

# Welcome to Denver

This guidedocument the current state of Denver, focusing on neighborhoods in Central Denver. The neighborhoods captured are Highland(LoHi), River North Arts District(RiNo), Five Points, and Capitol Hill. The book focuses on urban development and its effects while satirizing travel literature that emphasizes only positive aspects of a city. Denver has become increasingly economically prosperous, causing its population to have grown exponentially in the past few years. While this influx has contributed to economic success, and a new home for many, it has often overlooked consequences, such as gentrification and displacement caused by a rapid increase in rent prices. Each neighborhood tells this story in a different way. Construction sites illustrate new development, thriving businesses demonstrate success and prosperity, and housing developments portray the appealing nature of Denver as a home. However, behind the recent success and development there is loss, demonstrated by abandoned houses and storefronts.

Photographs of construction sites, store fronts(active, abandoned, or for lease), and tourist attractions in the lively and colorful style of a travel guide tell the story of a changing city through its architecture and development projects.

Change is inevitable, and this series is meant to document the changing city in a satirical way while raising the question of how to promote growth and development without erasing history.



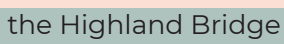
# *Lo Hi*

Located by the Platte River, Denver's Highland neighborhood, now also referred to as Lohi, has enjoyed much development within the last few years. It has become a haven for young, affluent white people. Lower Highland in particular is in a process of transformation. What was once a working-class area is becoming a haven for million dollar homes and high-end condos and apartments. Highland is one of Denver's oldest neighborhoods, but with its changing demographics and rapid development, it has become something completely different than it was at its inception.









## the Highland Bridge





Scooters are a surefire identifier of a hip area of town. Hop on and go for a ride.



Check out the highland arch bridge. Opened in 2006, this is the third out of three bridges for pedestrians connecting Downtown Denver with LoHi! LoHi means Lower Highland, but it doesn't matter. All you really need to hear is this fun, two syllable name! If a city name has a short hand like this, you just know it's up-and-coming. With each new building comes more and more excitement and fun. Now EVERYBODY will be coming to LoHi and getting in on the trendiness.

**Food Fun!**



Come have some delicious and trendy eats at Linger! This is a historic former mortuary turned "eatuary", made for your enjoyment! Check out one of the hottest spots in a very hot neighborhood! Throw on your face mask and head on in.





plenty of cute hipster boutiques here



Ice cream shops abound! This is just one example.

# Fresh Eats!

We all scream for ice cream! Little Man Ice Cream is a hipster haven with every flavor you could possibly imagine. Craving some lemon-pepper ice cream? Whiskey pie? Look no further! This shop has it all. Bring your friends and enjoy the best highland has to offer. Don't forget your mask. Aren't you glad you have good workers to serve you ice cream during this pandemic?







Yummm! Look at that! This is the vegan chocolate salted oreo. Creamy and delectable. Be sure to photograph it for your social media so everyone knows you hit up the trendiest ice cream shop in town.

With new Covid-19 restrictions, businesses are struggling, but Meet up with a friend and enjoy a socially distant cup or cone. It's the least you can do, and it's fun for you too! Sit on a table outside and watch the people walk by. Just try to follow all the rules.

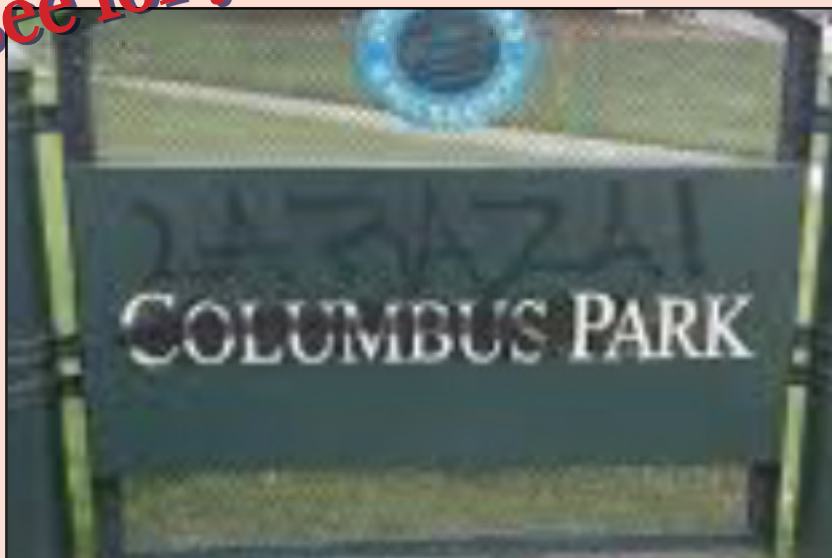


# Historic District





**Columbus? La Raza?  
See for yourself!**



Need a nice park to relax in? Columbus Park is perfect for you. Not only that, but this spot is full of exciting controversy! Formerly, and a little bit sometimes currently, this spot was known as La Raza Park to Chicano residents. Fun fact: the Highland neighborhood used to be made up almost entirely of Chicano residents! What happened? I guess, with more money comes less cultural diversity. But don't worry, you can experience the neighborhood's roots here at La Raza Park. See an angry resident on the Google review below. Try not to ruffle any feathers!



**Kenneth Montoya**

18 reviews · 10 photos

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# RiNo

Welcome! RiNo, or River North Arts District, is a relatively new designation for a previously existing area. RiNo is comprised by areas that have been considered part of Five Points and LoDo, but in more recent years, has been marketed as its own, vibrant arts district. Murals present throughout the area give it personality, increasing its appeal to newcomers. Due to skyrocketing rent prices, the artists responsible for much of its appeal have been forced out of the area. But never fear, because it is here for your enjoyment! As you explore the art, perhaps you will find yourself wanting to live here too. As you should-RiNo is always ready for more affluent residents.







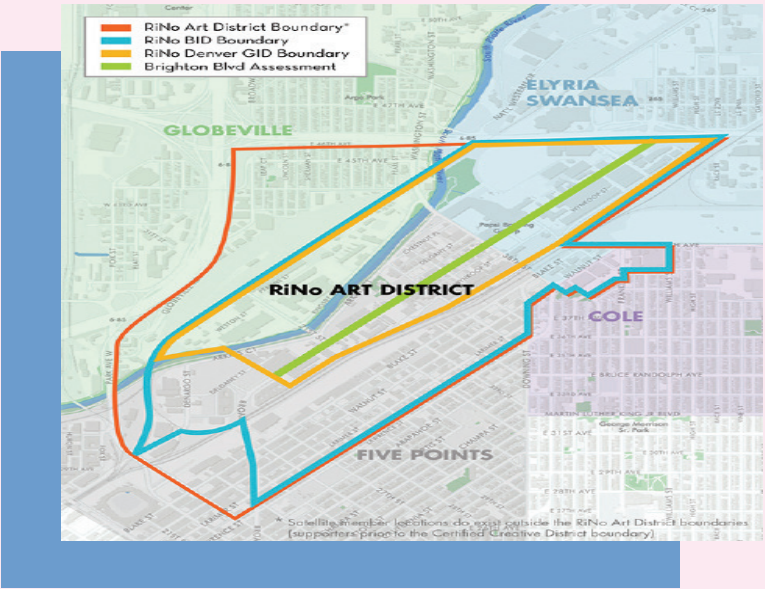
*Where art is made!*



The murals of RiNo are perhaps its most defining characteristic. Designed by local artists, these murals give RiNo the personality that likely brought you here in the first place! These murals give the illusion of a community of thriving artists, although you won't find many artists living in RiNo's slew of bougie apartments.







# The Arts Hub



Some of the murals that make RiNo great!

# CRUSH Walls!



Once a year, in September, local, high profile artists come together and paint murals on buildings all throughout RiNo! Thousands of artists from all over apply each year for a spot. Be sure to check it out. These murals provide the perfect backdrop for your instagram photos!



Mural by artist JOLT. He seems a little sour about the changes.



# Cannabis Tours!

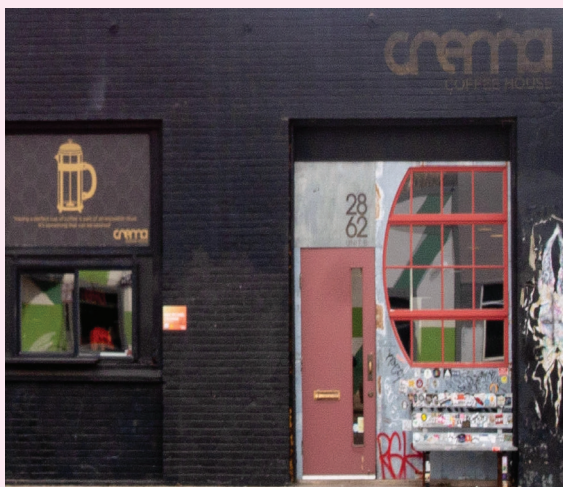


Since it's full legalization in Colorado, Cannabis has been a huge attractor of a new crowd! Dispensaries are about as common as Starbucks here. Despite many POC still being stuck in jail over minor marijuana offences! At least it's a fun this for you to enjoy and pose in front of. You'll get extra cool-points if you take a picture in front of a dispensary to show your friends.

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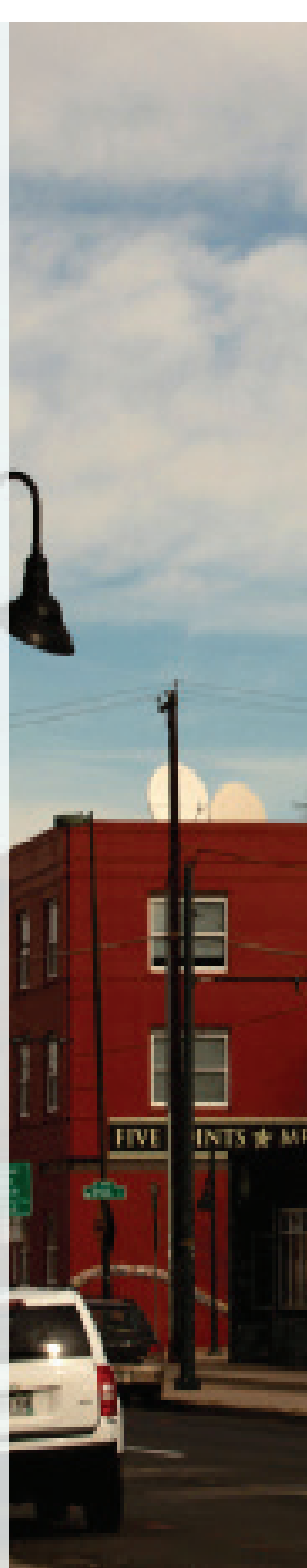
Got a hankering for a cup of joe? Ink! may be just perfect for you. You may have heard of it from the national news headline, but don't let that dissuade you. Ink is just another contributor to this thriving economy. And check out the cool graffiti!



Crema-Trendy coffee shop with a hipster aesthetic, containing many of the characteristics of small businesses present throughout RiNo. Get your flat white and sip!

# *Five Points*

Five Points is located on the northeast side of Downtown Denver's central business district. It is one of the oldest and perhaps among the most historically rich neighborhoods in Denver. It became a majority African American area in the 1920s, as was often referred to as "Harlem of the West". It was a hub for jazz music, with many famous jazz musicians playing there. However, it saw a decline in the 1960s through the 1990s, as retail and housing developments drew residents out of the neighborhood, and the neighborhood became associated with drugs and crime. Five Points was designated a historical district in 2002. In 2009, serious redevelopment projects began when the Five Point Business District was formed. It began to be marketed as an exciting new area for potential residents. Five Points is also a topic of controversy in regards to gentrification, especially with the increasing popularity and marketing of RiNo, which used to simply be another part of Five Points. Though the economy has improved, objectively, and businesses and housing are being added, residents have been displaced, and abandoned buildings that once housed African American owned businesses remain on Welton Street.







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**WELCOME!**

**POTTER HIGHLANDS HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**LOHI**

**HIGHLAND PARK**

**JEFFERSON PARK**



The rockies stadium. This is one of the greatest indicators of improvement of this neighborhood. Sports!



Historical flavor!! Is there a better way to describe this neighborhood in Denver? Sure don't think so. Five Points is the home of perhaps the richest history in the Denver area. Prices have driven out the human remains of this history, but that's ok, because we have murals! Colorful art is always there to remind us of the richness of the past, with all of the benefits and none of the drawbacks.



Formerly a jazz club for African American artists, this is now a nice building to look at.



# Curtis Park



Interested in touring some old houses? Well, Curtis Park is the perfect place to do just that!! A historical neighborhood with a whole lotta heart, Curtis Park is the perfect place to connect with the history of the city. One of the oldest and formerly culturally rich neighborhoods in Denver, this is sure to be a fun experience for all. Contrast between old, rusty homes and new, modern apartments adds interest to a cultural area.



Look at that beautiful brick! Old and stylin'



# Take a tour of what's left



There might not be much left, but it sure is enough for some cute photos of chipped paint. So aesthetic.





More sexy old buildings. Regardless of quality, they are fun to look at.

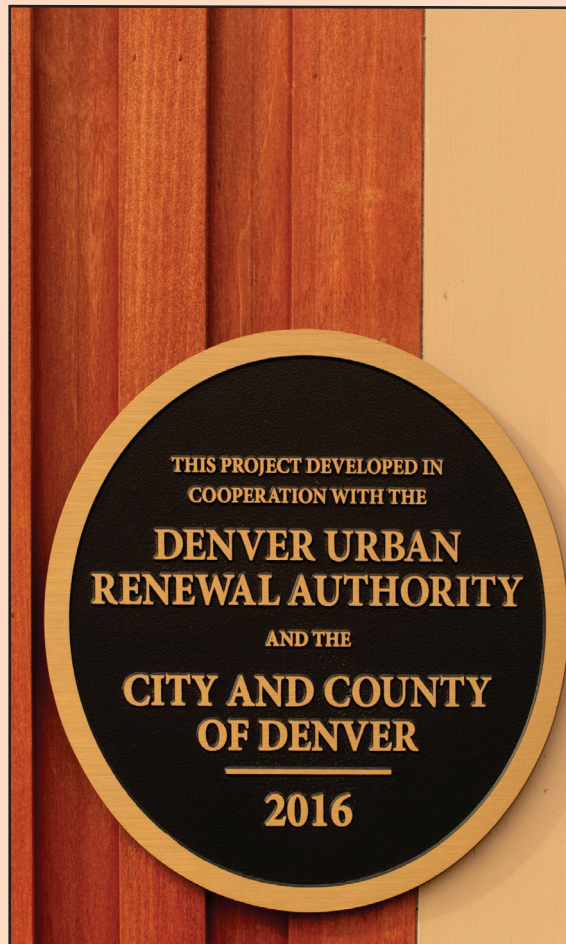


# A Work In Progress



Here we have some representation.

Did you know that Five Points used to be a crime ridden neighborhood full of homelessness and poverty? Not anymore! Luckily, we don't have to worry about crime and scary people in Five Points anymore. Look at all these changes!

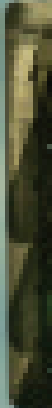




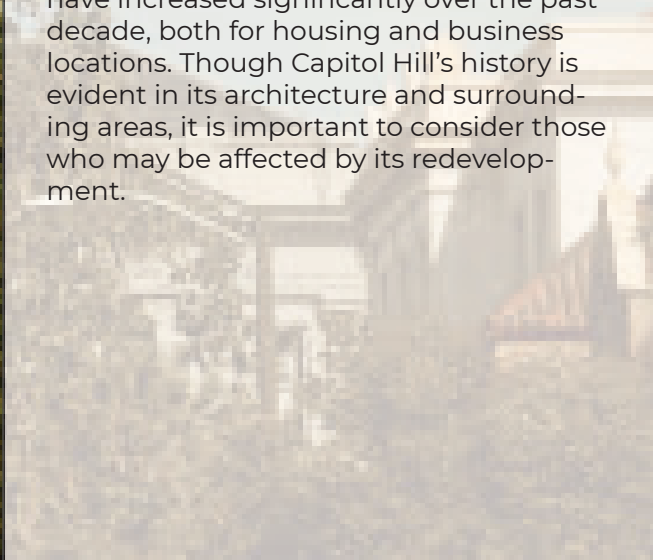




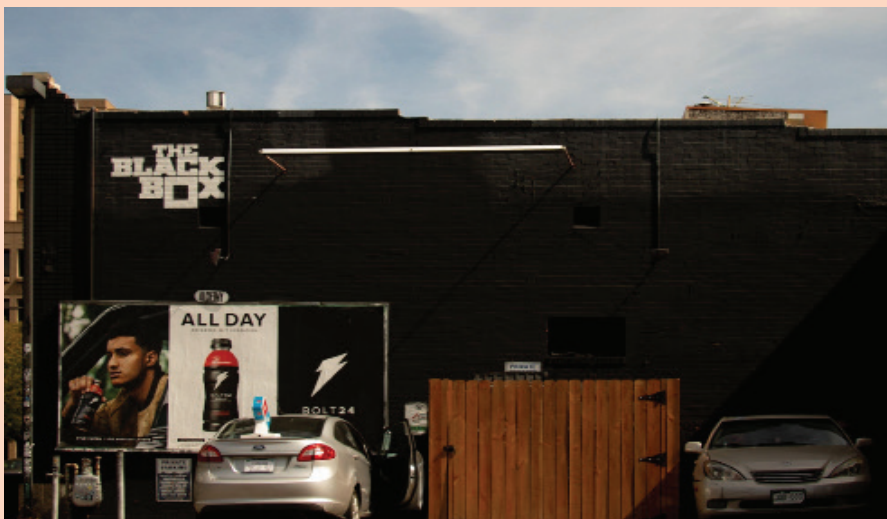
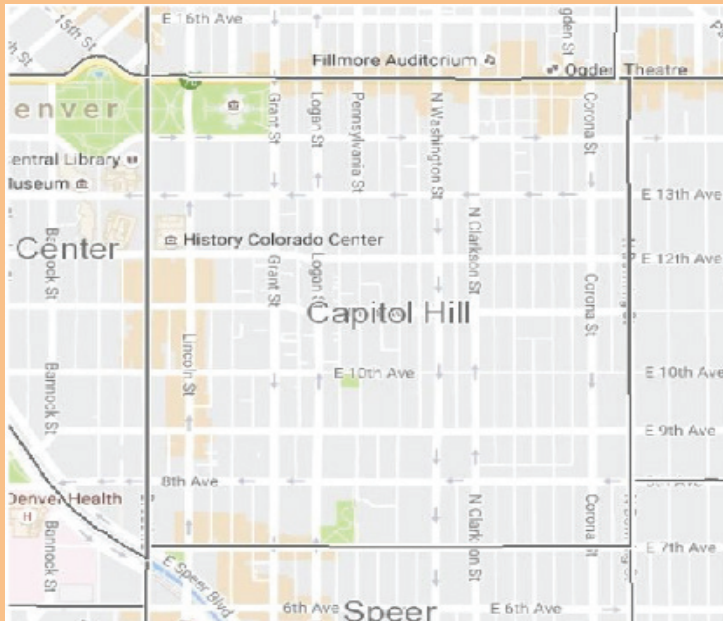
# *Capitol Hill*



Capitol Hill is a neighborhood surrounded by Broadway, Downing Street, Colfax Avenue, and Seventh Avenue. It is a largely residential district. It is located just south-east of Denver's Central Business District. Capitol Hill Boasts old houses and apartment complexes, with the average year of construction for buildings being 1920. It is Denver's most densely populated neighborhood, and its popularity is influenced by its proximity to downtown Denver, the state Capitol, and East Colfax Avenue. At its inception, it was the home of Denver's elite, which is the reason for the elaborate mansions existing throughout. However, there was a cultural and demographic shift post-World War II, and the neighborhood became appealing to artists and bohemians due to low pricing and cultural diversity. Like other neighborhoods in central Denver, Capitol Hill is experiencing noticeable gentrification. Rent prices have increased significantly over the past decade, both for housing and business locations. Though Capitol Hill's history is evident in its architecture and surrounding areas, it is important to consider those who may be affected by its redevelopment.



# Welcome







Small business surrounding the neighborhood help maintain Capitol Hill's appeal and personality. Come check them out while they're still around! CapHill is one of the few neighborhoods to still have a majority of small businesses, but this is starting to change. Catch a glimpse, have a bite, buy a record while you still can!









# Old Style Architecture

Fun fact: before it became a trendy hub for starving artists, Capitol Hill used to be the home of many millionaires. Many of the old mansions have been turned into overpriced apartment buildings, hence the beautiful brick construction.





Although apartments rise in price, the buildings remain exactly the same. Getting to live in a former mansion more than makes up for leaky pipes. It only adds to the charm!

*History!*







# Stylish Grunge



Grungy. Cool. Graffiti. Abandoned. These are just some of the words that come to mind in an exploration of Cap Hill! Businesses constantly get priced out with the influx of new residents, but the perks of that is cool abandoned aesthetic with graffiti. Perfect for stylish portraits.





# *Always Under Construction*



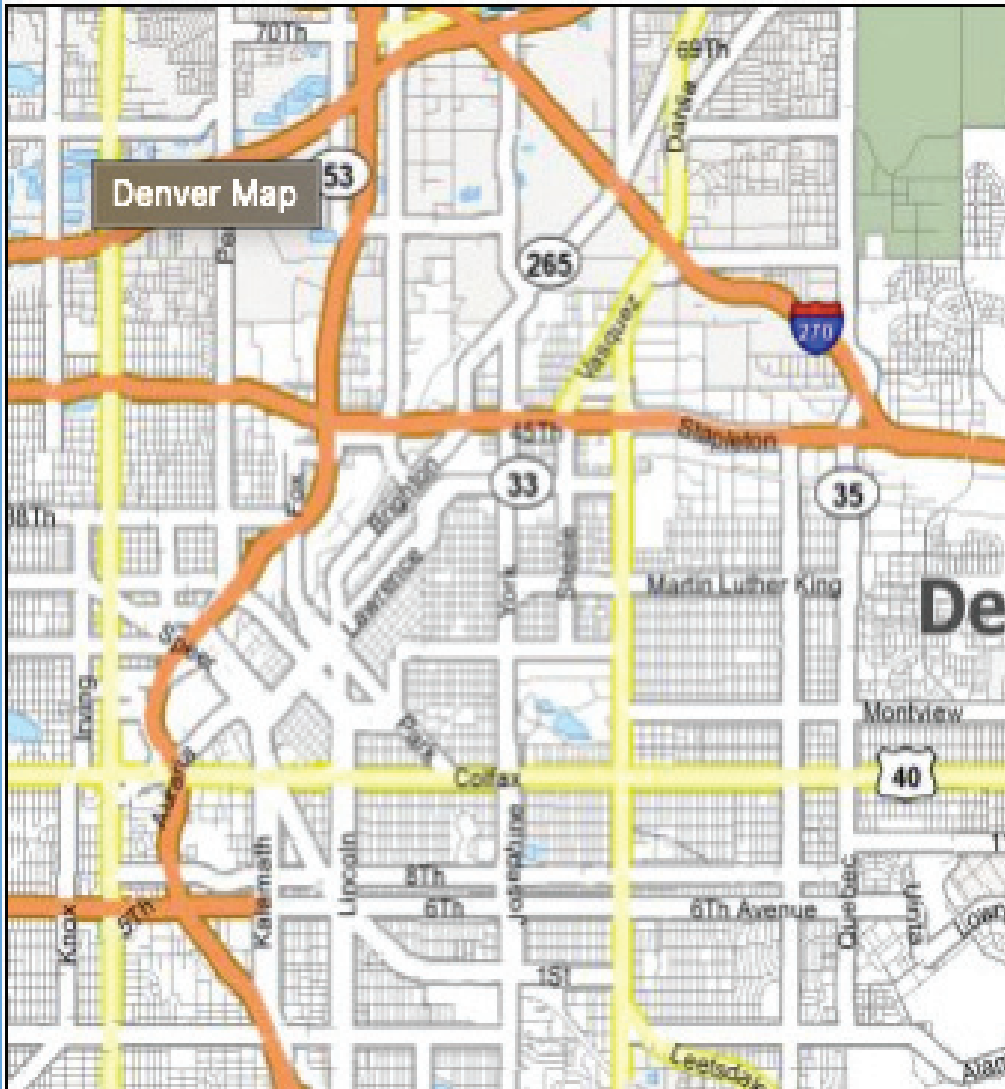
Something you'll see in Capitol Hill, and really everywhere, are construction sites! Sure, Cap Hill retains many of its cool old rich vibes, but that can't be everything! It's important to continue building bougie apartment buildings for wealthy newcomers to afford. Denver is so lucky to have all of these opportunities for expansion. Soon, we will have hidden the poverty so well, we'll forget it even exists! That's the dream.



More signs of positive change!



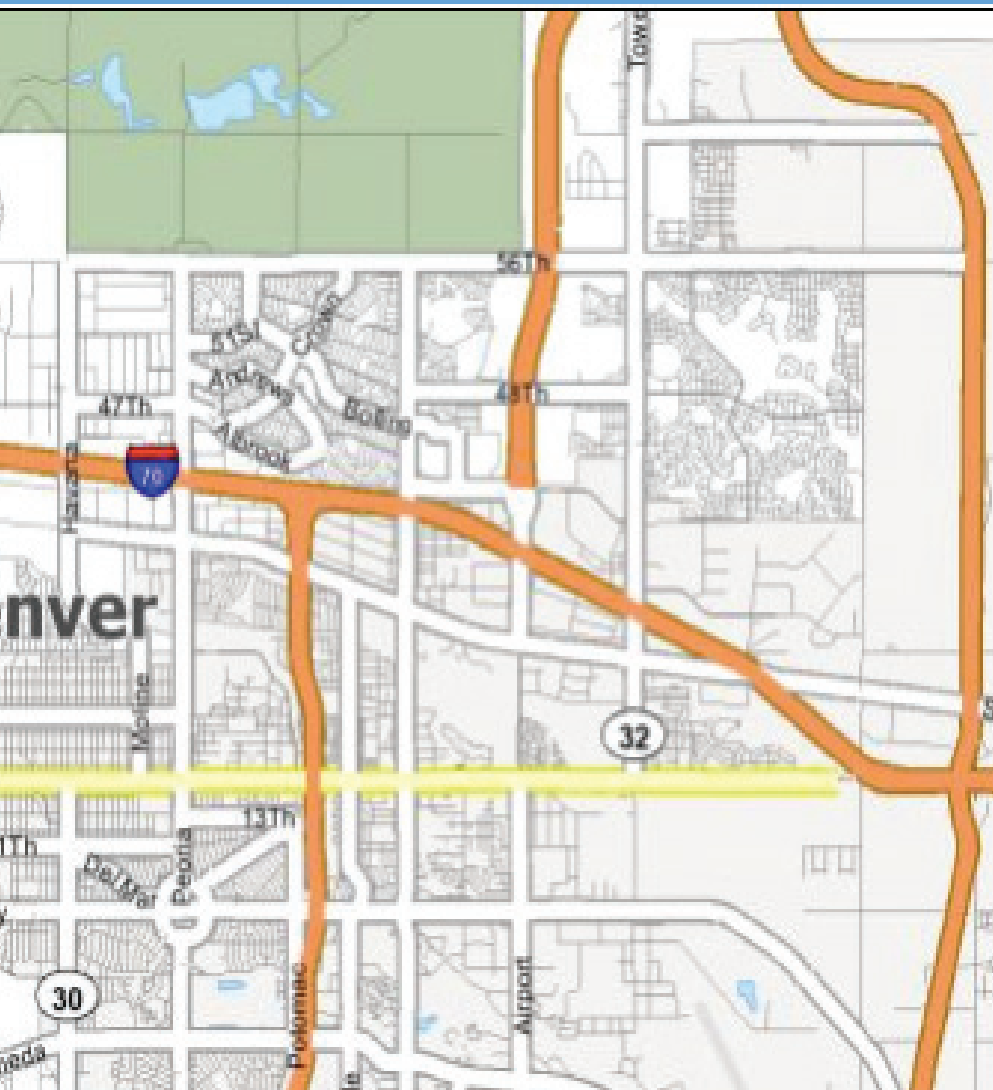
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