

TOWN OF SUPERIOR MARSHALL FIRE RECOVERY MILESTONES

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Superior is proud of the progress that has been made in the recovery and rebuilding efforts to date. We are committed to the completion of this work. Though we will never be able to replace what was lost, we are excited for the new homes being built and the new memories that will be made. In this document you will find major milestones up to this point in various areas including debris removal, economic development, personal wellness, parks, volunteerism, resiliency, preparedness and public works. This monumental effort has included a wide spectrum of support, countless hours of work and many people who have selflessly served our community.



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DEBRIS REMOVAL, PUBLIC INFORMATION, REBUILDING PROCESS

- 387 debris removal permits issued.
- 376 lots cleared of debris to date.
- 96 building Marshall Fire rebuild permits issued to date (25% of all impacted residential and commercial properties).
- 65 additional Marshall Fire rebuilding permits currently in process.
- \$918,926.73 use tax, building permit and plan review rebates issued.
- Created and distributed neighborhood specific regulation summary documents to provide clear information to residents and contractors aimed to expedite the rebuilding process.
- Streamlined building permit review process to expedite Marshall Fire rebuilds.
- Performed 813 site inspections for debris removal and rebuilding efforts to date.
- Recovery and Building Expos – 2.
- Partnered with Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Clarion Associates to design and implement a community engagement process including a series of town hall meetings and surveys aimed to better understand the experiences and needs of residents in Marshall Fire impacted neighborhoods.
- Building Permit/Demo Permit Process Open Houses and Q&A Sessions hosted 3 hours weekly.
- Performed 520 code and compliance related inspections and follow-up visits for various items such as resident assistance with curbside debris removal program and contractor interactions.

- 14 large scale infrastructure projects currently in various stages including planning, requests for bids and underway. These projects in various stages of FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement.
- Sent approximately 400 standalone public information publications.
- Creation of the following Superior public information web areas to assist residents with available recovery resources, tracking and understanding the rebuilding process: [Superior Recovers](#), [Superior Recovery Dashboard](#) and [Marshall Fire Community Planning and Rebuilding Effort](#).
- Provided personalized assistance to approximately 1,000 residents since the Disaster Assistance Center/Recovery Center in Lafayette closed on March 5. This assistance includes helping residents fill out forms and applications, connecting survivors to other agencies for specific issues, including but not limited to the State review process for modular homes, SBA Program and Recovery Navigator Program.
- Provided a topographic survey to assist rebuilding efforts for 171 lots in the Sagamore neighborhood.
- Provided a topographic survey to assist rebuilding efforts for Original Town (between Coal Creek and West Maple, and 1st Ave to 5th Ave).
- Amended zoning for the Sagamore Planned Development and Amended zoning for the R-L and R-M districts covering Original Town – easing setback and height requirements.
- Passed Ordinances allowing residents who lost homes and are rebuilding to opt out of the required 2021 Energy Code and sprinkler requirements.
- Passed an Ordinance allowing ADUs to be built and occupied prior to principal dwelling units to provide relief for ALE (Additional Living Expenses) limitations.
- Through the Department of Sustainability, connected residents with green and sustainable rebuilding resources.
- Participated in the Urban Land Institute's (ULI's) Technical Advisory Panel for Marshall Fire Housing Recovery and Resiliency (ongoing)
- Conduct weekly building permit open house events to provide help to residents and contractors with building permit review questions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PERSONAL WELLBEING

- Eight (8) new businesses have opened or are planning to open since the fire.
- One (1) new development and two (2) redevelopment has been proposed.
- All but 3 businesses have reopened since the fire.
- Business Roundtable to discuss the support of businesses with recovery efforts.
- Continued business outreach, especially to those businesses most directly impacted by the fire.
- Over 550 households/individuals have registered for the Boulder County Crisis Counseling program through Jewish Family Services.
- Free Art Therapy Program hosted by Cultural Arts and Public Spaces Advisory Committee and Superior Chamber of Commerce for current and displaced Superior, Louisville and Unincorporated Boulder County Residents who were impacted by the fire, fourteen sessions.
- Solidarity Breakfast December 30 at Superior Community Center
- Superior Youth Leadership Council sponsored Lasagna Love Program to provide holiday dinners for residents.
- Partnered with Boulder County Recovery Office and Jewish Family Services for four sessions of Supporting the Supporter Resilience Training for one hundred (100) community providers and responders including recovery group leaders and municipal staff.
- Partnered with Jewish Family Services to provide municipal staff responders with 10 free counseling sessions in conjunction with resident survivors and first responders.

PARKS, OPEN SPACE, VOLUNTEERISM

- Playgrounds: debris removed and scheduled for replacement – 3 Park Repairs completed for Wildflower Park, North Pool Park and Founders Park.
- Historic Museum: debris removed and scheduled for replacement
- Acres of irrigation repaired – 65 acres
- Drinking Water – Volunteers distributed over 300 pallets of drinking water over 623 hours to Superior Residents.
- Space Heaters – 20,000 space heaters distributed to all impacted residents in Superior, Louisville and Greater Boulder County by Xcel Energy taking 156 volunteer hours.
- Linear ft of Fence replaced – 24,500 LF (contract), 1,902 LF (in-house). Trees planted to date – 35, more will be planted in spring of 2023.
- Planting beds lost and replaced – 15
- Volunteers monitored dumpster sites post fire, assisted residents to dispose of refrigerator waste due to electricity outages – 116 volunteer hours.
- Volunteers went door-to-door throughout the areas in Superior affected by the fires to collect information and help residents fill out forms to support the curbside debris removal projects – 241 hours.
- Disaster Assistance Center, Superior volunteers and Town staff manned approximately 350 hours.
- Youth corps completed 1430 hours in total this season for mitigation and recovery work including: replacing 50 linear ft of fencing and removal of open space invasive weeds and noxious plants.
- Volunteer efforts to remove noxious weeds in open space (3 events and 290 volunteer hours)
- Partnered with Mile High Flood District on debris removal along Coal Creek and Rock Creek.
- Conducted volunteer plantings of willows, milkweed, pollinators and native seed to help stabilize creek banks (85 volunteer hours).
- Removal of over 150 dead trees, brush, limbs and debris in parks and open space areas.
- Park Repairs completed for Wildflower Park, North Pool Park and Founders Park.

RESILIENCY AND PREPAREDNESS

- Partnering with the Mountainview Fire Rescue, Boulder County, the State of Colorado and other neighboring municipalities to share knowledge, information, best practices, and collaborate when appropriate on projects and funding.
- Staff joined the Boulder County Emergency Operations Center Multi-agency Coordinating System group.
- Planning, design and installation of granular activated carbon (GAC) system to address smoky-tasting water issue resulting from ash from Marshall Fire deposited in Terminal Reservoir. Purchase of fire-retardant building to house and protect unit from the elements.
- C-D pump station repaired and new building construction with mitigation measures incorporated for structural hardening and fire equipment housing underway.
- Submitting grant applications for hazard mitigation efforts including wildfire fuel reduction, flood plain parcel acquisition and hardening of facilities and infrastructure.
- Generated detailed maps of Open Space vegetation and noxious weeds that contribute to wildfire spread and intensity (32 acres)
- Compiling information and maps of high-risk areas for wildfire in Superior.
- Removal of invasive plant material that is known to contribute to wildfire (in parks & open space).
- Transitioning planting beds to replace mulch with rock mulch during replacements.
- Targeted seasonal mowing of high-risk areas in parks and open space.
- Staff provides feedback for various recovery measures such as Colorado Department of Local Affairs Housing Recovery Program and Boulder County Ballot Measure 1A Wildfire Mitigation.
- Attended wildfire recovery sessions at Colorado Open Space Alliance conference to learn how other communities are or have responded to wildfire recovery.
- Facilitated community events and gatherings to support community healing, sharing, and recovery.
- Partnership with Colorado Office of Emergency Management to provide informational site visits on disaster debris management and recovery topics for Jefferson County and Gilpin County officials.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- Flushing and testing of entire water distribution network to lift boil order.
- Replacement of all damaged signs and Marshall/Sycamore traffic signals.
- Townwide street sweeping to remove nails and debris from roadways – ongoing.
- Storm water system evaluated for damage and debris and protection measures implemented at all stormwater inlets and detention ponds in fire-damaged areas.
- All roads and sidewalks in burn area evaluated for damage, cleaning and replacement needs.
- Fire damaged concrete removal and replacement project underway and is 80% complete.
- Original Town Superior alley decontamination and replacement project underway.
- McCaslin retaining wall (240 LF) replacement project 50% complete.
- Sagamore park bridge replaced.
- Water services to homes evaluated for damage and water meter replacements procured in preparation for rebuild.
- Water treatment plant and other Town utility facilities evaluated for required repairs.
- Ash removed from banks of Terminal Reservoir.
- All fire hydrants in the burn area have been evaluated for damage and have either been repaired or are near to being repaired.
- Retrofit/replacement of 138 fire damaged modules on the solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at the Water Treatment Plant.