

Project Foundational Elements

Since the 1950's, precursor efforts of private land donations, blight revitalization, infrastructure master plans, placemaking, and historic preservation, have enhanced public spaces and stewarding the creation of an open passive space for pedestrian connectivity. The study area will serve as a gateway amenity to the Olde Town district, a business tourism generator, and a tribute to Pure Colorado history.

Land	Master Plans	Era	Reference
Aga Park Donation		1950's	by The Aga Family
	Parks and Rec	<i>ongoing</i>	LINK
	Urban Renewal	2008	LINK
	Moving Fountain Forward Transportation Improvement	2009, 2018	LINK
	Olde Town Revitalization Plan	2014	LINK
	Water Utility Redundancy Loop	2016	Private Property, Public Access Agreement
Commercial Site 212 W Illinois		2016	purchased by The Fountain Urban Renewal Authority to remediate blight and procured the taproom operations tenant Blue Pine Brewery LLC in 2019
Blast Park Donation (PH I)		2017	by The Fountain Urban Renewal Authority
	THK Beautification, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to School	2018-2019	LINK District Aesthetic Standards, Connectivity, Walkability, Bicycles, Schools/Youth
Livery Stable		2019	1979 National Registry Historic Landmark City Option to Purchase Agreement, expires 2024
	Ohio Avenue Placemaking Campaign (RTAP)	2020-2021	LINK Passive Space, Public Safety, Shade Trees, Historic/ Trail Assess
	EPA Brownfields Coalition	2020-2023	Conceptual Design+Engineering Resources for Site ReUse/ReDevelopment Planning
Blast Park Donation (PH II)		<i>TBD</i>	(<i>pending</i>) awaiting implementation of the Illinois/Indiana BNSF Transportation Improvement

Historic Relevance

- May 18, 1888 “The Blast” occurred at the epicenter of 212 W. Illinois site which created a 30-FT crater.
- Folklore speculation:
 - Competitive Roost - Fountain was a bustling railroad town and the Livery Stable was an epicenter of the cattle trade in the region with a train depot, stable, and hotel.
 - Political Sabotage - Fountain was a 1 in 4 contender for being designated as the Capital City of the newly formed State of Colorado.
 - Murder Mystery – A potential cover up due to a murder occurrence as documented on the train route.
 - 1-Peg Leg Mystery Man – A few notations in logs and not much more.

EPA Brownfield Goal:

“The City would like to be in a healthy position in working through the EPA Brownfield resources and scope of work deliverables to achieve a goal of meeting the eligibility criteria and apply for State of CO GOCO and/or Gates Family Foundation grants to fund the public space improvements to maximize outdoor recreation opportunities for the community in Olde Town.”