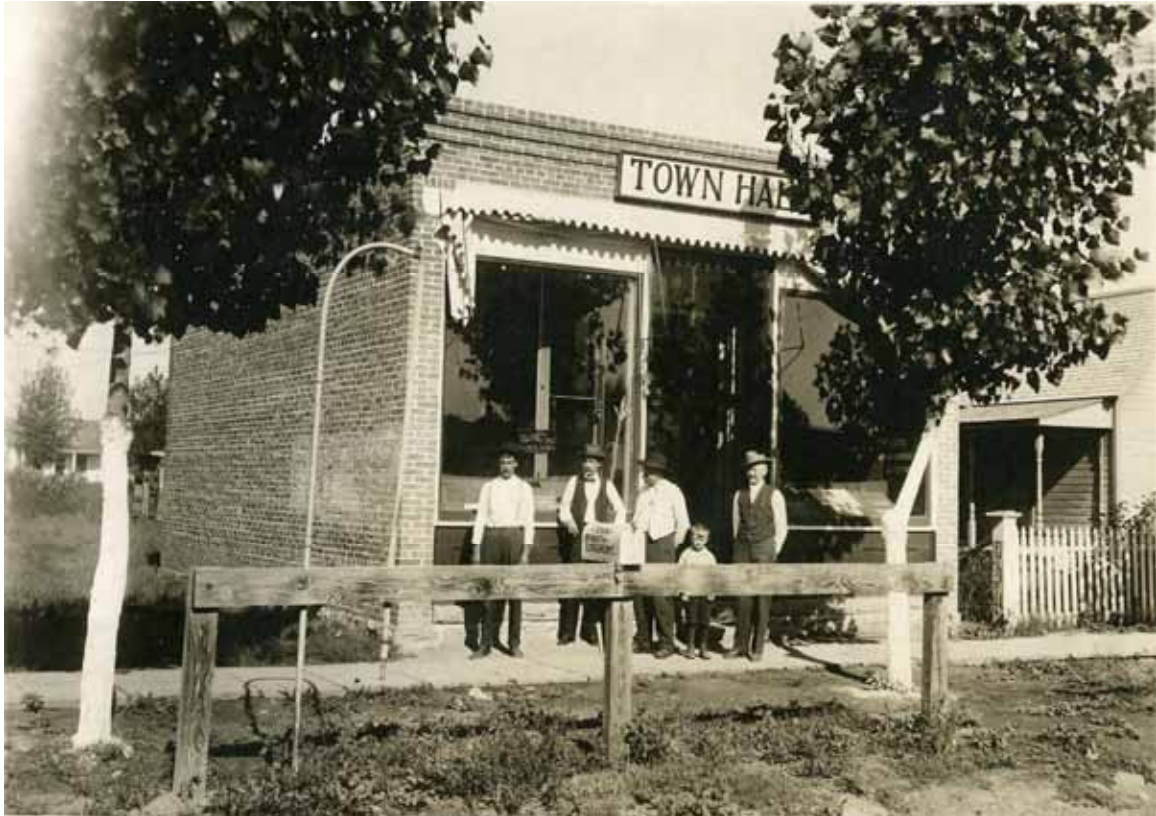


# Old North Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

City of Longmont Community and Neighborhood Resources Division

## Old North Longmont Neighborhood



*North Longmont Original Town Hall and "Jail" on Main St.  
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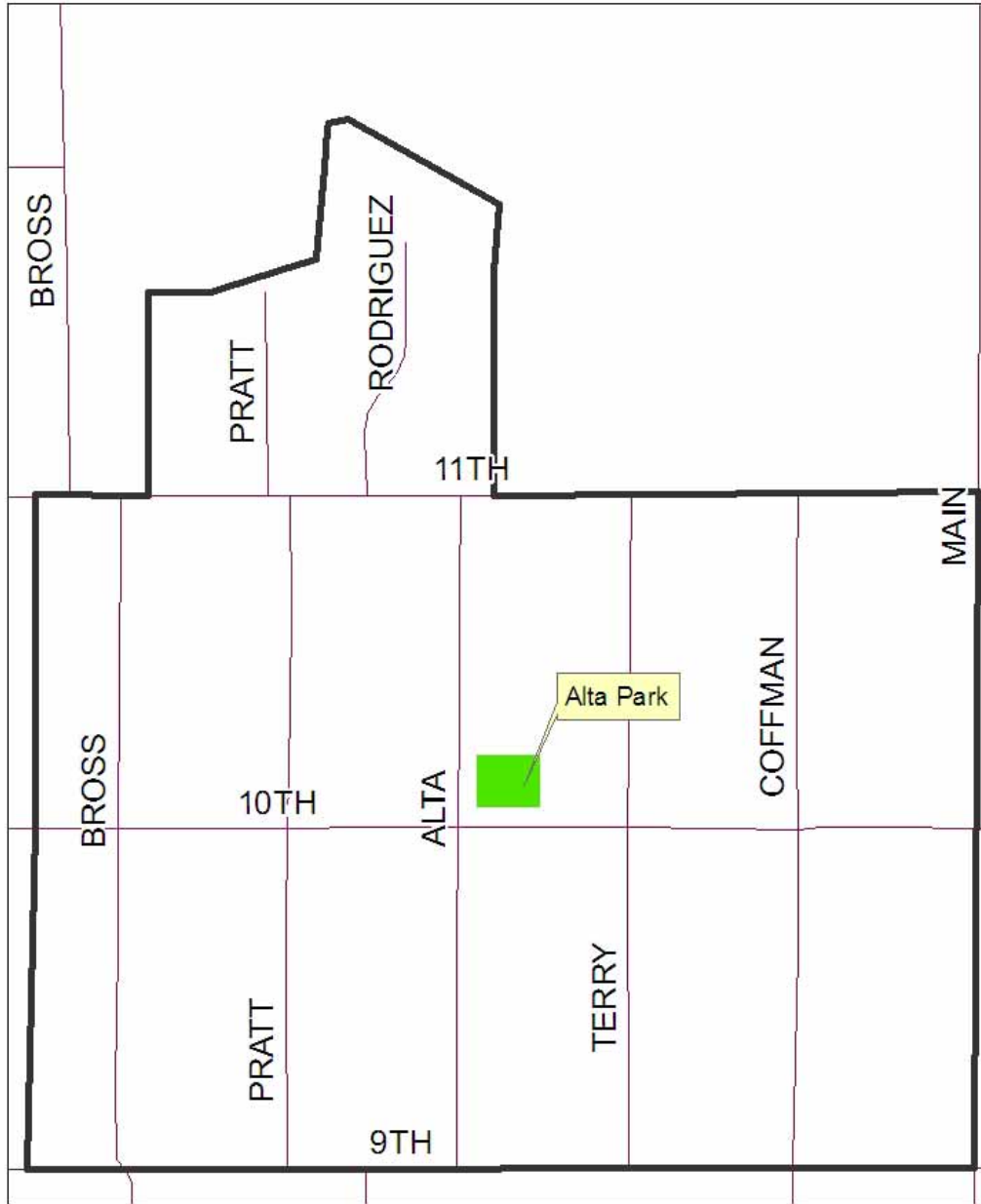
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# Old North Longmont Neighborhood



## Executive Summary

Neighborhoods are places where people connect with one another. Being part of a community where neighbors know each other and help each other out not only contributes to an individual's health and happiness, but also makes it easier for people to organize around issues of public concern and community benefit. The Longmont City Council wants neighborhoods to continue their strong roles in community problem solving and in ensuring quality public services. However, the Council understands that neighborhoods have a life cycle of their own. As some of our neighborhoods are growing stronger and safer, other neighborhoods may be experiencing issues that threaten their quality of life. The Council reviewed and discussed some of the issues that are taking place in Longmont neighborhoods, and how revitalization efforts could help sustain a high quality of life throughout all Longmont neighborhoods. In 2002, City Council established a Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the Longmont community as comprehensive approach to improving neighborhoods in order to address issues in established neighborhoods.

In 2007 City Council directed staff to examine ways to broaden the City's revitalization efforts that benefited a larger number of neighborhoods and covered a larger geographic area. At the 2008 City Council retreat, Council clarified that staff should also focus on neighborhood stabilization, as well as revitalization. In order to determine the area in which staff would focus the revitalization funds, staff first examined the following indicators on a city wide level: Density of Police Quality of Life Calls, Sense of Crime and Disorder index, Density of top nine code violations from January 2008 – January 2008, low to moderate income block groups, and age of housing.

Upon analysis of this information staff recommended that Council focus the 2009 CDBG funding to create the Midtown Revitalization Area, an area roughly bounded by 9<sup>th</sup> Ave on the south, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. on the north, the railroad tracks on the east and Bross St. on the west. This geographic area contains approximately 2900 residential units and 450 commercial properties, and has the highest level of indicators of need. This area is larger and more diverse than other areas where the City has focused revitalization efforts in the past.

The City of Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Program offers a comprehensive approach to improving neighborhoods. The program identifies and/or links neighborhoods with resources needed to deal with the community, social, physical and economic needs that are particular to a neighborhood to further improve the quality of life for its residents. Neighborhood revitalization could include, but is not limited to, the following elements: community building, economic development, social interactions and physical improvements.

Neighborhoods that are located within the Midtown Revitalization Area will be asked to come forward and work with the City of Longmont to develop and implement a revitalization strategy for their neighborhood. Staff is implementing a five year

revitalization strategy in this area using CDBG funding as the primary source that will allow staff to focus its efforts for maximum impact. The City will implement the following action steps with interested neighborhoods in the Midtown Revitalization Area as they come forward; Leadership and Capacity Building, Neighborhood Outreach, Plan Development and Implementation, and Short Term Neighborhood Projects.

The Old North Longmont was the first neighborhood in the Midtown Revitalization area to come forward and work with City staff to develop a neighborhood plan. This plan will serve as a shared community vision of the neighborhood revitalization effort and provides a vehicle for residents to work together with City of Longmont staff to improve their community. The goal of the neighborhood plan is to involve and include all groups that make up the neighborhood, identify values and issues important to the neighborhood, and include neighborhood improvement strategies to be implemented by all interested residents and community members.

In 2009 the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Committee, made up of neighborhood residents, formed to assemble a plan that would identify the strengths of the neighborhood with the intent to preserve and enhance those strengths. Based on a statistical analysis of neighborhood surveys and a series of neighborhood meetings and outreach events, eight planning interest areas were identified early in the public input process. Those issues, listed in order of importance to Old North Longmont residents, are the following:

- *Alta Park*
- *Businesses and Neighborhood Interaction*
- *Pride In Residences*
- *Historic Preservation*
- *Community Building and Neighborhood Involvement*
- *Trees*
- *Public Safety and Lighting*
- *Bike-ability/Walk-ability of Neighborhood.*

For each of the eight interest areas of the Old North Longmont Plan, projects, programs and action steps have been identified to enhance the appearance, preserve the character and improve the public and private properties of the neighborhood. After the City Council acceptance of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Plan the neighborhood and the City of Longmont will partner to prepare for plan implementation. The implementation stage of the planning process is the most anticipated phase since it is the actual development of thoughts and ideas generated during the plan discussions.

The Community and Neighborhood Resources Division will work closely with the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association to implement the recommendations identified within the plan. The Community and Neighborhood Resources division will also be responsible for assisting in the coordination with the other City Departments and staff members identified as key participants within the plan. The adopted neighborhood

plan is not binding or mandatory, but is a guiding document for the revitalization of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood. Unless elements of the plan have been adopted, directly or indirectly by ordinance, the plan will serve to coordinate and structure community building efforts between Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association, the City of Longmont and other local community agencies. The goal is to have an implementation period of five years, in which Old North Longmont Neighborhood residents, designated City staff and other local agencies work together to complete as many projects and recommendations as possible.

## **Introduction**

The Old North Longmont Neighborhood Plan was prepared by the City of Longmont Community and Neighborhood Resources Division in conjunction with the Old North Longmont Neighborhood's Revitalization Committee. In 2009- 2010, the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Committee held a series of public outreach and neighborhood events in which they identified eight elements that would create the body of the Neighborhood Plan. Those elements, listed in order of importance as identified by the Old North Longmont Neighborhood, are

- *Alta Park*
- *Business and Neighborhood Interaction*
- *Pride in Residences*
- *Historic Preservation*
- *Community Building and Neighborhood Involvement*
- *Trees*
- *Public Safety and Lighting*
- *Walk-ability/Bike-ability of Neighborhood.*

Funding for this project will be made possible through the City of Longmont CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program. About \$144,000 annually has been allocated from the Community Development Block Grant program over a two year period, 2009 and 2010 to assist in implementing strategies identified in the neighborhood plan.

### **Old North Longmont Neighborhood**

The Old North Neighborhood (ONL) is located just to the West of Longmont's Historic Main Street. It is bounded by 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the South, Bross Street on the West, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the North and Main Street on the East. It also includes Rodriguez Ct. and Pratt St. north of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The original town of North Longmont was founded in 1903, as a separate jurisdiction from the City of Longmont. It was formed on what was then the edge of Longmont, 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Because Old North Longmont was formed as a separate town, that is why there are street "breaks" on some streets along 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., where the streets are offset and do not connect from the south side of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the north side of the street, marking the distinction between the two towns.

The original founders of the City of Longmont established the town based on the principals of temperance, industry and morality and worked hard to attract pioneers who wanted to live a family oriented life. Liquor was strictly prohibited in the City of Longmont, and in fact, the founders felt these attitudes were so important, that if liquor or malt spirits were used at any time by a resident, the founding members of the town could seize their property. One of the first official actions of The Town of North Longmont was to license saloons, and they were its primary business during its short existence.

One of the main characteristics of the Old North Longmont neighborhood is its small town feel, which is emphasized by its proximity to historic Main Street shops and services. Despite its obvious attractiveness, the Old North Longmont Neighborhood has suffered some deterioration. After the closing of the Kuner-Empson Factory in 1970 and the sugar plant in 1977, there was a marked decline in the Old North Longmont neighborhood. The neighborhood's dominant housing type lost its popularity and many dwellings became rental homes and a number of the larger lots were subdivided and newer, more modern homes were built. By the late 1960's and early 1970's the city had re-zoned a portion of the neighborhood commercial in order to promote a higher density business district to serve Main St. Despite the past successes and continued investment in the neighborhood since the 1970's, the Old North Longmont Neighborhood struggles with issues regarding the upkeep of properties, preservation and rehabilitation of historic properties and creating a balance between the businesses along Main St. and the residential neighborhood.

In 2009 the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Committee was formed to assemble a plan that would identify the strengths of the neighborhood with the intent to preserve and enhance them. The housing stock in the area has survived well over the years but requires some maintenance and upgrading. In recent years commercial properties on and around Main Street have shifted from serving the needs of immediately adjacent neighborhoods to serving the larger Longmont area. The high value that Old North Longmont residents have placed on historic Main Street has initiated a need for continued growth of mixed use neighborhood oriented projects and maintaining adequate transition zones between busy Main Street and the quiet residential neighborhood. The neighborhood's most significant attribute is its historic character and small town feel, an amenity that attracts many visitors and serves as a reminder of the enduring influence that the vision and planning of Longmont's early planners had on the community.

### **Neighborhood Planning Issues**

Based on a statistical analysis of neighborhood surveys and a series of neighborhood meetings and outreach events, eight planning elements were identified early in the public input process. These issues formed the basis of the neighborhood plan, the major aspects of which are outlined below:

#### **Alta Park**

1. Create a Master Plan for Alta Park that reflects the values of the entire neighborhood.
2. Look at the current use of the Longmont Emergency Unit Building in the Park and decide if the use is beneficial to the neighborhood and Alta Park.
3. Begin the implementation of the Alta Park Master Plan with CDBG funding, seek CIP funding, and leverage other grant funding as available according to the priorities of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.

### **Business and Neighborhood Interaction**

1. Beautify the neighborhood and business district by strengthening business code compliance through the creation of proactive and systematic code enforcement with a part time code enforcement officer in 2009 - 2012 specifically dedicated to CDBG eligible areas.
2. Promote the objective of the Midtown Development Plan for Main St. Coordinate with the City of Longmont Economic Development Department for the strategic revitalization of the Old North Longmont Business Corridor.

### **Pride in Residences**

1. Beautify the neighborhood by strengthening residential code compliance through the creation of proactive and systematic code enforcement. The part time code enforcement officer in 2009- 2012 specifically dedicated to CDBG eligible areas.
2. Promote clean and safe streets and alleys through neighborhood clean up events that encourage residents to take more responsibility for them.
3. Continue to improve the housing stock within the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.
4. Reduce Energy use and the carbon footprint of residences in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood through the participation in the Boulder County Neighborhood Energy Sweep and other programs.

### **Historic Preservation**

1. Determine historic designation and preservation tools that will promote and protect the historic nature of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood while continuing to meet the needs of local residents.
2. Do a historical survey of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.
3. Bring in historic design elements to enhance the neighborhood.
4. Research the history of the town of North Longmont. Create a book or small booklet to promote a better understanding of North Longmont, as well as local leadership.

### **Community Building and Neighborhood Involvement**

1. Encourage more community wide events and gatherings, especially those specifically focused on promoting the large number of artists living in the neighborhood.
2. Increase level of awareness and involvement within the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.
3. Create an active on-going Neighborhood Organization for the Old North Longmont Neighborhood that registers and participates in the Neighborhood Group Leader's Association of Longmont.

### **Community Forest**

1. Enhance the existing community forest through the creation of an Old North Longmont Neighborhood tree planting program.

**Public Safety and Lighting**

1. Improve on-street lighting in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood through Longmont Power and Communications residential street lighting program.
2. Encourage opportunities for neighbors to be involved in creating a safe Old North Longmont Neighborhood.

**Bike-ability/Walk-ability of Neighborhood**

1. Promote safe and efficient pedestrian and automobile transportation throughout the neighborhood that encourages better connectivity to other important public areas of Longmont.
2. Look at the possibility of covering the entrance to the cemetery off of Pratt St.
3. Evaluate the existing sidewalk conditions and make recommendations for improvement.
4. Encourage the expansion of the bike lane system in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood, especially along 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Alta Sts..

## History and Development

The City of Longmont was platted in advance of settlement and was one of several American colonization efforts to populate the Colorado Territory. In the 1870's the United States had just finished the Civil War and was in a severe economic depression. In the Colorado Territory the gold boom was over and many of the miners were leaving the region and returning east, or coming down from the mountains to farm the open prairies and river bottoms along the front range. The United States colonization of the Colorado territories was already underway in places like Greeley, and the Chicago-Colorado Colony, which would later become the City of Longmont, was established as a way to promote increased settlement of the west. The United States was not the first to colonize the St. Vrain Valley. Spanish explorers had reached this far north as early as the 1500's and the St. Vrain Valley easily falls within the historical boundaries of New Mexico. The Chicago-Colorado colony actually was located within the 4,096,000-acre Vigil-Saint Vrain land grant, one of the last desperation land grants awarded by New Mexico governor Manuel Armijo in the 1840's in a last ditch effort to save the land for the people of New Mexico in the face of the inevitable war with the United States (We, too, Came to Stay, 5).

The original planners of the Chicago-Colorado Colony were looking to attract families that wanted to live a sober and religiously oriented life, something that was completely different from the lure of adventure that brought the original trappers, miners and explorers to the Colorado Territory. The concept of settling in the west as an organized group and working together to accomplish their goals in a shorter period of time appealed to many honest settlers. The founders decided to base the colony on the attributes of Industry, Temperance and Morality, therefore attracting pioneers who wanted a family oriented way of life. In fact, the founders of the Chicago-Colorado Colony felt that these attitudes were so important that original colony membership certificates stated that if liquor or malt spirits were used at any time by a colony member the colony officials could seize the member's land (Downer-During, 13).

**The Town of North Longmont** was founded in 1903, at a time when liquor sales were not allowed in the City of Longmont. One of the first official actions of the town was to license saloons and they were its primary business and tax base during its short existence. North Longmont's boundaries were 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the south, Main Street on the east, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the north, and Bowen Street on the west. It was formed on what was then the edge of Longmont. The North Longmont Town Hall, also was used as a jail, and on many a day was used to sober up revelers who frequented the saloons along Main St. Intoxication quickly became the primary crime reported there.

In 1908, Longmont and surrounding precincts voted overwhelmingly to be "dry," leading to a court case to shut down the saloons of North Longmont. In July 1910, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that the saloons must be closed. The town voted to dissolve itself in 1911, and the area was annexed into Longmont as the subdivision of North Longmont.

The early development of North Longmont was sporadic and disperse. Houses were scattered along the plain, sometimes with one dwelling per block, usually with the oldest and largest homes being built on the lot corners. Property owners later began to subdivide the larger lots into sites with room for two to three dwelling units.

The Kuner –Empson Cannery built in 1887 and the Sugar Factory built in 1902 in the southeast section of Longmont influenced the development of North Longmont as a working class town. Workers began to move into the affordable homes in the North Longmont area while the Historic Westside Neighborhood in The City of Longmont became the fashionable district.

The factories played an important role in the housing of the North Longmont neighborhood as many people came to live and work in Longmont. Until the closing of the Kuner-Empson Factory in 1970 and the Sugar Factory in 1977, the Old North Longmont Neighborhood was a vibrant working class neighborhood.

Longmont’s major north south streets were named for a few people who lived in Longmont, but mostly were for prominent Chicago citizens who contributed money, time and effort to the colonization of the town.

**Coffman St.** – Was named after Hon. Enoch J. Coffman, born in Pebble County, Ohio September 19, 1837 died January 29, 1919 in Longmont. In his early life Coffman taught in grade school in Illinois. In 1863 he crossed the plains with an ox team and took up mining. Soon after, he located on land southwest of Longmont which became known as the Coffman addition to Longmont. His home is located at the corner of Bowen and Jefferson (now Spruce) streets. In 1882 Coffman was elected member of the legislature from Boulder, CO on the populist ticket. He served six years as a member of the school board and was a Mason. Coffman married Electra McConahay at Pola, Iowa in 1869. on March 18, 1871 he was appointed Superintendent of Agricultural operations for the Chicago-Colorado Colony.

**Terry St.** – Judge Seth Terry served as president of the Colony Board of Trustees and as a member of the Executive Board of the Colorado Chicago Colony.

**Bross St.** – Honorable. William. Bross was a well educated journalist who moved to Chicago after teaching for ten years. Mr. Bross was instrumental in organizing and promoting the Chicago-Colorado Colony from Chicago, but never actually lived in Colorado himself. He published a religious newspaper, then a daily, “Democratic Press” ,that became Chicago’s leading newspaper. After merging with the Tribune as the Press and Tribune the paper became the first to propose Abraham Lincoln for president. Bross helped repeal the so- called Black Laws of Ill. and, in 1864, was elected Lt. Gov. of Illinois In the governor’s absence he signed the 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment. Illinois was the first State to do so. A prolific writer, Bross died in 1890.

Today the Old North Longmont Neighborhood is still a neighborhood of modest residences mingled amid 1920’s bungalows and more modern homes. Old North

Longmont remains a neighborhood where kids can walk to school and people can walk to Main St. to shop. Wide streets, shady yards, front porches and alley garages create the old time neighborhood setting and small town feel that the Old North Longmont residents value so much.

### **Historic Character and Historic Preservation**

Old North Longmont residential architecture is chiefly vernacular. A hip roof is the prominent element. There was little brick used in the construction of the Old North Longmont homes, this was because lumber was so plentiful in the foothills to the west and also because Ceran St. Vrain, the namesake of the St. Vrain area and a naturalized Mexican citizen, established several prominent lumber mills in the area along with brothers William and Charles Bent prior to the colonization of Longmont. The building stone used usually came from the Coffin or Nolan quarries located to the northwest of Longmont. There are three prominent house types reflected in the dwelling units of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood. The common cottage was built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and characterized by a hip or hip and gabled roof, wood construction and simple ornamentation.

The second style of home is evident in the elaborate bungalow popular in Colorado during the prosperous 1920's. The features include a 1 or 1.5 story height, gently sloping front or side gabled roof, over-hanging eaves, protruding rafters and a front gabled half-wall porch. Other features include porch posts, half timbered gable ends and an exterior chimney. Windows typically had multiple narrow rectangular lights over a single fixed pane. Most have garages designed as separate but matching structures, setback near the alley.

The third house type common was the vernacular house style characteristic of the 1930's and early 1940's. These were small, one story homes with a full raised basement and a small front porch. Exterior materials were asbestos shingles or synthetic siding.

### **Alta Park**

The park was originally developed in 1915 and at that time called North Longmont Park. The 0.4 acre park site is Longmont's smallest neighborhood park, and until 1960 was one of only four parks in the entire City of Longmont. By 1919 the park included an auto camping area which was a popular activity at the time. Additional park development occurred in 1977.

### **Longmont Emergency Unit Building**

On December 9, 1956, three small brothers drowned in a lake near the City of Longmont. There was no one trained to recover their bodies. This tragedy pointed out the lack of adequate rescue personnel or equipment available to respond to such emergencies. This realization led to the organization of the Longmont Emergency Unit and its activation on June 25, 1957. At that time, there was no other dive team in the State of Colorado. The City of Longmont offered the newly founded Longmont Emergency Unit the land at Alta Park if the Unit could manage providing a building there. Local contractors stepped up and supplied most of the material and labor to build what is the current LEU building at

Alta Park The LEU at Alta Park was remembered for holding events on Halloween evenings when on duty police officers and firefighters would enjoy chili and other sustenance in between their patrols. The LEU has since moved out of the location at Alta Park in 2004, and the building does not meet building code, it has been used as a storage space by the City of Longmont.

The LEU still operates today, out of another facility. It is a completely volunteer, non-profit organization, comprised of men and women who are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, trained to respond to any type of emergency. Members are dedicated volunteers specializing in many areas of rescue including first aid, extrication, dive rescue, swift water rescue, and low and steep angle rope rescue. Unit members assist with crime scenes, crowd control, scene lighting, traffic control and searches of all types.



*Members of the 1958 Longmont Emergency Unit  
Front row: Ray Ashing, Dr. Richard Barnes, George Baskos  
Dr. Robert Walker, Red Deit & Frank Burns  
Back Row: Chuck Simpsonson, LeRoy Yount, Harry Johnson,  
Russ Smout & Walt Dunbar*

## **Civics**

The Old North Longmont Neighborhood is a newly organized association in the City of Longmont with 250 residences. The Old North Longmont Association has recently started to hold monthly neighborhood meetings to promote involvement to prepare and implement the revitalization plan and is now an active member of the NGLA.

The Old North Longmont Neighborhood was the first neighborhood to come forward in the Midtown Revitalization Area for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. The Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association is dedicated to promoting neighborhood pride and awareness around the North Longmont's rich and rebellious history and encouraging neighborhood revitalization, good neighboring and community pride.

## **Old North Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Process**

The City of Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Program is a Longmont City Council and Community Development Block Grant driven initiative to address neighborhood concerns on a level that can make a difference in the community. It has been Longmont's philosophy to engage residents to identify issues, needs and the potential alternatives to address them. There are three basic steps in the planning process. The first is to prepare a detailed inventory of the priorities and concerns of the neighborhood. The second step is to develop a plan that will help ensure the maintenance, preservation and enhancement of the integrity of the neighborhood. The final step is to implement the projects and programs discussed in the neighborhood plan and to maintain communication between the City of Longmont and the Old North Longmont Neighborhood to monitor compliance to the adopted planning documents.

In order to determine eligibility for Revitalization funding, the City created a selection process combining a series of negative and positive indicators. Negative indicators such as of code violations, quality of life police calls and census information were analyzed for neighborhoods throughout the city. The areas that had the highest percentage of negative indicators were then determined as preliminary candidates for grant funding. Within those areas the City then looked at neighborhood assets such as response rate to revitalization surveys, willingness to partner with other residents and the City, organizational skills and ability to define residential issues. In 2008 the City of Longmont proposed the creation of the Midtown Revitalization Area that covered 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. on the south and 23rd Ave on the north and Bross St on the west and the railroad tracks on the east. Neighborhoods in this area were encouraged to come forward and work with the Community and Neighborhood Resources Department on creating a Neighborhood Action Plan to address issues identified by residents in the neighborhood.

The Old North Longmont Neighborhood Plan was begun by the Old North Longmont Revitalization Planning Committee in October of 2009. Working with Community and Neighborhood Resources Staff over time the Planning Committee gathered data concerning the neighborhood undertook an opinion survey and held public meetings, open houses and outreach events in order to involve residents in the planning process. During the initial brainstorming and survey of the neighborhood residents identified neighborhood assets and areas for improvement. These items were categorized and prioritized into goals and action steps which comprise the Neighborhood Plan. Eight interest areas were identified; they include:

- ***Pride in Residences***
- ***Alta Park***
- ***Historic Preservation***
- ***Public Safety and Lighting***
- ***Community Building and Neighborhood Involvement***
- ***Trees***
- ***Business/Neighborhood Interaction***

- ***Walkability/Bikeabilty of Neighborhood***

In order to promote as much resident involvement in the planning process as possible, all property owners and utility account holders were notified via U.S. mail by the Community and Neighborhood Resources Division of the various meetings. In addition, the Old North Longmont Neighborhood also noted the upcoming meetings in newsletters and posted meeting information and neighborhood revitalization updates on the Old North Longmont Facebook page. The Revitalization Plan document evolved over discussions at eight public input meetings and through the input from the neighborhood-wide survey. The following are a list of the neighborhood meetings held during the planning process:

October 7, 2009	First Neighborhood Meeting with Residents of Old North Longmont Neighborhood
October 2009	Residents set up Google page for sharing information
November 7, 2009	Second Neighborhood Meeting held
November 21, 2009	Revitalization sub-group planning committee created
December 28, 2009	Survey mailed out to all residents and property owners in ONL
January 23 – 25, 2010	Door to door outreach for survey and input
January 28, 2010	ONL Revitalization Public Meeting Held and Visioning session
May 9, 2010	Neighborhood Review and final acceptance of plan

## Old North Longmont Public Input Results

In order for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan to function as a shared community vision of the neighborhood revitalization effort, it is vital to identify values and issues important to the entire neighborhood in the plan. Input from the neighborhood about the revitalization process has been compiled from surveys, neighborhood meetings and outreach events, ranked in order of importance and categorized into relevant interest areas. This process will focus the Neighborhood Plan into action steps and give direction to the City and Neighborhood Association on priority areas and implementation strategies. The following information shows the trends from neighborhood input from the various outreach events.

### Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Revitalization Survey

The Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Revitalization Collaboration Committee decided to survey the neighborhood about neighborhood priorities for neighborhood revitalization. The survey was used to establish goals and priorities for the neighborhood plan. The survey consisted of 7 questions with room for open ended responses. The goal of the survey was to identify strengths, weaknesses and interests of the residents. The survey was distributed by U.S. mail to all residents, property owners and businesses in the neighborhood. Approximately 250 surveys were sent out, and 22%, or 57, were completed and returned.

The following matrix shows the priorities assigned to neighborhood improvements and interest areas by Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents who answered the survey. Each time a category was mentioned in the survey results, regardless of which question it fell under, it received one vote or tally. In analyzing the information from the survey results, the neighborhood priorities became clearly evident.

Using the surveys as guide, goals for the neighborhood plan were then divided into goals according to priorities determined by the number of responses.

<b>Old North Longmont Neighborhood Revitalization Priorities</b>				
	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Weakness</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>No Response</b>
Business District	88	23	33	13
Parks	80	9	13	6
Residential Upkeep	51	67	32	13
Bike and Walk to Downtown	49		2	2
Sense of Community	48	23	33	7
Trees	47	3	4	1
Older Homes	42	4	5	1
Lighting	33	13	3	4
Diversity	27	5	17	3
Safety/Crime		3		

\* Numerical results correspond to number of answers, not number of respondents

From the survey, opportunities were also identified. Below, they are listed in level of importance.

<b>Opportunities for Neighborhood Projects</b>			
	<b>Very Interested</b>	<b>Somewhat Interested</b>	<b>Not Very Interested</b>
Neighborhood Clean Ups	28	18	2
Block Parties/ Neighborhood Gatherings	25	52	17
Historical Survey of Neighborhood	23	14	9
Plant Vegetable Exchanges	15	17	15
Neighborhood Garden	13	21	14
Lighting	13	16	17
Road Maintenance/Upkeep	4		

### **Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Revitalization Neighborhood Meeting**

On January 28, 2010 the first neighborhood revitalization public input meeting was held. The neighborhood meeting addressed the need to further prioritize neighborhood assets and concerns as identified in the neighborhood survey. Twelve Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents attended the meeting and were asked to comment on eight interest areas as identified from the surveys received, which included: Historic Preservation, Pride in Residences and Neighborhood Upkeep, Public Safety and Lighting, Public and Outdoor Spaces, Good Neighboring and Businesses.

<b>The following were the priorities for neighborhood revitalization from the first neighborhood meeting</b>	
Alta Park	9
Trees	7
Historic Preservation	7
Sense of Community	6
Property Maintenance	5
Lighting and Public Safety	3
Business District	1
Bike-ability/Walk-ability of Neighborhood	1

### **Neighborhood Interest Areas**

According to public input received from survey and at outreach events, the following interest areas have been identified by the Old North Longmont neighborhood. They are listed in order of importance.

- *Alta Park*
- *Business District*
- *Pride in Residences*
- *Historic Preservation*

- *Sense of Community*
- *Trees*
- *Lighting and Public Safety*
- *Bike-ability and Walk-ability of Neighborhood*

## **Interest Area 1: Alta Park**

Vision: In Old North Longmont we desire to create a neighborhood that values clean and safe outdoor spaces that are gathering places for the Old North Longmont Neighborhood, welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds and are supportive of a variety of community interests and activities.

### ***Goal 1.1: Alta Park***

Midtown Revitalization Funding : Midtown Revitalization CDBG Grant 2009  
funding cycle \$55,000

Partners: ONL, Jon Clarke, City of Longmont Community and Neighborhood Resources Division, 303-651-8721; Paula Fitzgerald, City of Longmont Parks and Open Space Division,

### **Objective 1.1**

#### **Create an Alta Park Master Plan**

#### Action Steps

2010

- Mail meeting invitations to all Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents.
- Announce meeting dates in neighborhood newsletter and Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Facebook website.
- Gather community input about park improvements and design via a survey of Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association and City of Longmont residents via U.S. mail and Zoomerang online surveys.
- Prioritize improvements to be made to the park and communicate ranking to City of Longmont Parks and Open Space Division.
- Prioritize input and hold public meeting to promote options for the Alta Park Master Plan and gather more input.
- Publicize decisions and priorities in the neighborhood newsletter and neighborhood website to assure buy-in from entire community.
- Publicize survey on Facebook to gather more input from different sections of the neighborhood.
- Coordinate with Paula Fitzgerald, City of Longmont Parks and Open Space Division, about matching funds and other grant opportunities that the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association can apply for in order to further improve the park.

### **Objective 1.2**

**Present Alta Park Master Plan for acceptance by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Longmont City Council. Finance Alta Park Master Plan with CIP money.**

Action Steps

2010

- Present Alta Park Master Plan to PRAB committee on September 14, 2010.
- Present Alta Park Master Plan to Longmont City Council on September 28, 2010.
- Create CIP for Alta Park Master Plan in January 2011.

**Objective 1.3**

**Implement Alta Park Master Plan according to funding availability and Old North Longmont Neighborhood priorities.**

Action Steps

2010 - 2011

- Have Old North Longmont prioritize Alta Park Master Plan development in order of importance.
- Implement Alta Park Master Plan with \$55,000 of CDBG funding available in 2010.
- Collaborate with Growing Gardens and Parks Department on development of Community Garden.
- Create CIP as needed to prioritize City of Longmont support for implementation.
- Apply for grant funding through GOCO Colorado, and other grant sources for playground and other area of the Alta Park Master Plan.
- Collaborate with Parks Division on development and installation of Alta Park Master Plan.

## **Interest Area 2: Business District**

Vision: Old North Longmont residents value historic Main Street and support the continued growth of mixed use neighborhood oriented projects and maintaining adequate transition zones between busy Main Street and the neighborhood. Neighbor's understand Old North Longmont's most significant attribute is its historic character and small town feel, an amenity that serves as a reminder of the enduring influence that the vision and planning of Longmont's early planners had on the community.

***Goal 2.1: Beautify the neighborhood and Business District by strengthening business code compliance through the creation of proactive and systematic code enforcement by hiring a part time code enforcement officer in 2009- 2012 specifically dedicated to CDBG eligible areas.***

Midtown Revitalization Funding: CDBG Grant \$35,000 annually

Partners: City of Longmont Code Enforcement

### **Objectives:**

- 1. Decrease the number of external code violations within the neighborhood business district.**
- 2. Seek compliance for community maintenance and living standards in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood by providing funding for a part time code enforcement employee for 2009- 2012.**
- 3. Inform Old North Longmont Businesses and Neighbors on code enforcement rules and regulations through distribution of materials and articles about current code enforcement issues on the Facebook page.**
- 4. Inform Old North Longmont Neighbors about code related issues by providing speakers at Business Association meetings.**
- 5. Look at the need to create a façade fix up grant/loan program to address deterioration and code compliance for businesses in the ONL Business District.**

Action Steps  
2009- 2012

- Organize times for the employee's to meet with neighborhood leaders to communicate directly about on-going code enforcement issues and updates and to improve interactions between City of Longmont code enforcement staff and Old North Longmont Neighborhood residents and neighborhood group.
- Write short articles about code enforcement and neighborhood maintenance issues for neighborhood newsletters and web page.

***Goal 2.2: Promote the Midtown Development Plan for Main St. Coordinate with the City of Longmont Economic Development Department for the strategic revitalization of Old North Longmont Business Corridor.***

Partners: Brad Schol, Economic Development Planning Manager, 303-651-8319; Erin Fosdick, Senior Planner, 303-651-8336; Ava Pecherzewski, Senior Planner, 303-651-8735.

**Objectives:**

- 1. Demonstrate the pro-business attitude of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.**
- 2. Identify immediate needs, future plans and opportunities in the Main St. Corridor.**
- 3. Increase competitiveness of local businesses.**
- 4. Develop a sustainable program that results in business retention and expansion.**
- 5. Improve zoning consistency along Main St. in relation to new development.**
- 6. Improve walk ability and neighborhood “feel” of Main St. with improved streetscape and sidewalks.**
- 7. Improve current building stock on Main St. through access to loans, funding and professional support for improvements.**
- 8. Improve communication and connectivity between Neighborhood and Business District.**

**Action Steps:**

2010

- Collaborate with Economic Vitality and Business Outreach Team (BOT), the Business Retention and Expansion Program with the City of Longmont, to survey business in the Lower Midtown Revitalization area along Main St.
- Visit and interview businesses in the Midtown Area with the State of Colorado Synchronist survey with 10 additional questions designed to focus on the Midtown Area and Main St. Corridor.
- Use the interview to introduce key staff, provide information about the Midtown Revitalization effort and the Main St. Corridor Plan, provide information about available programs and services, respond to specific requests, and to learn about business needs, plans and attitudes.
- Survey approximately 20% of the businesses located in the Midtown Revitalization Area between 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Mountain View Ave. before March 2011.

2011

- Compile information from the BOT and Midtown business surveys

- Look for commonalities amount Lower Midtown business surveys and create future planning strategies from these surveys.

### **Interest Area 3: Pride in Residences**

Vision: In Old North Longmont, we desire to create a neighborhood that supports a high quality of life for all of its residents. Clean, well-maintained structures, demonstrate the pride neighbors have for the Old North Longmont Neighborhood and the respect that they have for one another. Neighbors work together to improve their residences while supporting those who may need assistance with property upkeep.

***Goal 3.1: Continue to improve the condition of the housing stock within the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.***

Partners: ONL Neighborhood Board, Kathy Fedler, CDBG Coordinator City of Longmont, 303-651-8736. Habitat for Humanity.

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Design a program in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity that allows Old North Longmont Neighborhood residents and property owners access to assistance, regardless of income, to improve the exterior appearance and front yards of their residences.**
- 2. Upon committee review, approve applying properties and assist qualifying residents in improving the neighborhood values for improving the exterior maintenance and condition of housing stock in the neighborhood.**
  - a. Exterior Maintenance**
  - b. Tree Trimming**
  - c. Minor Landscaping and upkeep**
  - d. Minor interior repairs**

- Repeat application process as needed and volunteers are available.

***Goal 3.2: Eliminate Code violations within the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.***

Funding: Midtown Revitalization CDBG Grant 2009- 2012 funding cycles = \$35,000

Annual funding for Part Time Code Enforcement and Housing Inspection Officer  
\$35,000

Partners: Jon Clarke, City of Longmont Community and Neighborhood Resources Division, 303-651-8721; Kathy Fedler, City of Longmont Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, 303-651-8736, Shannon Stadler, City of Longmont Code Enforcement 303-651-8695.

#### **Objectives:**

6. **Decrease the number of external code violations within the neighborhood.**
7. **Seek compliance for community maintenance and living standards in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood by providing funding for a part time code enforcement employee for 2010- 2012.**
8. **Inform Old North Longmont Neighbors on code enforcement rules and regulations through distribution of materials and articles about current code enforcement issues in the ONL quarterly newsletter and Facebook page.**
9. **Inform Old North Longmont Neighbors about code related issues by providing speakers at association meetings.**

Action Steps  
2009- 2012

- Organize times for the code enforcement officer to meet with neighborhood leaders to communicate directly about on-going code enforcement issues and updates and to improve interactions between City of Longmont code enforcement staff and Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents and Neighborhood Association.
- Write short articles about code enforcement and neighborhood maintenance issues for neighborhood newsletters and web page.
- Implement a sustainable proactive code enforcement strategy for the neighborhood.

***Goal 3.3: Promote Clean and Safe Streets and Alleyways.***

Funding: ONL Midtown Revitalization Grant one time contractor cost \$5,000

Partners: ONL, City of Longmont Code Enforcement, City of Longmont Solid Waste Division, 303-651-8418

**Objective 3.3.1:**

**Promote clean and safe alleys by organizing one alley way clean up project a year that includes trash, weed and graffiti abatement.**

Funding:

ONL Revitalization Grant: Paint and Supplies

City of Longmont Solid Waste Division, staff overtime hours and trucks

\$1,000/event

(for 3 years)

Action Steps

2009 - 2012

- Plan alley clean up day and notify Longmont Solid Waste Division well in advance. Do NOT plan alley clean up day on the same day as the City of

Longmont scheduled Stop and Drop days (5 a year, call, Longmont Solid Waste Division, 303-651-8418, for schedule).

- Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association clean up subcommittee will assess alleyways to determine areas that need attention with graffiti abatement, weed and trash removal.
- Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association clean up sub-committee will arrange for a truck or trucks with the City of Longmont Solid Waste Division for large item pick up in the alleys.
- Coordinate youth and neighborhood volunteers for clean up day.
- Notify Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents, through the newsletter, Facebook page and mailings about the alleyway clean up event.
- Provide paint and equipment for graffiti abatement for clean up.

**Objective 3.3.2:**

**Promote a clean and safe neighborhood by organizing one large item pick up and trash day for the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.**

Funding: City of Longmont Solid Waste Department \$15,000

Action Steps  
2010, 2011, 2012

- Plan large item pick up and trash day and notify Longmont Solid Waste Division well in advance. Do NOT plan clean up day on the same day as the City of Longmont scheduled Stop and Drop days (5 a year, call, Longmont Solid Waste Division, 303-651-8418, for schedule).
- Old North Longmont clean up sub-committee will arrange for a back end loader truck or trucks, and other equipment with the City of Longmont Solid Waste Division for trash removal and large item pick up in the streets.
- Old North Longmont neighbors will produce materials to distribute explaining the event and requirements for proper pick up and placement of items to be picked up.
- Coordinate youth and neighborhood volunteers for clean up day.
- Notify Old North Longmont residents, through the newsletter, about the neighborhood large item pick up/clean up event.

**Goal 3.4.: Reduce energy use and carbon footprint of residences in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.**

Funding: LPC, Boulder County

Partners: LPC, Boulder County, Old North Longmont Neighborhood Volunteers.

**Objective:**

- Do a one time energy sweep of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood on May 22, 2010.

## **Interest Area 4: Historic Preservation**

Vision: Old North Longmont Neighborhood values the historic richness and variety of housing stock in the neighborhood. Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association neighbors envision a peaceful neighborhood that supports the architectural character and small town feel of the area while continuing to support affordability. Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents encourage neighborhood pride through historic preservation and maintenance of the existing structure and history of the neighborhood. Residents value and want to promote the importance of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood as a vital part of Longmont's history.

***Goal 4.1: Determine the need for Historic Designation and Preservation tools that will promote and protect the historic nature of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood while meeting the needs of local residents.***

Funding: Economic Development Historic Preservation Committee

Midtown Revitalization CDBG Grant 2010 funding cycle \$3,500

Partners: ONL, Brien Schumaker, City of Longmont Senior Planner, 303-651-8764, City of Longmont Historic Preservation Commission, State of Colorado Historic Society, Mary Therese Anstey, Colorado State Historic Society, MaryTherese.Anstey@chs.state.co.us

### **Objectives**

- 1. Enhance awareness around historic preservation and promote the historic character and charm of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood through the creation of one or more historic preservation districts if warranted.**
- 2. Educate residents about the historic designation process and how to access available state funds.**

### Action Steps

2010 - 2011

- Create an Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Historic Preservation sub-committee.
- Complete a Historical Survey of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.
- Working as a committee with Brien Schoemaker, Senior Planner City of Longmont, investigate the pros and cons of three different types of Historic Preservation districts available to the Old North Longmont Neighborhood:

Local Historic District: Local Historic District designation through the City of Longmont designates areas within the City boundaries that are characterized by a distinctive architectural style or include a site of a

significant historic event. In order to be approved, 51% of the residents within the determined district must approve the plan. Benefits of the local Historic District designation include rebates on the City permit and development fees for the exterior of buildings. Design guidelines for the neighborhood will be set forth in the Local Historic District application that is determined by the neighborhood.

Conservation Overlay District: The Conservation Overlay District in the City of Longmont was developed in order to retain the character of earlier periods of development, to stabilize and improve property values in such areas and to promote new construction that is compatible with the character of such areas. The Conservation Overlay district would set forth pre-determined guidelines that would protect the historic character of the neighborhood. In most cases all new development applications and major exterior changes would require a staff level review and no incentives are available for historic improvements on individual properties.

National Historic District: Determine if there is a need to create a district that includes the entire Old North Longmont Neighborhood boundaries. Work with Mary Therese Anstey of the Colorado Historical Society on requirements and pros and cons of this issue.

- Determine, as a committee, which district(s) meet the needs of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association and which district(s) the subcommittee wishes to pursue and follow through with applications.
- Determine requirements for districts and what needs to be completed in order to receive official designation status.

2012

- Inform Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents about Historic Preservation application process and possibilities through the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association newsletter and facebook page.
- Determine through public input if the chosen Historic Designation District(s) fit the needs of the majority of the Old North Longmont residents.
- Make application and complete process for Historic Designation District(s).

#### ***Goal 4.2 Historic Survey of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood***

Funding: Midtown CDBG grant 2010 funding cycle \$3,000, Economic Development, Historic Preservation fund

Partners: ONL, Brien Schoemaker, City of Longmont Senior Planner, 303-651-8764, City of Longmont Historic Preservation Commission,

2010- 2011

- Coordinate with Brien Schoemaker, Planner, City of Longmont, for timing of Historic survey in Old North Longmont neighborhood.

- Invite Brien Schoemaker to neighborhood meeting to discuss survey and implications of survey on the residents.

***Goal 4.3: Historic Design Elements***

Funding: Midtown Revitalization CDBG Grant 2010 funding cycle \$3,500

Partners: ONL Historic Preservation sub-committee, St. Vrain Historical Society, Longmont Museum, Bob Ball, Public Works/Traffic Operations 303-651-8323.

**Objective 4.3.1**

**Signage:**

- **Install historic neighborhood identity monument signs that promote the history of the neighborhood.**
- **Install neighborhood boundary identification signs located on the top of existing street signs in the neighborhood that delineate the boundaries of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood well as promote its history.**

Action Steps

2010

- Create an Old North Longmont Neighborhood Historic Preservation Sub-committee.
- Design signs or plaques in conjunction with a sign company.
- Create a design or determine the look of the signs so they will tie in with the historic nature and visual appeal of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood and help enhance the charm and unique identity of the neighborhood.
- Contract with a company to create the signs that will work within the boundaries of City for Longmont Codes and Ordinances for signage.
- Order and install neighborhood street signs in designated areas with help of Bob Ball, City of Longmont Public Works/Traffic Operations Staff, 303-651-8323.

***Goal 4.3 Research history of Town of North Longmont***

***Very little information is available on the Town of North Longmont, despite the rebellious history of the town. Take time to compile newspaper articles and other historic information about the town, it's founding, history and leadership.***

Funding: ONL Historic Preservation sub-committee, St. Vrain Historical Society, Longmont Museum

Partners: ONL Historic Preservation sub-committee, St. Vrain Historical Society, Longmont Museum State of Colorado Historic Society, Mary Therese Anstey, Colorado State Historic Society, MaryTherese.Anstey@chs.state.co.us

2011

- Begin research in Longmont Times and Call Longmont Ledger articles about Town of North Longmont
- Utilize St. Vrain Historical Society and Longmont Museum for further research
- Investigate the possibility of grants or further funding to fund research for book or booklet publication

## **Interest Area 5: Community Building and Neighborhood Involvement**

Vision: Strengthen the collaboration and communication between Old North Longmont residents by supporting community events, educational opportunities and new initiatives that promote unity, art, communication and understanding. Value and respect the intergenerational and intercultural diversity of our neighborhood and balance the needs and practices of all groups.

*Goal 5.1: Encourage and increase the level of participation in neighborhood activities.*

Funding: Neighborhood Group Leaders Association of Longmont (NGLA),  
Neighborhood Activity Grant

### **Objective**

**Improve the quality of life by creating good relationships among neighbors.**

### Action Steps

#### Ongoing

- Host a FUN Neighborhood Picnic every year at nearly the same time, so it becomes a habit.
- Create quarterly neighborhood events that support residents, children and local neighborhood artists, such as neighborhood art walks, Neighborhood Artists open houses, and art in Alta Park events.
- Encourage blocks in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association to participate in the Discover Neighbors, Discover Homes Program through the City of Longmont Community and Neighborhood Resources Division or Office where a block is granted up to \$100 for a block event if they map their block of neighbors.
- Create opportunities where neighbors of diverse cultural backgrounds can understand other's values and begin to share their own in a constructive and communal setting. Such as hosting one Tamales and Talk Program a year in order to increase the awareness and communication between the Hispanic and Non-Hispanic communities in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood with Linda Kopecki, Tamales and Talk Coordinator, 303-257-4204.
- Investigate the possibility of developing a summer event, such as a historic walking tour, that promotes the history of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.
- Provide information about community and public resources and events with the neighborhood through articles in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association newsletter and Facebook page.
- Promote the Longmont Neighborhood Leadership Program sponsored by the City of Longmont's Community and Neighborhood Resources Division and encourage

- new members from the Old North Longmont Neighborhood to participate every year to learn more about the City of Longmont and leadership techniques.
- Create a process for Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents to apply for Revitalization Grant funding for creating new community events and gatherings.
  - Create recognition programs to acknowledge resident participation and volunteer work in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.

***Goal 5.2: Increase the level of awareness surrounding community wide issues within the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.***

### **Objective**

**Improve the means of communication and involvement throughout the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.**

#### Action Steps:

##### Ongoing

- Recruit new volunteers throughout the year to share information about the neighborhood organization with new Old North Longmont residents.
- Create an incentive program with gift certificates, money or other incentives that values attendance at monthly Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association meetings and involvement in neighborhood program.
- Create a “neighbor helping neighbor” team to provide volunteer assistance to a resident in need for minor home repair or yard work that is also placed on the neighborhood Facebook page.
- Include information on property maintenance, code issues, crime and safety issues, upcoming neighborhood events and meetings in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood newsletter and Facebook page.
- Create a neighborhood list serv, or e-mail list that will update residents with access to e-mail about neighborhood events and happenings.
- Build relationships with the local media and share upcoming newsworthy events in the Old North Neighborhood.

## **Interest Area 6: Improve Old North Longmont Neighborhood Trees**

Vision: promote the well being of the Old North Longmont Community Forest through the implementation of a program that advances the benefits of mature trees by identifying the forestry needs of the neighborhood and planting additional street trees.

***Goal 6.1 Enhance the existing Community Forest through the creation of a Old North Longmont Neighborhood Tree Planting Program.***

Funding: Forestry and Community and Neighborhood Resources

Partners

City of Longmont , ONL tree inventory (public trees)

### **Objectives**

- 1. Fill in current gaps on City right-of-way with 2 inch shade and ornamental trees.**
- 2. Improve the diversity of trees in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association neighborhood by adding ornamental and shade trees to the current community forest.**

Action Steps

2009

- Identify potential residential locations which provide neighborhood benefit.
- Offer one inch caliper trees for \$1 for residents in the Midtown Revitalization Area
- Announce planting in Midtown Revitalization City of Longmont newsletter to promote event.

## **Interest Area 7: Public Safety and Lighting**

Vision: Old North Longmont Neighbors envision a place where people walk safely at all times of the day. Children play throughout the neighborhood safely and are involved in organized activities. A strong relationship with the Police Department helps create a crime and drug free neighborhood.

***Goal 3.1: Improve the lighting in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.***

Funding: Longmont Power and Communications

Partners: Old North Longmont Neighborhood, Jodi Hammands, 303-651-8456, City of Longmont Power and Communications Department

### **Objectives**

- 1. Provide residential street lighting with a historic design along 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. at the entrance to the alleys and at the alley entrance on Terry St. along 11th.**
- 2. Add to the historic charm of the Old North Longmont Neighborhood with lighting that reflects the history and charm of the neighborhood.**
- 3. Redesign the lights along the 1000 block of Alta Street and lower the wattage of the bulbs from 100 watts to 70 watts.**
- 4. Install residential street lighting, either 50 or 70 watts in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association along the 1100 block of Pratt St. if resident's requests allow.**

### **Action Steps**

2009

- Create Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Lighting Sub-Committee that will work closely with Jodi Hammands of Longmont Power and Light and Officer Orr of the Longmont Police Department on guidelines and design of the program.
- The sub-committee will determine the blocks in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood that currently do not have street lighting.
- Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Lighting Sub-committee will contact one resident on each block that will request placement on the Longmont Residential Street Lighting Program list by calling Jodi Hammands.

***Goal 3.2: Maintain or improve the feeling of a safe Old North Longmont Neighborhood.***

In kind Funding: Longmont Police Department, staff time and resources

Partners: ONL, Kay Armstrong, Community Programs Coordinator, Longmont Police Department, 303-774-4440

### Objectives

- 1. Deter crime and train neighbors to assist Police with neighborhood surveillance in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood through the development of a Neighborhood Watch Program.**
- 2. Strengthen the collaborative relationship between the Longmont Police Department and the Old North Longmont Neighborhood through monthly or bi-monthly communication with the Beat Officer assigned to the Old North Longmont.**
- 3. Build a stronger and safer community by creating a Community Safety Program connecting local neighbors to one another to promote safe walking in the neighborhood after dark, protecting Alta Park from crime, and increasing awareness around gang and graffiti issue in the neighborhood.**
- 4. Eliminate graffiti and youth gang activity in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood.**

### Action Steps

2010

- Create an Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Crime and Neighborhood Watch subcommittee that will work closely with Kay Armstrong, Community Services Program Administrator, Longmont Police Department, and the Beat Officer on the design and implementation of the program.
- Recruit volunteers to help with the Neighborhood Watch subcommittee.
- Train Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association residents to assist police with neighborhood surveillance through attending the Longmont Citizen's Police Academy that educates citizens and young people on police procedure and neighborhood safety.
- Analyze neighborhood needs for increased surveillance and patrol needs in conjunction with the Beat Officer.
- Work in conjunction with the Beat Officer to provide a crime prevention and safety tip of the month and neighborhood crime activity reports at the scheduled neighborhood meetings.
- Work in conjunction with the Beat Officer and Kay Armstrong to have a personal safety training for neighborhood residents at one Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association meeting a year.
- Invite representatives from the Longmont Police and Fire Departments to speak on topics or services that may be of interest to residents e.g., disaster preparedness, holiday safety, CPR, etc.

2011

- Design guidelines and structure for the Community Safety Program.
- Structure ongoing communication with the Longmont Police Department Beat Officer and the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Watch subcommittee.

- Bring awareness to personal safety issues in the neighborhood by giving away safety promotional items such as pocket sirens to neighborhood residents along with tips on how to use them.

2012 and ongoing

- Continue to recruit volunteers for Neighborhood Watch Subcommittee.
- Maintain communication with Longmont Police Department through Beat Officer about important neighborhood crime and safety issues.
- Inform residents about important safety issues through ongoing articles in the Old North Longmont Association bi-monthly newsletter.

## **Interest Area 8: Bike-ability and Walk-ability of Neighborhood**

Vision: Old North Longmont Neighbors envision well designed and maintained streets that encourage the safe movement of automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

### ***Goal 8.1 Sidewalk Improvements***

Potential Funding: Public Works and Natural Resources Department, 900 Block Alta St.  
\$15,000

Public Works sidewalk repairs as prioritized by City Staff TBD

Partners: ONL, Tom Street, City of Longmont Community Development Department  
Concrete Force Account Program, 303-651-8572

### **Objective**

- **Improve condition of sidewalks in the Old North Longmont Neighborhood Association through a feasibility study of areas of the neighborhood where sidewalks need to be added, mended or replaced, including the addition of sidewalks along the east side of the 900 block of Alta St.**

### Action Steps

2010

- Old North Longmont Neighborhood residents will identify the sidewalks that fall within the Old North Longmont Neighborhood boundaries but that are not anticipated to be part of the Street Rehabilitation Program for the 2006-2009 cycle that are in need of repair.
- Contact, City of Longmont, Public Works and Natural Resources Department, with addresses or locations of damaged sidewalks on neighborhood. Requests for repair can also be entered on-line at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/publicworks/street/concrete\\_repair.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/publicworks/street/concrete_repair.htm).
- City of Longmont will conduct a condition analysis/site inspection of the requested sidewalk for repair. The City will then develop a repair schedule based on the severity of the sidewalk condition. Sidewalks that receive priority for repair must have conditions such as surface deterioration, spalling, settlement, lifting and/or tripping hazards greater than 3/4". More information about the rating system for sidewalk repair is also available on line at the above address.

2011-2012

- Complete repairs or replacement of eligible/prioritized sidewalks with the Street Rehabilitation Program or the Concrete Force Account Program.

### ***Goal 8.2: Bike Lanes***

Potential Funding: Traffic Engineering, City of Longmont, Live Well Longmont

Partners: ONL, City of Longmont Traffic Engineering, Live Well Longmont

**Objectives**

- Create an on street bike lane with sharrows along 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Connecting ONL to Longmont High School, Main St. and the Community Gardens.
- Create an on street bike lane with sharrows along Alta Street connecting neighbors to Alta Park and Roosevelt Park.

# Old North Longmont Budget

Plan Area	Midtown Revitalization Funding	City of Longmont Funding	Partners
<b>Alta Park</b>			
Create Master Plan for Alta Park		<b>\$10,125</b>	Parks and Recreation
Remove LEU building and concrete slab	\$15,000		
Add picnic shelter and bench sitting area	\$30,000		
lighting, geo-tech surveys other TBD	\$10,000		
<b>Main St.</b>			
Code Enforcement	see pride in residences		
Main St. Redevelopment Plan			Economic Development
<b>Pride in Residences</b>			
Code Enforcement	\$35,000 annually (Midtown wide)		
Code Enforcement Special Projects	\$5,000 annually (Midtown wide)		
Large Item Pick Up - Special Clean Up May 2010		<b>\$3,000</b>	Solid Waste
Large Item Pick Up - Special Clean Up September 2009		<b>\$5,000</b>	Solid Waste
Alley Clean Up - One time with contractor	\$5,000		
Annual Volunteer Alley Clean Up	\$1,000		
Housing Stock Improvements	\$1,000 (Midtown wide)		CDBG housing programs
Old North Longmont Energy Sweep May 2010		<b>\$10,000</b>	Boulder County - LPC
<b>Historic Preservation</b>			
Historic Survey of Housing Stock in ONL Neighborhood	\$3,000		Economic Development
Determine Historic Preservation Tools for ONL Nbhd.			Economic Development
Historic Design elements and identification for Nbhd.	\$3,500		Traffic Engineering
<b>Community Building and Neighborhood Involvement</b>			
Neighborhood Events			NGLA
Neighborhood Plant and Veggie Exchanges			Live Well Longmont
Neighborhood Arts Events			NGLA
<b>Community Forest</b>			
Tree planting program 2009		<b>\$4,800</b>	(Midtown Wide) CNR Staff
<b>Street Lighting and Public Safety</b>			
Street Lights along 10th Ave.		<b>\$13,042</b>	LPC
Retrofit lights along 1000 Alta St.		<b>\$2,096.01</b>	LPC
Add lights to 1100 Pratt St.			LPC
Neighborhood Watch & Beat Officers			LPD
Gang and Graffiti			LPD
<b>Neighborhood Connectivity</b>			
Add sidewalk to 900 Block of Alta St. east side			Traffic Engineering
fix sidewalk on 900 block of Alta St. west side		<b>\$2,948</b>	Traffic Engineering
Bike Lane painted 11th Ave from Main St			Live Well Longmont
Bike lane painted along Alta St. to 9th Ave.			Live Well Longmont

## Glossary

**CDBG:** Community Development Block Grant. The US Federal Government created the Community Development Block Grant program with the passage of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. It streamlined the Federal Housing and Community Development Grant Application and allows local governments to apply for a variety of federal housing and community programs in one application.

**Conservation Trust Fund:** The Conservation Trust Funds revenues are the City's share of state lottery proceeds. By state law, these funds can only be used for the acquisition, development and maintenance of new conservation sites. Conservation Trust Funds are currently dedicated to St. Vrain Greenway projects.

**CIP:** A Capital Improvement Program. A Capital Improvement Program is a planning document that presents the City's capital infrastructure needs for a five year period. The first year's projects in a CIP become that year's Capital Budget. In Longmont the CIP is revised every year. In Longmont, the Capital Budget is included in the Operating Budget, showing all of the capital and operating expenses combined. Projects scheduled in the following four years are included in the CIP to show what the Council's priorities are at present time.

**In-Kind:** Dedication of resources to support an effort that is not a monetary contribution.

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