

Below is a copy of the survey that was available from February 13 to March 1, 2019 as part of the NRS update process. The survey was available online or in print. Volunteers used iPads to collect responses throughout the community, including at the Active Adult Center and at the Recreation Center. Notice of the survey was shared through flyers, social media, direct email, Mayor's Matters, the City website, and word of mouth. Over 1000 responses were obtained. This survey was one of several public outreach processes during the NRS update process, and the survey results are among many inputs that will inform the final report of the updated NRS.

Your thoughts and opinions matter! This survey will inform the City's ongoing work on the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS).

Your survey answers will help frame the proposed NRS document and provide recommendations for the City of Wheat Ridge to work towards. Your survey responses are anonymous and confidential.

There are approximately 50 questions and we estimate it will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire.

We invite residents, those who work in Wheat Ridge and those who visit our city for shopping, dining or otherwise to take the survey. This survey will close at the end of the day on March 1, 2019. This survey is limited to one response per device (computer, phone, tablet). If you have more than one person in your household who would like to take this survey, they will need to use different devices.

Questions marked with an (*) are required.

At the end of the survey, you will have an opportunity to share your email address for notification about future project developments. At the end, you will also find information about scheduled public events in March 2019.

*** Residency**

Do you live in Wheat Ridge?

Yes

No

If "no," please skip to the General Community questions on p. 4

*** Do you rent or own your home?**

Own

Rent

* How long have you lived at your current address?

- Less than 5 years
- 5 to 14 years
- 15 to 24 years
- 25 to 39 years
- 40 or more years

* Do you have school age children?

- Yes
- No

* How many people live in your household?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- More than 5

*** A Bit About You**

What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- Above 64

*** Are you:**

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary

*** Which race do you self identify as?**

- European American
- African American
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Asian American
- Multiracial
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Other

*** Do you self identify as Hispanic?**

- Yes
- No

* Where are you employed?

- In Wheat Ridge
- Elsewhere
- Retired or not currently employed

* **General Community**

Think about the last five years. In general, how is Wheat Ridge progressing as a community? For example: quality of life, overall appearance, shopping and dining options, local economy, etc.

- Getting better
- Getting worse
- About the same as five years ago
- Does not apply (I have not been in Wheat Ridge for this period of time)

* For Wheat Ridge to improve (for example: quality of life, overall appearance, shopping and dining options, local economy, etc.), it needs to:

- More or less keep doing what it's been doing
- Make minor adjustments and tweaks
- Make a major course correction

* **By any criteria that works for you, please rate the following questions as they pertain to Wheat Ridge:**

Housing quality for the price:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

* Commercial activity and shopping:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

* Civic life (engagement in civics, public events, and culture):

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

* Condition of infrastructure (roads, trails, sidewalks, etc.):

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

* Quality of life amenities (parks, recreation, parades, festivals, restaurants):

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

* Government (quality of services, expertise):

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

* Public safety:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

* Quality of Life Issues

For each of the following statements, please let us know how important they are to you:

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
An investment of today's tax dollars for the long term, even if it won't benefit me directly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The protection of the natural resources – Clear Creek, parks and open space, the mountain views, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The availability of good jobs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small town life where people know their neighbors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stable housing market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood preservation and architectural character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you would like to add to the prior question, please describe an additional quality of life issue(s) that is important to you:

*** Areas of Focus**

NRS public meetings and community outreach to date have identified the following issues for Wheat Ridge to focus on over the next five to ten years. Please review and let us know if you agree with each focus area (you may add to this initial list after this question):

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Corridors and Retail Nodes

Our primary corridors (Wadsworth Blvd., 44thAvenue, 38thAvenue, Kipling Street, etc.) are lacking in aesthetics and functionality and need to be improved. At the same time, we would like better shopping and dining options in the business areas along these corridors.

Neighborhood Planning and Engagement

There is a need to engage or reengage neighborhoods on planning and development issues that may affect them close to where they live. In addition to increased engagement, efforts could include the creation of neighborhood specific plans.

Building and Planning/Zoning Processes

Wheat Ridge is experiencing an influx of investment and the nature of the city's aging building stock is both an opportunity and a challenge. New methods for public outreach and education are necessary as are updated permitting processes to improve the experience and outcomes for both the public and private sectors when it comes to reinvestment in the city.

Property Conditions and Code Enforcement

The City should explore new practices – maybe a new code enforcement toolkit – that could be deployed to ensure improved property conditions.

Accessory Dwelling Units and Short-term Rentals

The City should ensure the community fully understands what accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and short-term rentals are, including their pros and cons, so that residents can provide the City Council with input and guidance.

If you would like to add to the areas of focus listed in the prior question, please describe an additional area(s) of focus that you think the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy should address. You may skip this question.

*** Corridors and Retail Nodes**

How would you rate the overall *visual* quality of the City's primary corridors (Wadsworth Blvd., 38th Avenue, 44th Avenue, Kipling Street)?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

*** How would you rate the overall *functional* quality of the City's primary corridors (Wadsworth Blvd., 38th Avenue, 44th Avenue, Kipling Street)?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

* Please rate the visual quality and attractiveness of the City's primary corridors

	Poor	Below average	Average	Good	Excellent
Wadsworth Blvd. (north of 38th Ave.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wadsworth Blvd. (south of 38th Ave.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kipling Street (north of 44th Ave.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kipling Street (south of 44th Ave.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
44th Avenue (west of Wadsworth)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
44th Avenue (east of Wadsworth)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
38th Avenue (west of Wadsworth)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
38th Avenue (east of Wadsworth)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youngfield Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Please rate the quality of each of the following items that exist in the City's primary corridors:

	Poor	Below average	Average	Good	Excellent
Signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Power lines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street trees and landscaping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Number of curb cuts (entrances/exits onto the street for cars)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street lights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall bike and pedestrian accessibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any additional concerns about the City's primary corridors that were not addressed in the prior questions?
Please describe below (or skip this question).

* Would you support multi-family residential development along the city's primary corridors (Wadsworth Blvd., 44th Avenue, 38th Avenue, Kipling Street)? This type of development could replace abandoned commercial properties or infill vacant lots.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- It depends

Since you answered "it depends," what factors would influence your support or lack of support for multi-family residential development along the city's primary corridors?

- Architectural style
- Height
- Setback from the street
- Number of apartments in the development
- Other

* How would more local restaurants or small retail establishments within a 15 minute walk from where you live impact your quality of life? Check all that apply.

- I would walk or ride my bike there
- I would meet my neighbors there and hang out
- It would enhance my neighborhood's identity
- It would negatively impact my neighborhood
- I don't live in Wheat Ridge
- Other:

*** Neighborhood Planning and Engagement**

Which of the following most closely matches how you identify your neighborhood?

- Fruitdale
- Bel Aire
- Applewood
- Barths
- Anderson Park
- Paramount Heights
- Town Center
- East Wheat Ridge
- West Wheat Ridge
- Don't know
- NA (I don't live in Wheat Ridge)
- Other (please type name here):

*** My neighbors on my street maintain their homes:**

- Exceptionally well
- To a good standard
- To a slightly lower standard than I would like
- To a standard much lower than I would like

*** Does your neighborhood have an active neighborhood organization?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

*** Since you answered "yes" to the prior question, are you actively involved with the neighborhood organization?**

- Yes
- No

* Since you answered "no" or "don't know" to the prior question, would you be willing to participate in a neighborhood organization if one existed?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* Do you think there is value in neighborhood initiatives or events that were uniquely tailored to the specific needs of Wheat Ridge's individual neighborhoods or districts? These efforts might include public engagement tactics, neighborhood specific zoning or neighborhood or historic markers/signage among others.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

*** Building and Planning/Zoning Processes**

Do you see barriers or hurdles to reinvestment in residential structures?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* Do you see barriers or hurdles to reinvestment in commercial structures?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* If "yes" to either or both of the above questions, check all that apply (check "Does not apply" if you responded "no" or "don't know" to the prior questions):

- Lack of understanding of City building codes and how to proceed
- Not enough builders and support contractors in the area or they are too busy
- Increase in construction costs
- Lack of understanding of City zoning codes
- General unwillingness on the part of the property owner
- Lack of financial capacity on the part of the property owner
- Does not apply. I see no barriers to investment in residential or commercial structures
- Other

* Is it important to you that City staff is fully resourced to proactively assist residents and business owners as they begin a rehabilitation or construction project?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* Do you support any of the following economic incentives targeted toward the construction or rehabilitation of commercial buildings in Wheat Ridge? Check all programs that you support.

- Fast track building and planning approvals for commercial projects that are job generators
- Low interest loans or grants supported by the Urban Renewal Agency
- Waiver of building permit fees and use taxes subject to specific job creation criteria
- A citywide bond with funds specifically dedicated to projects that provide new economic opportunities in Wheat Ridge
- None of the above
- Other

*** Property Conditions and Code Enforcement**

In your opinion, have property conditions generally improved over the past few years?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* Since you answered "yes" to the prior question, to what extent have the conditions improved?

- Improved a little bit
- Improved a fair amount
- Improved significantly

Do you have any additional input regarding property conditions in Wheat Ridge? If not, you may skip this question.

* In your opinion, are there some properties that are not maintained to a level that is acceptable for Wheat Ridge?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* Since you answered "yes" to the prior question, please rank the following property types in terms of most troublesome ("1" being the most troublesome). If you answered "no" you may skip this question.

Commercial properties

Single-family residential properties

Multi-family residential properties

▼

▼

▼

* In your opinion, should City Hall give consideration to any of the following initiatives that may help improve property conditions across Wheat Ridge? (check all that apply)

- Increased staffing for code enforcement
- A formal inspection program for single-family structures that are in the rental market
- A rental inspection program for multi-family residential structures
- A commercial building inspection program
- None of the above
- Other (include response here):

Closing Questions

The best thing about Wheat Ridge is...