

# Planning Concepts: Key Elements

The following provides additional information and examples for some of the key elements outlined on the Draft Framework Plan.

The components of these different elements may change over time, but the community has the opportunity to shape the character of these elements as Lafayette continues to evolve.

## Focus Areas

These locations could evolve into key destinations around Lafayette over time. These areas are more likely to include the following:

- » The integration of different land use types (including retail, commercial / employment, residential, or entertainment) and more concentrated
- » Integration of community amenities and gathering places (including plazas, parks, gathering spaces, etc.)
- » Locations for potential transit stops, for either local or regional transit
- » Connections to nearby open space or “green” corridors, and sidewalk and street connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods

The diagrams of four focus areas in the city provide some general guidance regarding how these areas may evolve over time. The City could complete more detailed planning (subarea plans or similar) for these and other areas, over time. The four focus areas depicted include:

- » A “Northwest Gateway” around 95th and Arapahoe
- » A “Southern Gateway” near Highway 287 and Northwest Parkway
- » An “Eastern Gateway” near 119th and Baseline Road
- » A focus area centered around S Public Road and South Boulder Road

The following photos provide examples of focus areas in other communities that evolved into distinct districts.



## Community Gateways

Lafayette has the opportunity to create distinctive gateways, to help convey the character and desired image of the community and provide visitors and residents the sense that they are truly entering Lafayette. These gateways can be created or enhanced along key street entrances into the City, and also along key open space and trail entries into the City.

The community gateways can integrate some of the following elements to create distinctive and memorable entrances to Lafayette:

- » Public art elements
- » Distinctive lighting and colors
- » Natural features, including trees and vegetation
- » Enhanced signage and wayfinding
- » Distinctive materials (stone, metal, wood, etc.)
- » Design that draws from the heritage and character of Lafayette
- » Design that emphasizes the eclectic, diverse, multi-cultural nature of the City
- » Design that incorporates humor



## Neighborhood Destinations

Neighborhood Destinations could include just one or two types of land uses (residential, commercial, etc.), but are defined by the presence of key amenities or attractions. Examples of Neighborhood Destinations include features such as:

- » Small amphitheater for performances
- » Scenic vista overlook or gathering place
- » Recreational amenities (such as a bike shop, kayak rental, exercise areas, or a more significant playground)
- » A community center
- » Parks, trails, and open space features

