

# **EDWARDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

## **Operations Plan**

**and**

## **Supplement to the 1984 Service Plan**

**Adopted August, 2020**

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## **OVERVIEW**

Edwards lies within the Upper Eagle River Valley of Eagle County, Colorado, consisting of a conglomeration of planned development areas surrounding a core commercial sector. Edwards Metro is bordered on the east/southeast by Arrowhead Metro District; on the south by Lake Creek Metro District, on the southwest by Cordillera Metropolitan District; and on the northeast by Berry Creek Metropolitan District. Cordillera Valley Club Metro District is included within the boundaries of Edwards Metro. A map of the 2020 District Boundary is attached.

## **LEGAL STRUCTURE**

Edwards Metropolitan District exists as a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado. Formed under Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes, it substitutes in the Edwards area (in cooperation with Eagle County) for any Municipal Government which otherwise might exist. Eagle County retains control over Law Enforcement, Planning and Zoning, Road Maintenance, and Regional Transportation Systems.

As a Title 32 Metropolitan District, Edwards has broad powers to tax (with voter approval), exercise eminent domain, contract for services, and form intergovernmental relationships.

## **DISTRICT SERVICES**

The Edwards Metropolitan District was originally formed as a Water District, and in 1984 converted to a Metropolitan District with the additional powers of:

- Fire Protection;
- Streets;
- Drainage;
- Traffic Signalization;
- Transportation;

- Parks and Recreation (subject to consent of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District);
- Mosquito Control;
- Provision of activities in support of Business Recruitment, Management, and Development within the District.

### **OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Edwards Metropolitan District lies entirely within Unincorporated Eagle County and its services are intended to substitute for the lack of any Municipal Government within its area. Other governmental services are provided by:

- Eagle County
- Eagle River Fire Protection District
- Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority
- Eagle River Water & Sanitation District
- Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District; and
- Eagle County Health Service District (a/k/a Eagle County Paramedic Services)

The District has consented to Eagle River Fire Protection District overlapping the District's fire protection powers. The District appoints a representative to Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority which provides water service to the District's constituents.

### **REVENUE**

The District maintains a small Property Tax covering mostly administrative functions and has received voter approval for a Roads and Transportation Sales Tax up to 1%, primarily used for regional roadway and pedestrian improvement projects, often in coordination with Eagle County and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

District Policy is developed by a five-member elected Board. Board Members are elected at large for four-year terms which are staggered between May elections every two years.

Qualified Electors are persons registered to vote in Colorado who either reside within the District boundaries or own property in the District.

Administration is provided by contract, currently with the management and accounting firm of Marchetti & Weaver, located within the Edwards commercial center.

## **FUTURE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **1. Street Improvements**

Continue to work with Eagle County, Colorado Department of Transportation, and possibly neighboring Metropolitan Districts on constructing improvements that facilitate pedestrian and traffic facilities which are efficient and safety-oriented. Road projects envisioned for possible future construction include but are not limited to:

- Hillcrest Drive/Highway 6 Intersection
- Arrowgrass/Highway 6 Intersection
- Squaw Creek/Highway 6 Intersection
- Lake Creek Village Drive Improvements
- Potential pedestrian improvements on East Highway 6 between Edwards and Arrowhead
- Potential widening of West Highway 6 (West Edwards through Town Center)
- Potential I-70 Interchange at Hillcrest Drive
- Miller Ranch Road/Highway 6 Intersection

### **2. Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements**

Preserve commercial and residential property values through public landscaping and related improvements. Primary areas being maintained by the District are the roundabouts at the eastbound I-70 interchange, Miller Ranch Road roundabout and adjacent median and the landscaping at the Highway 6/Edwards Spur Road roundabout. In addition to the landscape area maintained directly by the District, the District contributes funds to Eagle County open space for maintenance of the “Homestead L”. Landscaping projects envisioned but not limited to:

- Expansion of the noxious weed program throughout entire Edwards community
- Tree Program- planting trees throughout community
- Arts/Aesthetics- creating art/murals to enhance the aesthetics of the community with emphasis on areas historically destroyed by graffiti (under bridges, electrical boxes etc.)
- Removal of barbed wire and other hazardous materials found throughout the community

### 3. **Pedestrian Improvements**

The District is responsible to provide snow removal and maintain the lighting for the pedestrian improvements (sidewalks) adjacent to the Spur Road and Beard Creek Road. The District is also responsible for the snow removal at the Highway 6/Edwards Spur Road Roundabout including adjacent properties and the sidewalks/trails along Edwards Access road.

The District has the legal authorization (power) to provide other pedestrian improvements such as paths, sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, etc. Pedestrian improvement projects envisioned but not limited to:

- Miller Ranch Road Lighting Project
- Adding sidewalk between Town Center and Arrowhead
- Construction of bridge over Eagle River at Lake Creek Village

### 4. **Parks and Recreation**

- National Night Out

- Project Graduation
- Partnership with Mountain Recreation for various recreation programs
- Educational or historical programs with Eaton Ranch House
- Providing community map at CDOT rest area encouraging travelers to walk into town center

5. **Maintain the District’s property**

The District owns:

- Old Edwards Estates Pond held for open space and determining an ultimate management plan for the site
- Old Edwards Estates VIII Tract B on the corner of County Road and Old County Lane held for open space
- Brett Ranch PUD Tract J held for potential future development
- Homestead Filing 1, Block 11, Lot 35 (Park DeClark) is legally owned by the District but is held on behalf of and for the benefit of Homestead Owners Association and Homestead manages and maintains this park.
- Homestead Filing 2 Tract I – this is the road to the Homestead water tank and access to the USFS A10 trail.
- Fire Station Land Reverter Interest
- Log Cabin on Eagle River Preserve

6. **Foster Business Recruitment, Management and Economic Development**

Continue to support local projects that invite Edwards Community activities.

7. **Climate Action Collaborative**

- New Recycling center & Composting Programs
- Creating Bird and Bat houses throughout community

- Promoting and supporting multi-modal transportation systems to support the reduction of greenhouse gases
  - Electric Cars
  - Electric Bikes
  - Pedestrian and Bike Friendly Communities
  - Public Transportation
- Grant Program to encourage businesses to participate in climate action

8. **Local Housing**

9. **Edwards Subarea Master Plan (Edwards Community Plan) Administration**

10. **Support Regional Transit Activities**

From County-orchestrated pedestrian trails to Regional Transit systems, the Edwards District is interested in fostering convenient movement through the area. Transportation projects envisioned but not limited to:

- Bike Sharing Program- partnership with surrounding communities and Eagle County
- Edwards specific feeder transportation system

11. **A Regional Referral Agency for Land Use and Public Improvement Proposals**

While the District has no Land Use powers and often has no involvement in proposed improvements by other public entities, it does serve as a referral entity. As such, the District Board has served as a vocal conduit of Edwards area attitudes.

**EDWARDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY MAP  
2020**



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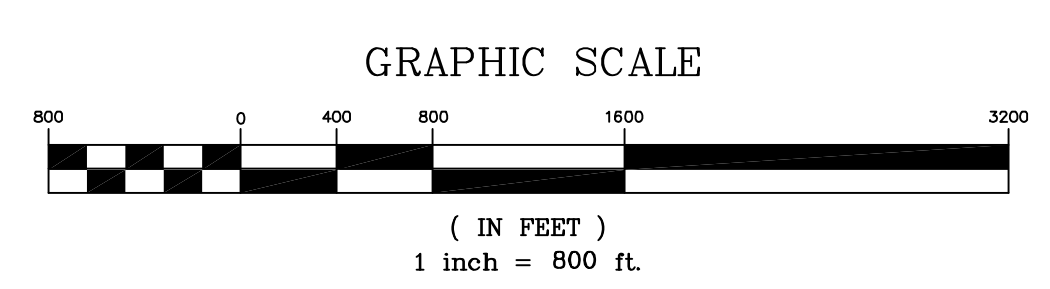
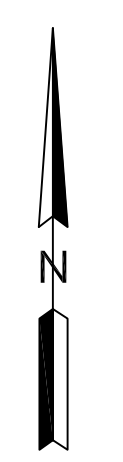
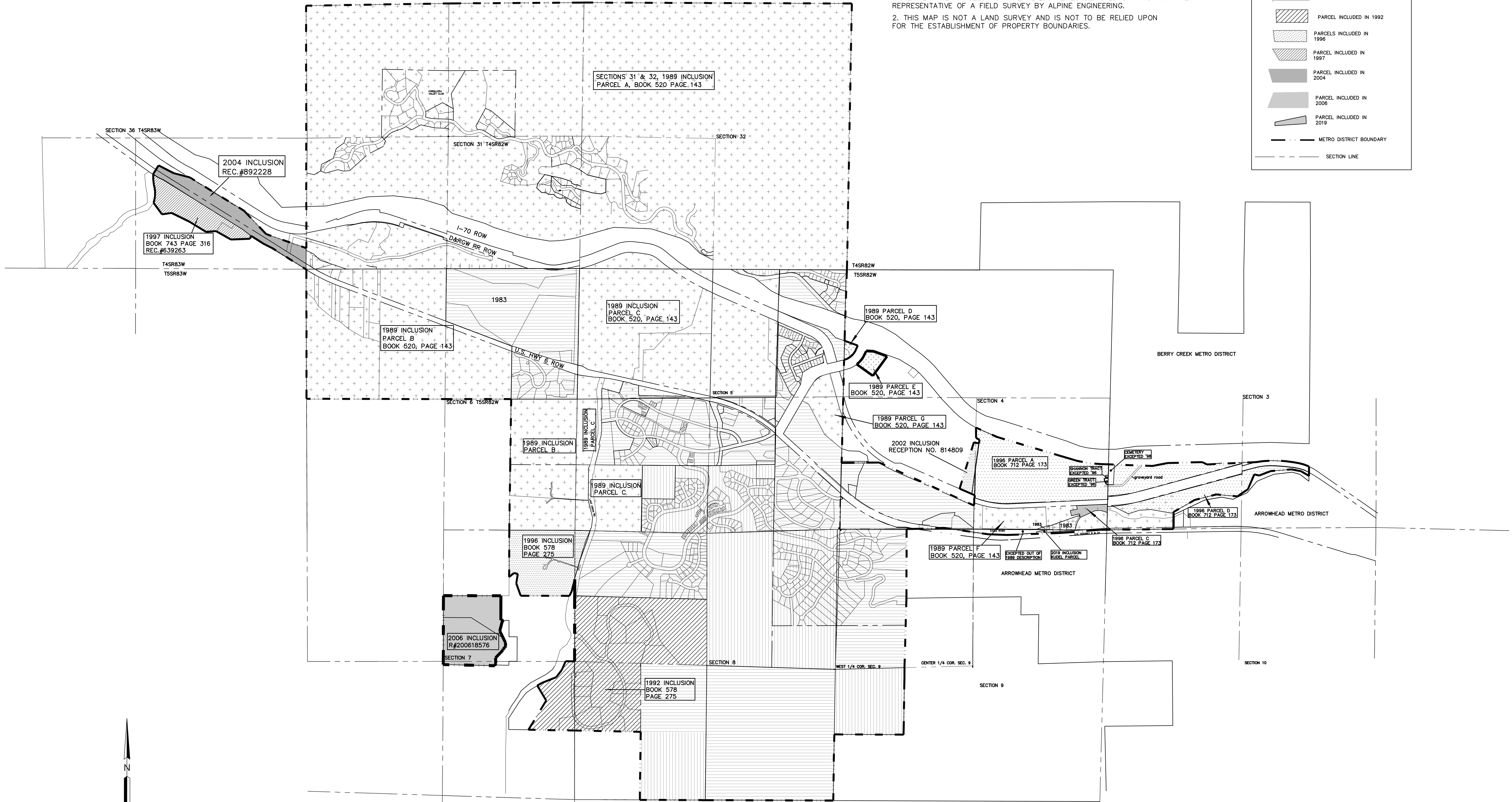
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**LEGEND:**

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	PARCEL INCLUDED IN 2019
	METRO DISTRICT BOUNDARY
	SECTION LINE

**NOTES:**

1. NEITHER THE PARCELS NOR THE ALIQUOT LINES DEPICTED ON THIS MAP ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF A FIELD SURVEY BY ALPINE ENGINEERING.
2. THIS MAP IS NOT A LAND SURVEY AND IS NOT TO BE RELIED UPON FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES.



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