

Development Standards Overhaul (DSO)

Community and Economic Development
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What are the Development Standards and Regulations?

- AKA land use code, zoning code
- Last updated in 2002
- Regulates all development in unincorporated Adams County
- Implements the 2022 Advancing Adams Comprehensive Plan



DSO Project Calendar



*Community Open House Meetings were held at the end of Modules 4, 5, and 6.





Housing



Sustainability



Economic
Development

Housing Strategies



- Increase housing options.
- Protect established neighborhood character.
- Enhance neighborhood design.

Sustainability Strategies



- Improve open space design.
- Protect our agricultural lands and natural habitat.

Economic Development Strategies



- Simplify development processes.
 - Make final plats administratively approved.
 - Remove the Change in Use process and implementing a more streamlined, familiar Site Plan Review process.
 - Add mobile food vendor and food truck park language.
 - Provide more clarity around outdoor storage regulations.
 - Consolidate the existing six commercial zone districts into three.

Economic Development Strategies



- Support flexible land uses.
 - Remove language that limits “one principal use per lot.”
 - Encourage both horizontal and vertical mixed use.

Economic Development Strategies



- Advance sustainable development.
 - Expand daycare center use allowances into residential zone districts.
 - Allow residential uses in the Neighborhood Commercial zone district.
 - Revised landscaping standards for industrially used properties.

Get Involved!

- Draft will be available for review in early June.
- Meetings are scheduled all summer; join us!
- Sign up for our email list to receive updates and stay informed.

