

# The History of the Boulder County Civic Forum



The Boulder County Civic Forum was launched in 1995 as the Boulder County Healthy Communities Initiative “to promote healthy decision-making that will sustain the environmental quality, livability and economic vitality of the Boulder County region.” More than 400 community members came together to identify four visions for a healthy community, including a vision for the people, for the environment, for the economy, and for culture and society. The 50 indicators selected to measure these visions are still used today, nearly 15 years later, along with more than 30 new ones.

The Civic Forum is non-partisan and non-governmental, supported by businesses, government, foundations, individuals and The Community Foundation, of which it has been a program since 1999. A detailed description of each indicator, copies of the 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005, and 2007 quality of life reports are available through The Community Foundation’s

website: [www.commfound.org](http://www.commfound.org).

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## THE CIVIC FORUM’S GOALS ARE TO:

- **Articulate a vision** for healthy Boulder County communities
- **Measure progress** toward that vision through a biennial Community Indicators Report and an updated website. **Check out [www.commfound.org](http://www.commfound.org)!**
- **Inform and educate** the public and decision makers about issues of interest and concern
- Identify community **assets and opportunities** for strategic action
- **Convene dialogues and partnerships** to address key issues through collaboration
- **Advocate** for systemic community change to create lasting solutions
- **Assess the impact** of these actions