building>

E-Permit Center

Launched in early 2017 and allows the submission and tracking of building permits online

Link: <https://permits.adcogov.org/citizenaccess/>

Oil and Gas Information

Weekly report uploaded here each Friday on oil and gas activity and spill report

Link: <http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information>

Adams County Sheriff App

Connect directly with the Sheriff on non-emergency issues 24/7. Get download link on Sheriff site. Link: <http://www.adamssheriff.org/>

Adams County Front Range Airport

Connect directly with updates on the Adams County Front Range Airport.

Link: <http://www.ftg-airport.com/>

Graffiti Removal

Report and schedule free graffiti removal.

Link: <http://www.adcogov.org/graffiti-removal>

Roads, Bridges, and Traffic

Additional information on how to contact the County in regards to infrastructure and roads.

Link: <http://www.adcogov.org/contact-reporting-information>

Nextdoor

Connect with your neighbors and community.

Link: Available on iTunes or Google play

YourGOV

Report road and maintenance issues here.

Link: <http://www.adcogov.org/report-issue>

Adams County Contact Information

Community and Economic Development

Development Review	720.523.6200
Oil and Gas	720.523.6891
Neighborhood Services	720.523.6877
Building Permits	720.523.6825
Code Enforcement	720.523.6800
Graffiti	720.523.6565
Animal Services:	303.288.3294 or 303.288.3135

Not finding the information you need? Visit Adams County online at: www.adcogov.org. Here you will find a one-stop shop with all county information as well as links for all your resident needs.

Long Range Planning

General Information Line	720.523.6992
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Parks and Open Space

General Information Line	303.637.800
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Public Works

General Information Line	720.523.6875
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Department of Community Safety and Well-being

Poverty Reduction and Neighborhood Outreach Mrg.	720.523.6815
Census Liaison	720.523.6816
Homelessness Liaison	720.523.6894
Neighborhood Liaison	720.523.6991

Adams County Sherriff

General Information Line	303.288.153
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