Regional Growth Management

The Challenges of Collaborative and Mandatory Approaches
Introductions

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Overview

- Big picture
- Local examples of collaborative approach
  - Boulder City/County
  - Denver region (DRCOG)
- Observations and key principles
Big picture

- Why regional growth management?
- Collaborative or “bottom-up” versus Mandatory or “top-down”
- Applicability in the Rocky Mountain West
Boulder City/County

Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan
BVCP Planning Area

- **Area I:**
  - City

- **Area II:**
  - County
    - Eligible for annexation

- **Area III:**
  - County
    - Not expected to annex
Denver Region

DRCOG Urban Growth Boundary/Area
Observations

Key principles
Context is everything

Fit general policies to local conditions
Growth management is dynamic

Adapt policies over time
Regional thinking is not instinctive – it must be learned

Show the benefits of thinking and acting regionally
Growth management politics raise other tensions

Build trust to overcome conflict