



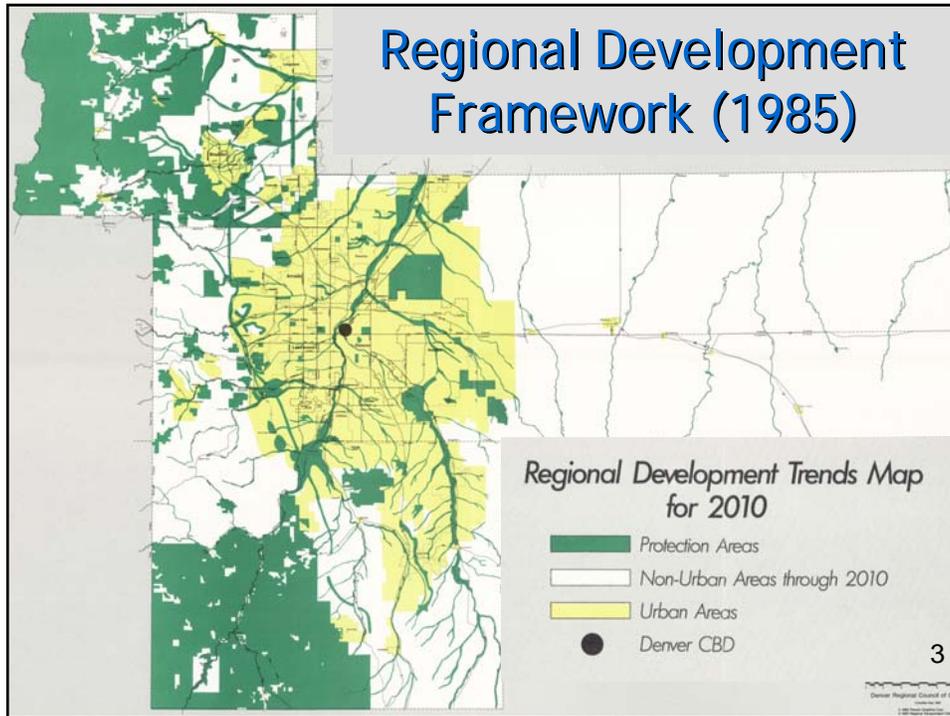
Metro Vision and the Mile High Compact

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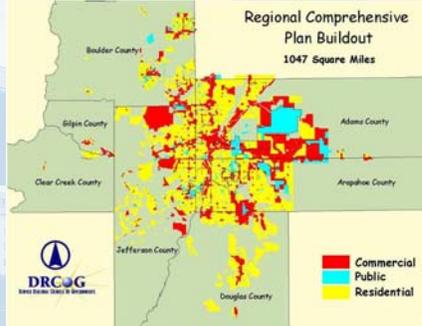




The impetus for a new plan

- Overlapping, contradictory local plans
- Regional composite buildout > 1,000 sq. mi.
- Air quality concerns
- Growing traffic congestion and VMT
- Political battles over transportation spending
- Practical need for better ability to forecast future growth





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Evolution of Metro Vision 2020

1992: Vision statement, principles and policies

1995: Scenario analysis and urban growth boundary target

1997: Adoption of final Metro Vision plan, UGB map

2000: Mile High Compact



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Public involvement

- 40-member task force of business, citizen, and environmental groups and local governments
- Radio & television talk shows, newspapers
- Open houses, workshops, presentations
- Displays in public facilities
- Public opinion survey
- All-day Metro Growth Forum (more than 500 attendees)



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Key plan elements

- Growth and development
 - Urban growth boundary/area (UGB/A)
 - Urban centers
 - Freestanding communities
 - Senior-friendly development
 - Semi-urban development
- Environment
 - Parks and open space, air quality, water quality, noise
- Transportation
 - Vision
 - Fiscally constrained



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Incentives

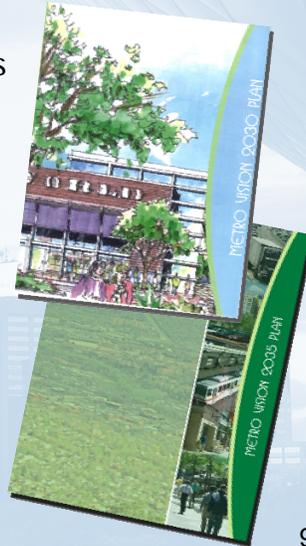
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Scoring system awards points for consistency with UGB, Metro Vision
- Wastewater treatment facilities
 - State-mandated review of new or expanded capacity
 - DRCOG generally won't endorse facility outside the UGB/A



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Subsequent updates

- **Metro Vision 2030 (2005)**
 - UGB expanded to 750 square miles plus 20 square mile "Bank"
- **Metro Vision 2035 (2007)**
 - New scenario analysis
 - Lots of controversy over UGB expansion
- **UGB working group (2008)**
 - Should the UGB have more teeth?
 - How to accommodate diverse community needs and aspirations?



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Lessons learned/keys to success

- Agreement on high-level vision and policies as starting point
- Exploration of policy alternatives, associated costs and benefits
- Recognition of practical needs, at both regional and local level
- Focus on encouraging desired outcomes
- Voluntary, flexible approach
- Champions from a variety of communities
- Willingness to dedicate time, resources



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