



PLACE MAPPING

What Citizens Say About Wheat Ridge

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This list and map illustrates the top five like/dislike comments from the aerial photo individual exercise completed at the Envision Wheat Ridge Community Meeting held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Participants were instructed to identify and describe three areas that they like/love about Wheat Ridge and three areas that they dislike or think need improvement. The participants then added their comments to the large aerial map, by location. The key areas/themes that emerged in each category are listed below and identified on the following map. For the list of all comments please refer to the detailed Place Mapping Exercise Summary, provided under separate cover.



Top Places that Participants Love

1. Clear Creek Trail/Wheat Ridge Greenbelt – community connection, recreation opportunities.
2. Wheat Ridge Recreation Center – attractive design, community gathering place.
3. Crown Hill Park and Cemetery – recreation opportunities, views, natural setting.
4. Anderson Park Complex – access to greenbelt, concerts, pool.
5. 38th Avenue Corridor – local businesses, inviting look and feel, walkability.



Top Places that Participants Dislike or Think Need Improvements

1. Lack of a central “downtown” or city center area.
2. Kipling Corridor – needs better pedestrian facilities, undesirable uses, traffic, redevelopment potential.
3. Wadsworth Corridor – underutilized, needs streetscape and pedestrian/bicycle improvements, dirty, lackluster commercial frontages.
4. 38th Avenue Corridor – improve walkability and bikability, need a better mix of uses, lack of streetscape consistency, make this the city center.
5. East of Wadsworth, between 44th and I-70 – run-down neighborhood, rental units in poor condition.



