



# State of the Town

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Strategic Work Plan  
Affordable Housing  
Childcare  
Mental Health

# Strategic Work Plan (Highlights)

- Basalt Forward 2030 implementation
  - Solar installation at 5 different locations – partnership with RFSD
  - Midland Avenue
  - Progress on affordable housing
- Wildfire Collaborative
- Events – Summer Concert Series
- Willits Lane corridor plan (includes wayfinding)
- Broadband infrastructure – new conduit in east and west Basalt
- Public art (completing an arts plan)

# Why Have a Strategic Plan

- Keeps us focused and allows Council and Staff to be aligned
- Informs the public and is an essential tool for demonstrating progress and goal-oriented thinking
- Keeps us grounded
  - Focus on fundamentals of providing high level of service
- We have worked hard on policy, now focused on implementation
  - Master Plan, Basalt Forward, etc.
- Integrated into budget document – transparency and accountability

# Affordable Housing

- \$6 million – Basalt Forward 2030
  - Purchased four deed restricted lots in Stott's Mill – Building a duplex now
  - Working on Parcel 2 E and Rugby adjacent
  - Housing study – need a mix of units for all income categories
    - Deed buydown program
    - Adding new AMI income categories in Housing Guideline
      - Categories 4 (121-150% AMI) and 5 (151-200% AMI)
    - Dedicated funding source
    - ADU incentive program



## DEED RESTRICTED RENTAL UNITS

PROJECT	NUMBER OF UNITS	CATEGORY
Riverside Plaza	8	Town-Owned Rental Policy
Lakeside	1	Town-Owned Rental Policy
Valley Pines	1	Town-Owned Rental Policy
Basalt Commercial Park	1	Category 3/Town-Owned
Willits Block 7 South	2	Category 3/Town-Owned
Villas at Elk Run	1	Town-Owned Rental Policy
Southside	1	Category 3
Block 7 Willits Fire District Unit	1	Category 3
Roaring Fork Club	41	Modified Category 2
Basalt Industrial Park/BBC	8	Mix of Categories
Willits Seven Project	50	Avg. Cat. 2/3
Roaring Fork Apartments	56	Mix of Categories 1, 2, 3
Block 7 South Willits	25	School District Rental Policy
525 Basalt Avenue	4	Category 2
Block 9, Willits (Ski CO)	8	Categories 1 and 2
Basalt River Park	4	Category 2 + 8 RO in Maker Building
Stott's Mill	19	Average Category 2 (6 Category 1, 8 Category 2, 5 Category 3)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>231</b>	



## DEED RESTRICTED FOR-SALE UNITS

PROJECT	NUMBER OF UNITS	CATEGORY
Valley Pines	8	No Category/Price Caps Similar to Category 1
Basalt Vista	27	Category 1 and Category 2
Southside Townhomes	1	Category 2
Market Street Lofts RO Units	2	No Category/RO – Prior Approvals Given to Remove Deed Restrictions, Removal of Deed Restriction Never Filed
Stott's Mill	4	Category 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	

## DEED RESTRICTED APPROVED/UNBUILT UNITS

PROJECT	NUMBER OF UNITS	CATEGORY
Sopris Meadows Parcel 5	46	9 - Max Income 120% AMI 9 - Max Income 150% AMI 4 - Max Income 200% AMI 1 - Max Income 250% AMI <span style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</span> 23 For Sale
		23 Category 2 - Rental
Basalt Center	17	11 Category 1, 6 Category 3 - Rental
		40 of 65 units (including 17 AH units) - RO
Lot J - Basalt Commercial Park	3	1 Category 1, 1 Category 2, 1 Category 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	

# Childcare

- Just completed Stott's Mill Daycare
  - Partnership with Blue Lake (participated in a competitive process)
  - \$800 K from state grant
  - \$400 + from Pitkin County
  - ~ capacity for 45-50 kiddos
- Town has budgeted ~ \$80 K P/Y to assist with tuition, training and infrastructure – administered through regional Childcare Coalition

# Mental Health

- Town contributes \$150 K P/Y to Hope Center
  - Financial assistance for therapy
  - HOPE line
  - Crisis response
- Provide BES with \$100 K P/Y for in-school mental health provider
- Provide BMS with \$150 K P/Y for academic support
- Provide BHS with \$100 K P/Y for academic support



# CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Wildfire Collaborative
- Completed 281 kW solar array
- Successful completion of Midland
- Underway with AH construction and planning
- Playground install at Arbaney Park
- Confluence Park intersection improvements

# CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Willits Lane Connectivity and Wayfinding Plan
- Permanent art – mural at pool, sculpture in skate park, elk hair caddis
- Complete 10–year CIP for arts
- Successful e-bike rebate program
- Housing guidelines and policies
- Two AH units under construction

# CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Stott's Mill daycare - > \$1 M in grants
- \$200 K grant for parcel 2E design
- GFOA Excellence in Reporting Award
- Ran two successful elections
- Basalt Connect/expanded WE-cycle
- Expanded public communication efforts
- Successful implementation of STR and budget software
- Preliminary planning for PW/PD facility

# CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed Water Master Plan
- Implementation of second year of music events (named best summer series in the valley) including River Jams (replaces River Days) and expanded music Fridays in Willits
- Completed much needed improvements to Town Hall and Planning buildings