

GENESEE 2008 VISION INITIATIVE COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of comment from those who participated in the Vision Town Meeting and Focus Groups. Hard copies are available in the Foundation office.

The Vision Committee welcomes additional comment. Contact us at vision@geneseefoundation.org.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE?

Appreciation of Natural Environment

- Open space; mountain views; trails
- Natural beauty
- Quiet; solitude; privacy
- No light pollution
- Wildlife
- Uniqueness; Remoteness;
- Not suburban; no lawns
- Clean air

Stewardship of Assets

- Forest management
- Focus on environment
- Amenities: Water; sewer; security
- Increasing property values
- Keeping things the way they are
- Balancing increasing property values & keeping things the same

Commitment to Community

- Sense of community
- Group activities

Fiscal responsibility

- Minimal increase in assessments

Diversity of Residents

- Retirement community

Other

- Covenants; ARC
- Governance

HOW DO WE CREATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY?

- **Communication: Activities, events and emergency information**
- **Connectivity: Happy hours; Sunday brunch**
- **More kid friendly**
- **Participation in organized activities and social groups**
- **Can join or not**
- **Pocket parks; benches/picnic tables along trails**
- **Dog park**
- **Facilities: Gathering place; teen center; media room**
- **Volunteering**
- **Open bar to encourage attendance at Board meetings**

WHAT IMAGE DO WE WANT TO PORTRAY?

- **Good taste aesthetically: Hidden utility boxes; andscaping**
- **Forward thinking; Change with the times**
- **Natural; Mountain paradise; Wildlife**
- **Relaxed; Peace & quiet**
- **First class; Upscale; Premier**
- **Vibrancy; Vitality; Active lifestyle**
- **Family friendly**
- **Maintenance of facilities; Updated homes**
- **Welcoming feeling: Inviting entrance sign**
- **Differentiation from other 1-70 communities**

HOW DO WE “GREEN-UP” GENESEE?

- **Everyone thinking “green”**
- **Solar power**
- **More options for recycling**
- **Carpooling**
- **Windmill farm at the dam**
- **Promote native vegetation and xeriscaping; Plant wildflowers**
- **Update HVAC in facilities**
- **Improve mailboxes to eliminate flying trash**
- **Task down dead trees**
- **Less intrusive utility boxes**
- **Defensible space education**
- **Encourage “green” remodeling; Educate on “green” options**
- **Reduce nighttime lighting**
- **Create “Green Club”**
- **Energy rebate programs in Jefferson County (energy appliances)**

WHERE DO YOU GO TO RECREATE?

Genesee

- Foothill fitness room; racquetball court
- Hiking on trails
- Walking and biking on roads
- Tennis courts
- Swimming pools, especially Foothills

West of Genesee

- Evergreen park and recreation and club fitness
- Up into the mountains
- Copper mountain
- County roads

Down Mountain

- Arvada / Apex / Golden Rec / DU
- Point – Lakewood
- Skateboard park – Golden
- Dinosaur Ridge
- Green Mountain
- Roxbury park - fishing
- Jeffco bike trails & soccer fields
- Wash Park
- Denver bike trails & soccer fields
- Ice rinks
- Golf courses
- Bike trails

WHAT PREVENTS YOU FROM USING THE POOLS, TENNIS COURTS, FITNESS ROOM, RACQUETBALL COURTS?

- Pools: Temperatures; hours; weather; unsupervised kids; lifeguards not on duty during posted hours
- Consider adult pool with no lifeguards
- Mt. Vernon pool better for kids
- Seasonal (pool & tennis)
- Fitness Room: No TV; age/location of equipment; no ventilation; no stretching areas; additional treadmills
- Old age; Don't want to use them
- Not kid friendly; Isolation of Solitude tot lot
- No classes; Need aerobics instructor
- No basketball court

WHAT FACILITY COMPONENTS ARE MOST IMPORTANT AND THE HIGHEST UNMET NEED?

- Pub; Coffee shop
- Community center environment
- Exercise / cardio / classroom / instruction / spin room
- More trails; Mountain bike trail
- Kid attractive pool; Snack bar at pool
- Climbing wall
- Outdoor skating rink; Ski lift
- Soccer field
- Skate board
- Bubble / year round tennis and pool
- Wider shoulders / roads
- Dog park
- Racquet ball; Better use of racquetball court
- Fitness Center: Place or aerobics and stretching; Classes
- More organized events (i.e. Concerts)

WHAT AQUATIC FEATURES ARE MOST IMPORTANT AND HAVE THE HIGHEST UNMET NEED?

- Year round warm water – therapy pool
- Bubble for year round use
- Solar powered pool
- Sauna
- Therapy pool
- Wind screens
- Kid friendly stuff; More organized water activities
- Adult friendly; Lap lanes
- More shade
- Two pools: Foothills for adults; Vista for families
- Extended pool hours

WOULD YOU PREFER REPURPOSING OR MULTIPLE LOCATIONS?

Town Meeting (Attendees appear not to have understood the question)

- Re-purpose into one facility
- Multiple locations

Focus Groups

- Reconfigure for flexible usage (i.e. Sliding walls)
- Need for better social area
- Do not integrate fitness center with business area
- Differentiate/synchronize space for retirees and younger generation

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- **Move Vista Tennis Courts to Solitude; free up space for expansion at Vista**
- **Consolidate tennis, basketball, volleyball into one place**
- **Two pools: Separate for adults and kids**
- **Vista for social center; Foothills for fitness; New complex for offices**

OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF INTEREST?

- **Car pooling to DIA; Ride arranger**
- **Concierge service**
- **Clearing house for services**
- **Completing our borders, e.g. soccer field**
- **Exercise classes in Vista**
- **Connectivity to other trail systems for mountain biking**
- **Young people's social programs**
- **Kids swim/soccer/youth sports**
- **Pub night**
- **Better kitchen; Cooking classes**
- **Paid volunteer coordinator**
- **ARC advice on updating homes**
- **Better amenities at Business Center**
- **Bike paths along roads**
- **Outdoor community hot tub at Vista**
- **Horse stable**

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- **Not All residents were contacted regarding the demographic survey.**
- **How valid are the realtor survey conclusions?**
- **What is the average age of homes? How many have been remodeled?**
- **How are home sales tracked?**
- **Are there projections on the maintenance of a new pool?**
- **How many of the 420 booked functions were by outside groups?**
- **What percentage of residents use the pools and tennis courts?**
- **Have we looked into communities with one-stop community centers?**