

2025 Major Projects Update

Third Quarter

Each year, the Town undertakes a major projects work program to accomplish priority projects. Each quarter, Town staff prepares a status report regarding the projects for Town Council and community review. These reports are archived at CRgov.com/MajorProjects.



Public input was sought, and multiple Town Council discussions occurred, before Town Council approved seven key priorities for 2025. Listed under each priority are key 2025 action items; the lines beneath each action item provide updates.

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ENSURE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY

Add 10 Fire and Rescue positions — nine firefighters and one apparatus mechanic

Complete

Add 11 Police positions — two school resources officers, one patrol sergeant and four patrol officers, a detective, an Animal Control supervisor, a traffic officer and a dispatcher

All nine police officer positions have been hired, plus the Animal Welfare Supervisor. The Dispatch position is still pending

Finalize design, fund and begin construction on Fire Station 156 in northeastern Castle Rock, including a logistics facility

The project's design and budget are in the final stages; the team is also finalizing the necessary replat and minor planned development amendment

Fund replacement AEDs for all Town facilities and Investigations office space at CRPD

The replacement AEDs are complete; office space renovations at CRPD are still being finalized



PRESERVE COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Continue enhancements at Cantril School

Restroom renovations in the 1960s addition and electrical upsize projects are complete; planning for 2026 projects is underway

Place \$200,000 from any available Town revenues into the Public Art Fund annually, along with a one-time contribution of \$100,000 from Town lodging tax revenues, for the purpose of funding public art programs as approved by Town Council

The funds have been transferred and are being used to support programs including Art Encounters, Tiny Art Quest, the Holiday Art Contest, Artfest activities, photography and Art and Culture Grants

Establish a Youth Commission for the Town with a paid staff position

Nine Youth Commission members were seated in September and held their first meeting, touring Town operations and electing officers



SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fulfill existing economic incentive agreements and allow capacity for new incentive agreements

Staff continues to monitor existing economic incentive agreements while forecasting funds available for new opportunities



CRYSTAL VALLEY INTERCHANGE

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ENHANCE ROADS

Continue construction on the Town’s top infrastructure priority, a new interchange on Interstate 25 at Crystal Valley Parkway, with anticipated completion in summer 2027

This project is still trending ahead of schedule

Complete an aggressive annual Pavement Maintenance Program, focused in 2025 on central Castle Rock, with a budget of \$16.5 million

All Pavement Maintenance Program contracts are progressing per schedules, and additional scopes are being implemented with savings

Complete an annual Bridge Maintenance Program, focused on the Castle Rock Parkway bridge over U.S. Highway 85

U.S. 85 bridge work is complete; Castle Oaks Drive bridge work has been added due to urgent needs

Begin construction widening Crowfoot Valley Road east of Knobcone Drive, including adding a sidewalk

Construction is continuing; the traffic signal at Sapphire Pointe Boulevard is on track to be operational soon

Begin construction of the first of two phases of the Fifth Street improvement project – first phase improvements will include additional lanes between the Four Corners intersection and Valley Drive and a sidewalk between Four Corners and Woodlands Boulevard

The contractor has been hired and will begin construction during first part of the fourth quarter

Acquire the right of way needed for the future widening of Wolfensberger Road

All property acquisitions are projected to be completed by the end of 2025



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SECURE WATER FUTURE

Continue projects, programs and policies to advance the goals of securing 75% renewable water by 2050; reducing per-capita water consumption to 100 gallons per day; and maintaining affordable rates and fees, including:

Double the capacity of the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility (multiyear project into 2027)

Construction remains on schedule and on budget

Continue progress in the long-term water plan on the WISE, Box Elder, Cherry Creek Water Project Authority and Chatfield Reallocation projects (multiyear projects past 2030)

Full deliveries for the WISE project have been coming since June — Council approved improvements at the Town's WISE connection, which will expand capacity for WISE water inflows; the Box Elder project is continuing, with Phase 1 of the piping collection system substantially complete — staff is negotiating Phase 2 improvements with Tallgrass; other projects are proceeding as planned

Complete the new reservoirs north of Sedalia (multiyear project into 2026)

The new reservoirs are on schedule for completion in spring 2026. Castle Rock Reservoir No. 2 has been in use since the beginning of 2025

Continue to implement advanced metering infrastructure (multiyear project into 2027)

Advanced Metering Infrastructure installations are ahead of schedule, with all radios projected to be installed by the end of 2025 to allow for 100% reading via AMI; upgrades to smart meters will continue through 2026

Upgrade pumping and control system equipment as part of the 10-year replacement plan

Miller Water Treatment Plant upgrades are on schedule, planned for completion in December; partial upgrades to Ray Waterman have been bid and awarded, with construction completion expected in first quarter 2026 — remaining upgrades at Ray Waterman to be awarded in fall 2025, with construction occurring through spring 2028

Redesign and reconstruct the Plum Creek Diversion to maximize permitted capacity

Final design is on schedule for completion in 2026

Rehabilitate and replace aging water and sewer infrastructure on Front Street going into Downtown and the Young/American neighborhood

Final design on the Front Street to Downtown connection is complete — bidding will occur in late fall, with work likely starting in early 2026; Young American waterline replacement is still in design and budgeted for construction in 2027

Implement the U.S. Highway 85 sewer project using Douglas County American Rescue Plan Act funds

60% design is complete — Council awarded an amendment to the agreement with SJ Louis to complete design; Council also approved an amendment to the agreement with Douglas County to provide up to \$4.8 million to cover any shortfalls — the guaranteed maximum price for construction is due in early November

Stabilize stream segments in Sellars Gulch

The East Plum Creek/Sellars Gulch confluence project is currently in design, with construction now budgeted for 2031

Develop and implement revised stormwater criteria to strengthen stormwater management, including a revised criteria manual

Additional revisions have been developed for underdrains, with other revisions ongoing and being evaluated for potential Council consideration before year end; a stormwater infrastructure inspector will be funded in the 2026 Budget, split with Development Services

Continue to implement ColoradoScape plan, including the new landscape criteria

Roughly 220 designs for new residential homes have been approved under the new criteria

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MAINTAIN STRONG PARKS AND RECREATION

Pending Town Council approval, begin construction of a new sports development center; funding will require an amendment to the 2025 Budget

Certificates of participation have been issued, and earthwork is underway; the site development plan is pending approval, after which a groundbreaking event will be scheduled

Complete the master plan for and establish public trails at Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space

Town Council approved the master and management plans, as well as the trail construction contract; additional contracts will follow to build associated improvements for public access in 2026

Complete renovations at Centennial Park, offering new tennis and basketball courts, improved accessibility and parking and expanded seating options

Complete

Complete construction drawings for a trail to connect Philip S. Miller Park to Downtown Castle Rock along Industrial Tributary

Design is ongoing and slightly delayed due to coordination required with the railroad on hydrology; staff anticipates completing design this fall and seeking bids for construction soon thereafter

Update the free weight equipment, along with the sand filters for the lap pool, at the Recreation Center

The free weight equipment will be delivered and installed in fourth quarter; the sand filters for the lap pool will be replaced in fourth quarter, as well

Add an Administrative Assistant position, using proceeds of the Town's voter-approved lodging tax

Complete

Improve the irrigation system at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course by replacing the main pump station and supporting border stations

Town Council approved the agreement with Watertronics, and materials are on order; work will initiate this winter, once parts are received

Present the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan to Town Council, and review and revise the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Staff will seek Town Council approval of the strategic plan in October and will review and revise the master plan following that approval





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MANAGE TOWN FINANCES CONSERVATIVELY

To ensure they are used only in the manner approved by voters, receive any “excess” TABOR revenues into a dedicated fund

The 2024 TABOR calculation is anticipated to be completed in fourth quarter 2025

To ensure it is used only in the manner approved by voters, receive the additional 0.2% sales and use tax authorized at the November 2024 election into the Public Safety Fund, to be expended solely for hiring 40 additional police and fire and rescue personnel through 2029 and, as Town Council determines, any additional necessary expenditures for police and fire and rescue services

Staff has followed voters’ direction and allocated these funds to be used solely for public safety personnel

Continue monitoring revenues within the Development Services Enterprise Fund — which operates as a self-supporting enterprise, relying upon development fees to pay for associated Town costs — to ensure solvency amid lower levels of development

Staff continues to monitor expenses within this fund to ensure solvency amid continued lower levels of development