

# Regional Economic Development Forum

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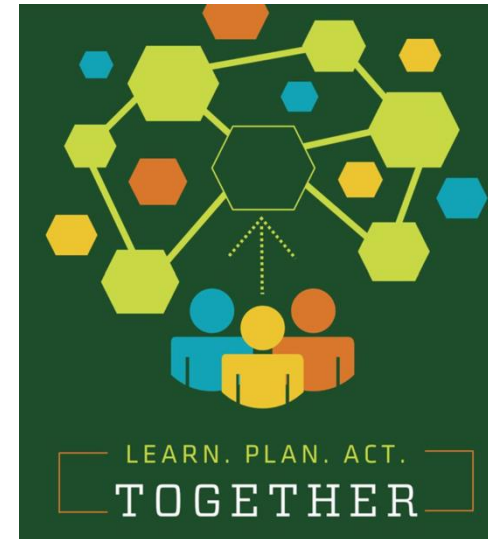
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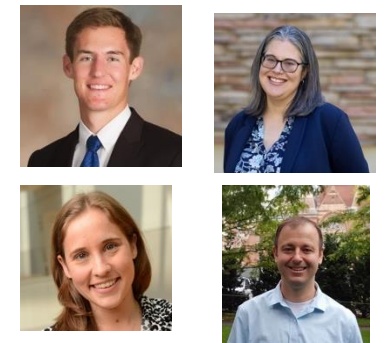
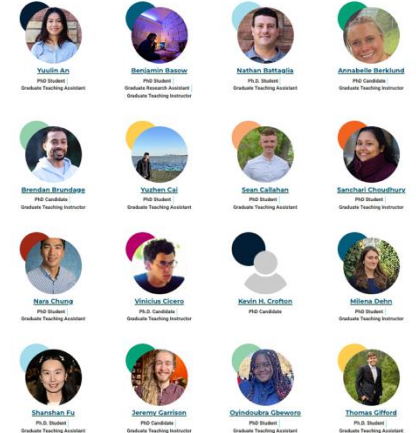
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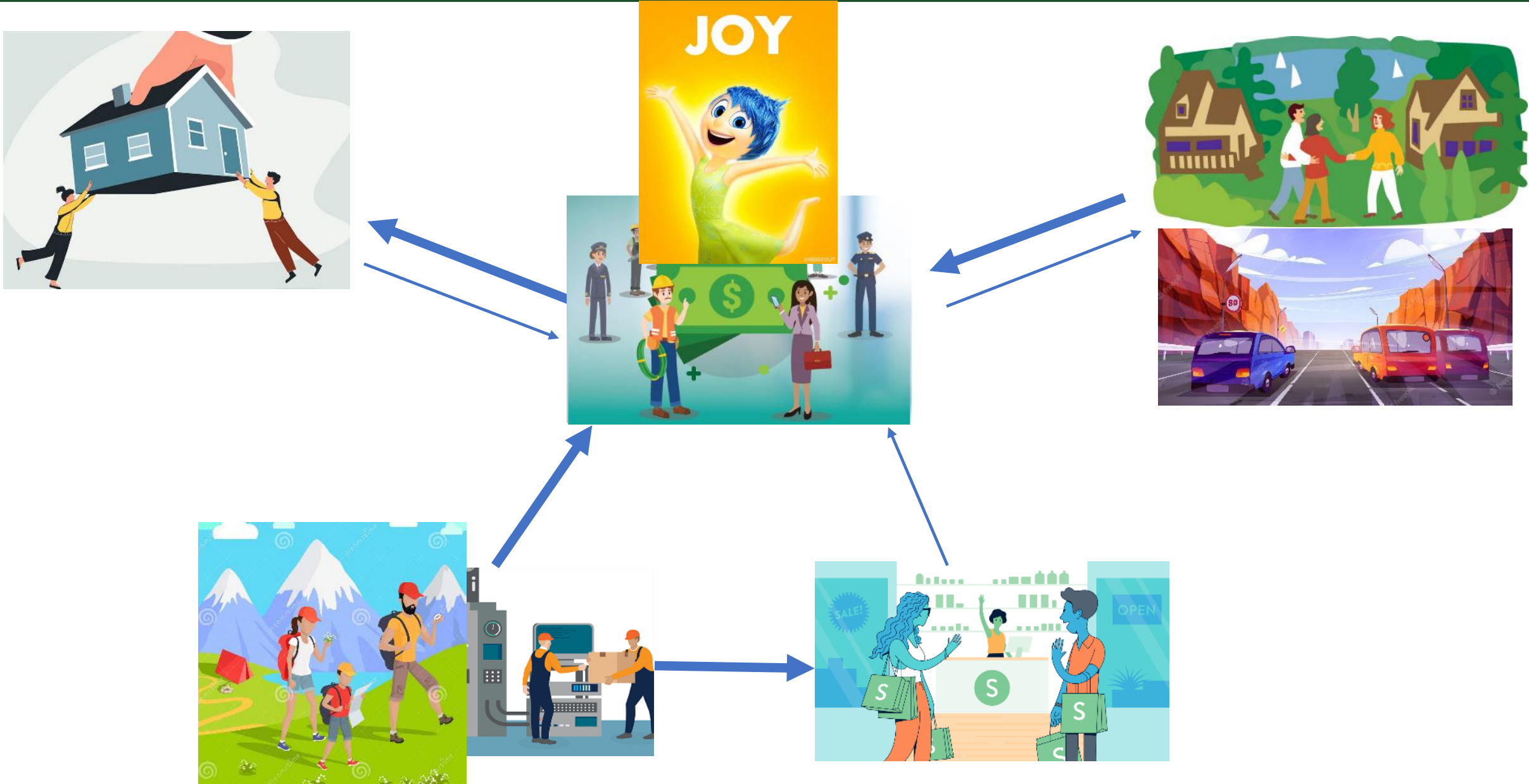
## Engaged Centers Collaborative



### Graduate Students

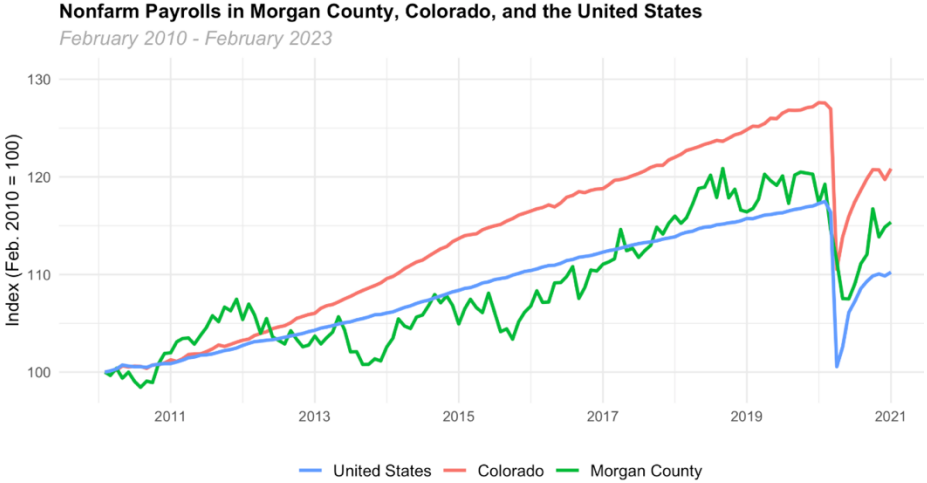


# Economic Model and Research

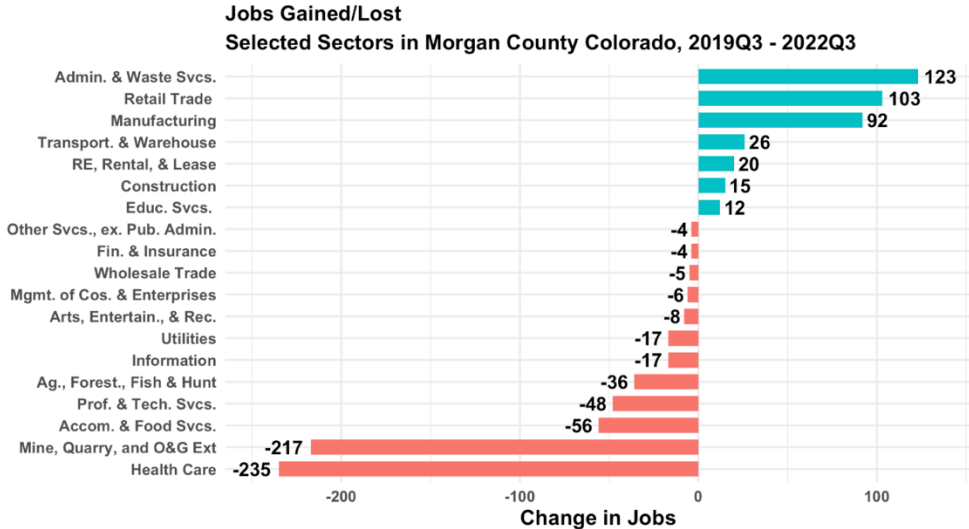


# Data and Economic Communication

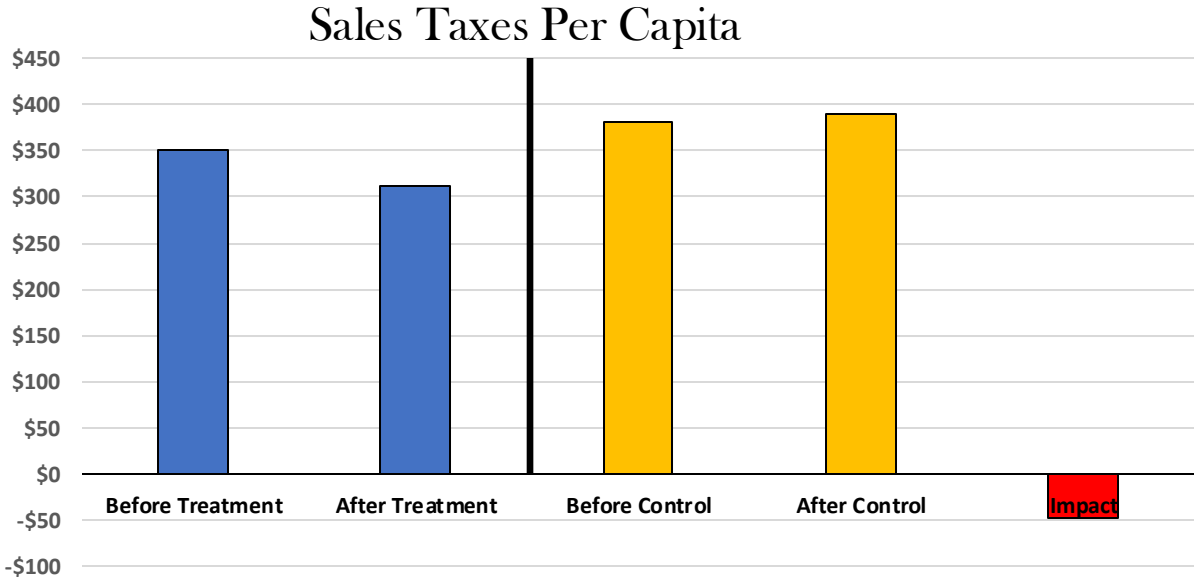
## I-70 Floyd Hill Project



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted data.

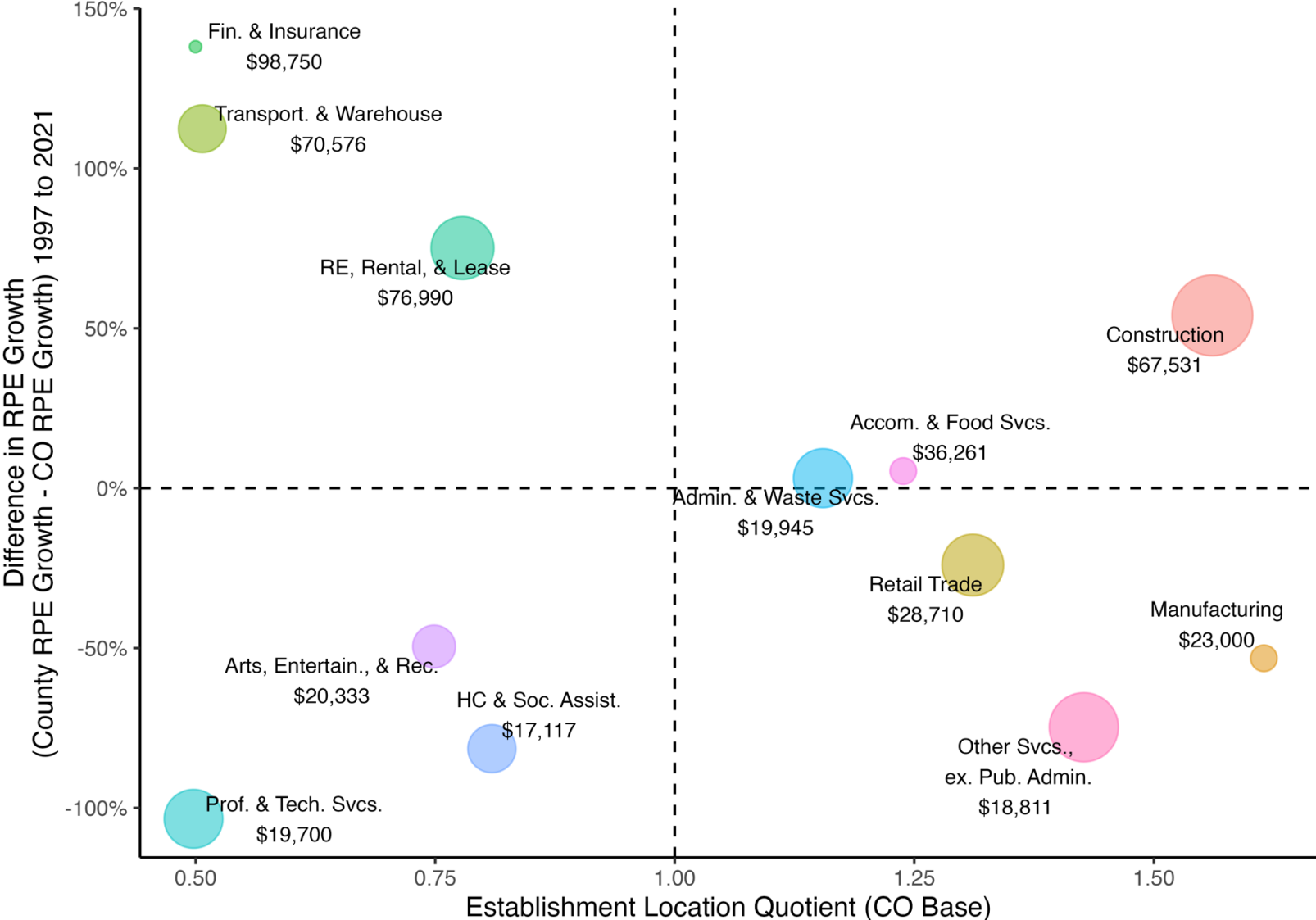


Sources: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, non-seasonally adjusted data



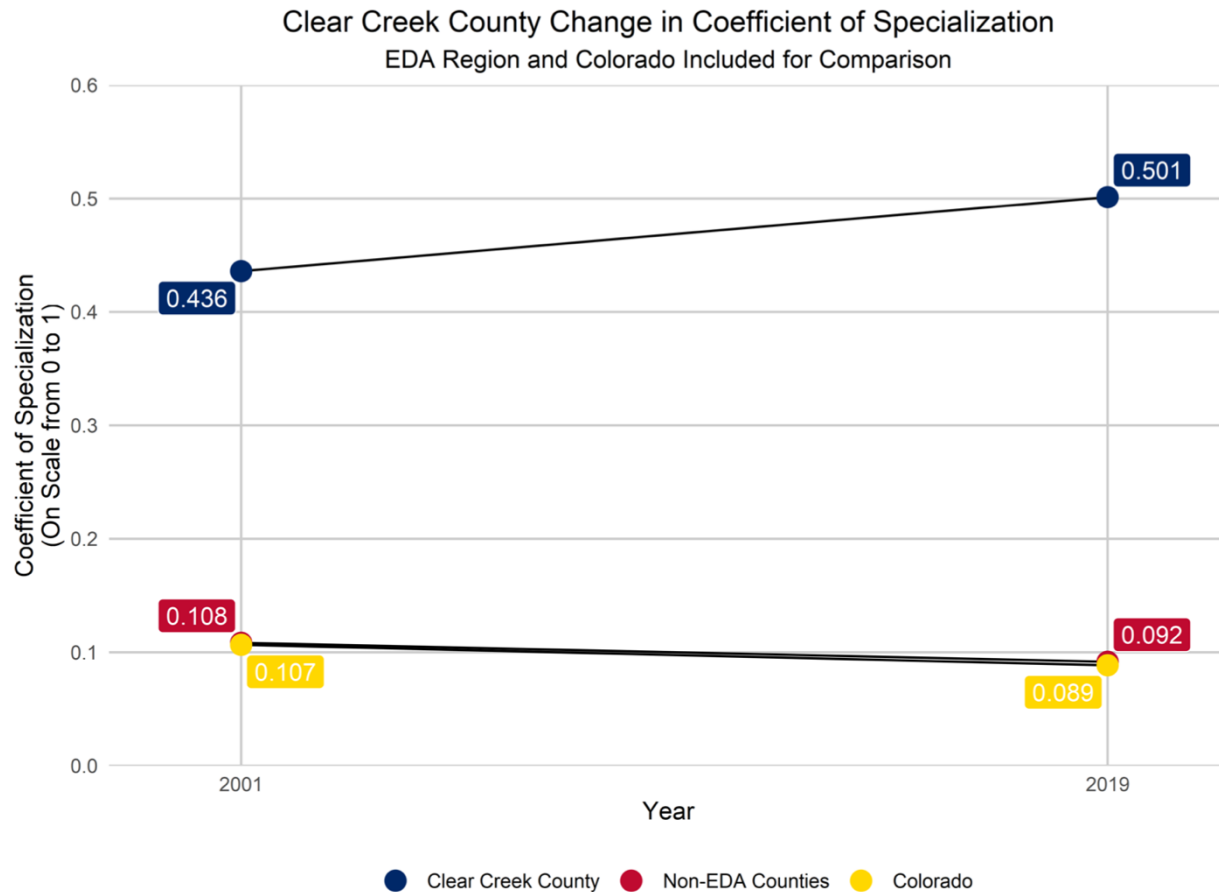
# Cluster Analysis

## Moffat County to CO Non-Employer Statistics Receipts/Establishment Growth vs. Location Quotient Matrix



# Economic Diversification


“Clear Creek County will make a commitment to foster new economic development opportunities that diversify the economy and support the fiscal and economic health of the County.” *(Source: Clear Creek County Community Master Plan, 2017)*




Economic analysis of:

- a tourism fee facilitate to support economic diversification
- Argo gondola
- parking garage

# Feasibility Studies




## NW COLORADO MEAT SECTOR: Feasibility Study




### SUMMARY

There are ongoing concerns about livestock processing and storage capacity in Northwest Colorado. This report is intended to help support efforts to develop and expand value added agricultural enterprises and to increase consumption of regionally raised livestock.



### CONTEXT


Meat animals accounted for 53% of CO cash receipts in 2020, with cattle and calves accounting for 96% of all livestock products in the state. In 2022, Colorado ranked 17th in the United States in total beef inventory (USDA 2022). In 2021, Colorado had 12,407 beef cattle operations with 806,216 beef cows.




### PROBLEM

Changing consumer preferences, health concerns, and the rise of alternative protein sources have contributed to shifts in consumer meat product preferences. Recent supply chain disruptions, and growing interest in supporting local, has created unprecedented demand for regionally source meat products. Current processing capacity is limited.


### PROJECT PARTNERS



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## THE FEASIBILITY STUDY



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## Feasibility Analysis of Business Incubator in Hayden, CO

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# Framing Community Conversations and Preferences



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## Family Leadership Training Institute of Colorado (FLTI)

Learn. Plan. Act. **TOGETHER**

Bridging the Gap Between Community  
Members & Local Decision-Makers



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The CPD serves as an impartial resource for the Northern Colorado community, focused on elevating the quality of public engagement on our shared wicked problems. We analyze issues and then design, convene, facilitate, and report on innovative public forums.

	Option A	Option B	No change
Length of the river section that will be restored	2 km 	0.5 km 	0 km 
Walking along the river	Yes 	No 	No 
Swimming in the river	Yes 	No 	No 
Barbecuing on the river bank	No 	Yes 	No 
Biodiversity	High 	Medium 	Low 
Increase in canton taxes	100 / year	50 / year	0 / year
Which option would you prefer?	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither A nor B

# Economic Contribution and Impact Analysis

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Dr. Rebecca Hill

- Economist and Extension Professor

Worked on Economic Contribution and Impacts Analysis:

- Proposed policies e.g. slaughterhouse ban in Denver
- Recreation e.g. winter sports, river access, etc.
- Agritourism
- Hemp industry
- Festivals
- etc.

Questions?

What resources would  
be helpful in your  
communities?

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