

LONGMONT DOWNTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Dedication and Walking Tour

Friday, February 9, 2018 at 4 P.M.

Firehouse Art Center, 667 4th Street



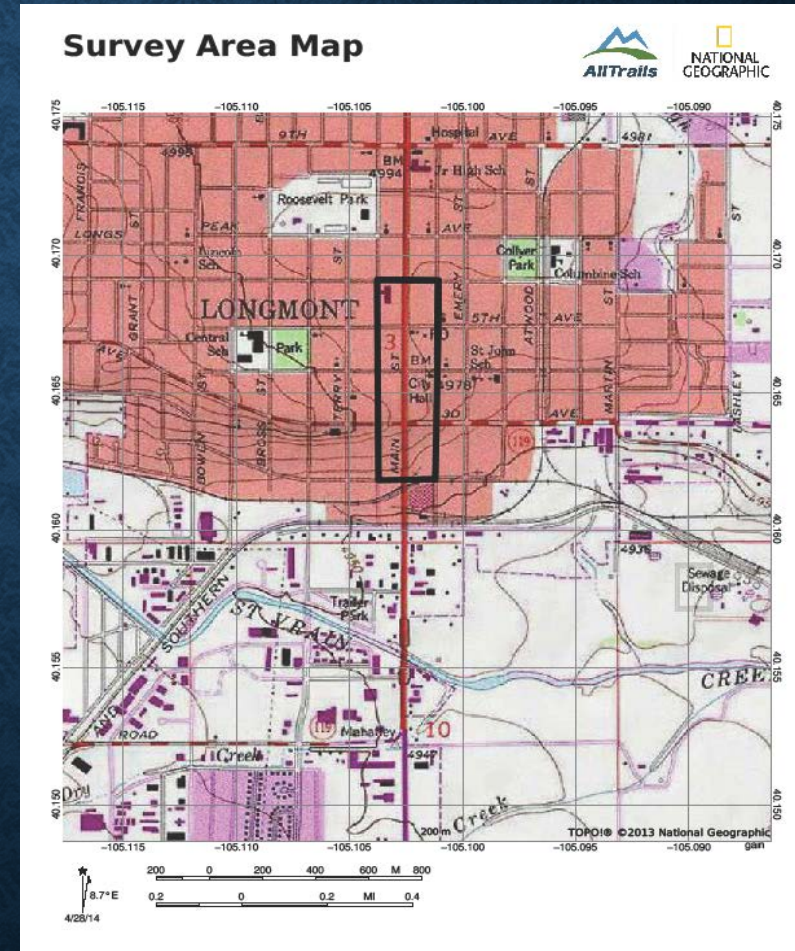
PROCESS

- Effort began in 2012
- Two Phases
 - Reconnaissance Survey
 - Intensive Survey and Nomination



RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY

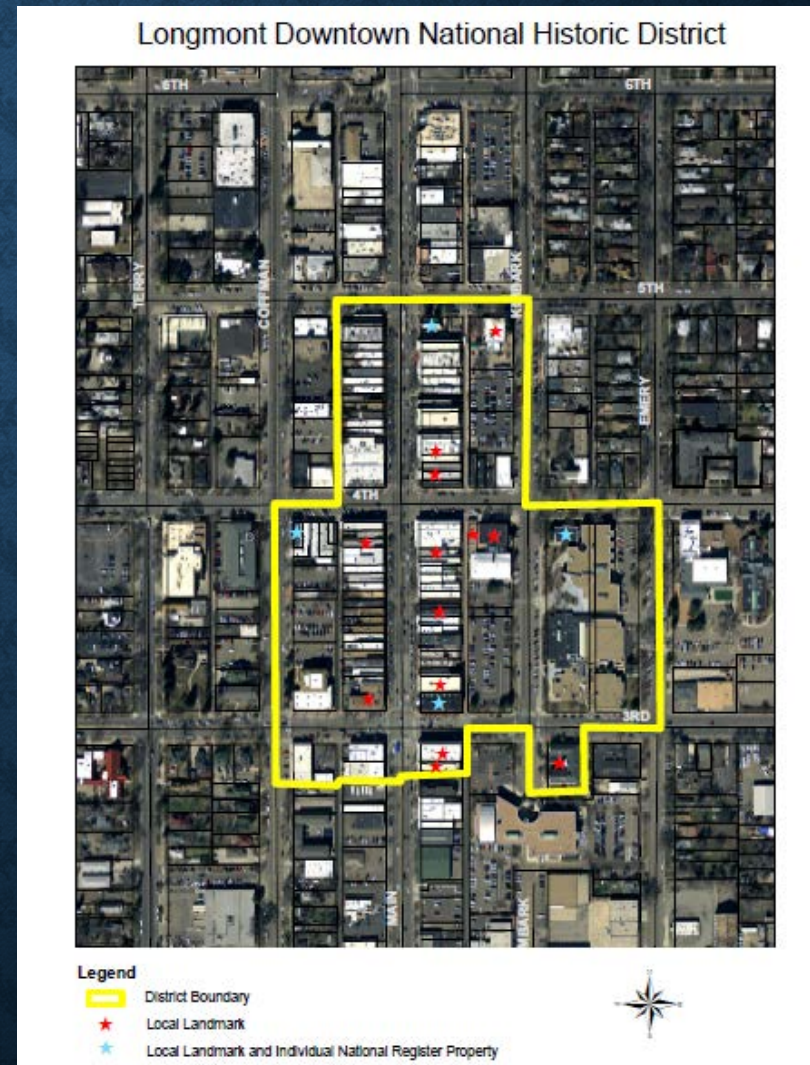
- Conclusions
 - 13 Buildings eligible for National and State Register
 - 78 Buildings eligible for Local Landmark Designation
 - Potential Exists for Historic District



INTENSIVE SURVEY AND NOMINATION

Listed on National Register on August 27, 2017

- Period of Significance
 - 1879-1967
- Areas of Significance
 - Commerce and Social History
- 83 Buildings
 - 69 Contributing



COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Regional Center of Commerce
- Commercial Buildings along Main Street, 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue



COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

JC Penney's (331 Main and 379 Main Street)



COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

Traylor Hardware Store (346 Main Street)



SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

- BPOE Hall
- Carnegie Library
- El Comite Building (Former Chamber of Commerce Building)
- Fire House
- Development Services Center (Former City Hall)
- Great Western Hotel
- Post Offices (2)
- St. Stephen's Church

SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Fire House – 667 4th Avenue



SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Historic City Hall / Current Development Services Center – 385 Kimbark Street



SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

- WPA Post Office / Aspen Center for Child Development – 501 5th Avenue



SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Chamber of Commerce / El Comite – 455 Kimbark Street



WHY HAVE A DISTRICT?

- Formal Recognition of the District's Significance
 - Foster's Community Pride
 - Tool for Planning, Economic Development and Tourism
- Eligibility Financial Incentives for property owners of Contributing Buildings
 - State and Federal Tax Credits
 - Grant Funding



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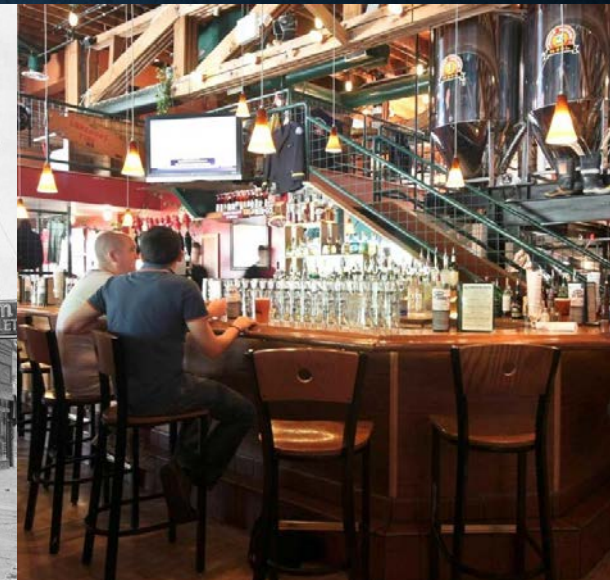
- Community Interest



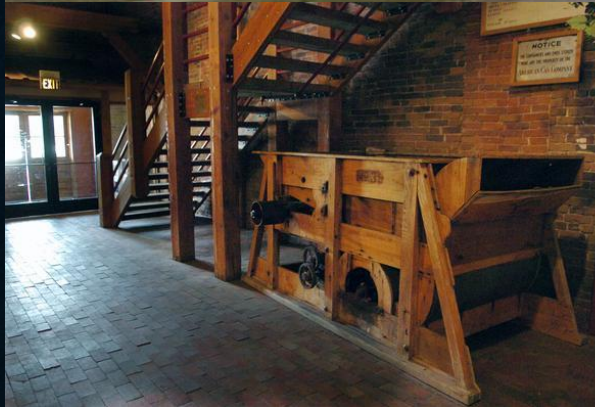
ENCOURAGE HERITAGE TOURISM



LONGMONT CREATIVE DISTRICT



MIXING HISTORY WITH PROGRESS



WHAT'S NEXT?

Walking Tour and
Signage Project



RECOGNITION

- Carl McWilliams, Colorado Historians, Inc.
- State Historic Fund/History Colorado
- City Staff and Officials
- Longmont Downtown Development Authority Staff
- Property Owners