

# Animas City Park Overlook Townhomes, City of Durango

## Innovative Partnership and Collaboration Honor Award

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Durango, CO: City of Durango has been recognized by the American Planning Association Colorado Chapter to receive a 2023 APA Colorado Honor Award in the category of Innovative Partnership & Collaboration for the Animas City Park Overlook Townhomes development.

This is a pioneering, innovative housing development and the first of its kind for the Durango Renewal Partnership, and Urban Renewal Authority (URA), in Durango, Colorado. The housing project is in the North Main Gateway URA and is Durango's second Urban Renewal Area. The Animas City Park Overlook Townhomes development is located on 6 parcels that would have allowed the applicant/developer to build 4 duplexes and 2 single-family homes. Agave Group, the developer, the URA, and the City of Durango collaborated to innovatively design and maximize the sites into a 22-townhome community with a focus on workforce housing.

There are 4 income qualified deed restrictions and the 6 workforce unit deed restrictions templates that are being utilized by other municipalities in La Plata County for new developments that contain deed restrictions units for alignment and ease of administration.

This housing development creatively utilized new strategies that many Colorado planning departments have adopted into Land Use Development (LUDC), are seeking to adopt, or hope to adopt in the future and can use the Animas City Park Overlook Townhomes as an innovative project that advanced public-private partnerships, URA, through collaboration and commitment, to achieve tangible results that can be replicated not only in Durango, but by many other Colorado communities. Durango City Council leadership, steward by public policy, and public funds, impacted this project and led the path forward to implementing this housing development into reality.

The Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in-person during the Colorado Planning Conference in Colorado Springs. Thanks to the openness of the developers and the hard work of everyone involved in this innovative partnership as it would not have been possible without North Main Gateway URA, Agave Group, La Plata County, Durango 9-R School District, Durango Business Improvement District, HomesFund, Animas Mosquito Control District, Mountain Civil Consulting, SEH Inc., and Reynolds, Ash and Associates.

