

# CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM



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# COMMUNITY & APPROACH TOWARD DEVELOPMENT



Population: 488,664

- Up more than 40k in the last 10 years

Strong focus on primary employment in target sectors

Mayors Suthers and Mobolade heavily focused on Affordable Housing

Departmental focus on placemaking efforts

Chamber & EDC is the lead for Business Retention, Expansion, and Attraction

City is the lead for Development & Redevelopment efforts



# WHAT IS IT?



- A program to expedite development plans and building permitting processes
- Available to primary employers, Affordable Housing projects, and unique and extraordinary projects beneficial to the economic growth of the region
- Can reduce time from first submittal to building permit by 50%

# WHO IS INVOLVED?



- Colorado Springs Planning
  - City Engineering
  - City Traffic Engineering
  - City Stormwater
  - Colorado Springs Utilities (4-service public utility)
  - CS Fire Department
- Pikes Peak Regional Building
  - All building divisions
  - Colorado Springs Utilities
  - Colorado Springs Development Review Enterprise
  - Fire & Hazmat

# HOW DO WE DO IT?



- Begins with a request from a company, developer, or other community partner
- Design professionals fill out Pre-Rapid Response form
- If approved, the project receives a certificate
  - Project must submit the certificate with plans every time
- Host a meeting with all necessary partners
- Regular follow-ups and check-ins, more meetings as necessary

# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



- Keep the partners happy
- Program does not guarantee variances or special treatment, just expedited reviews
- Try and stay ahead of issues so they can be resolved ASAP
- You can't Rapid Response bad plans – hold meetings to cut the amount of submittals!

