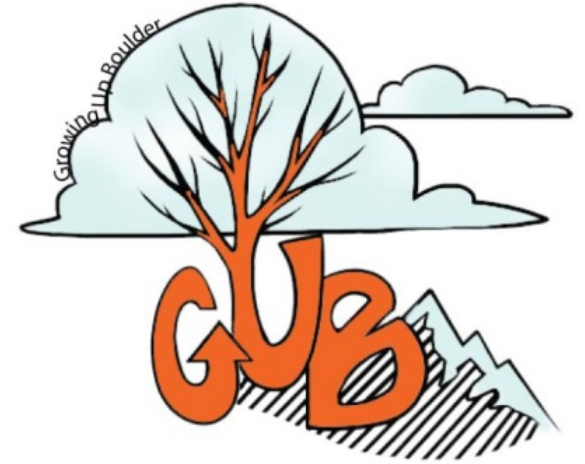


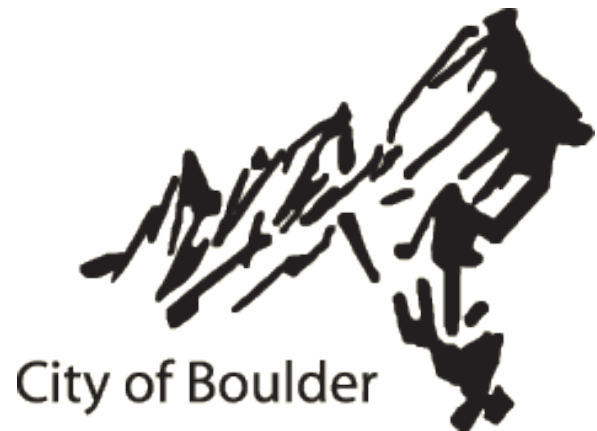
Growing Up Boulder

(GUB) is Boulder's child and youth-friendly city initiative



Mission: To empower Boulder's young people with opportunities for inclusion, influence and deliberation on local issues that affect their lives

Since 2009, we have worked with 5,500 young people, ages 0-18, 1,200 university students, and 60 partner organizations on 100 projects. Fifty percent of our young people are from historically marginalized groups.



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Growing Up Boulder

A real-world demonstration of how including young people's voices in city planning makes the city better for all



Photo by Nia Efeoglu

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

a treaty ratified in 1989 by all countries except the United States



Child Friendly Cities Initiative

Today, the initiative reaches approximately 30 million children in 40 countries worldwide.

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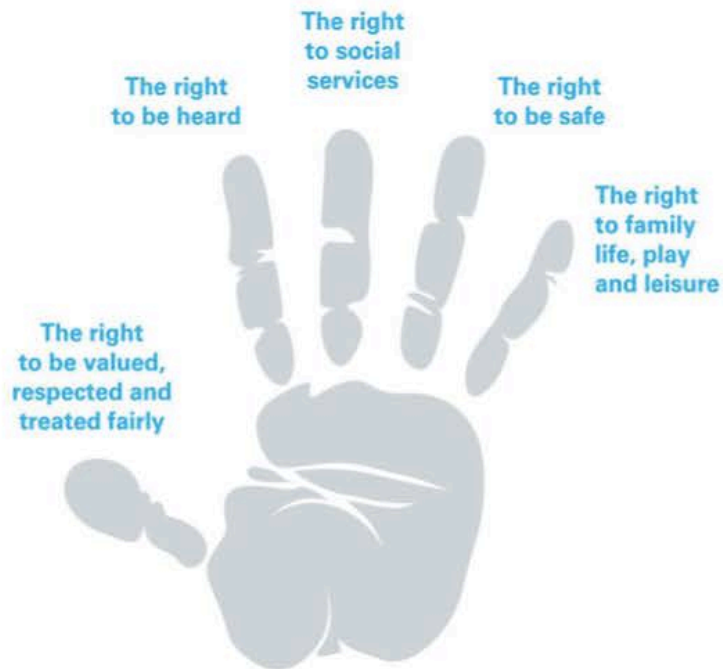


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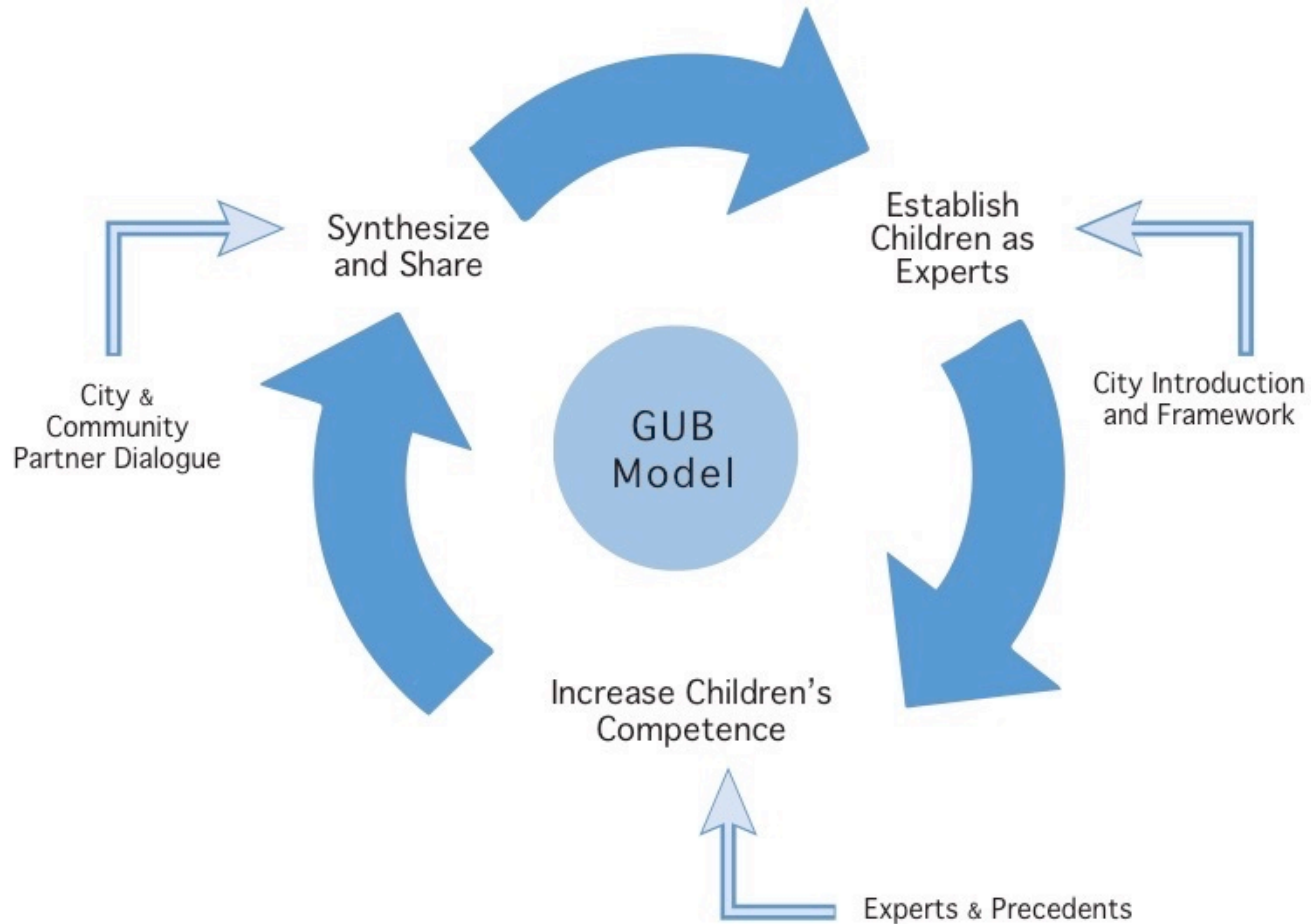
Safe Route Shares Some of the Same Goals as Other Global Initiatives



- Vision Zero
- UNICEF's Child Friendly Cities Initiatives
- UN Habitat's Sustainable Development Goals

Shared goal of creating safer, healthier, more independent and more joyful ways for our children to move around their communities.

Growing Up Boulder Model



The route we travel in Boulder is not just
FOR children, but WITH children



Photo by Darcy Varney Kitching

Thank you to the toddlers



Photo by Boulder
Journey School

to the elementary school students



Photo by Darcy Varney Kitching

and to the middle school students



whose input will lead to new bike lanes and new sidewalks on the 19th Street Corridor



Thank you to the 10-year-olds: 15-minute neighborhoods



Thank you to the Emerging Bilingual 2nd grade students who studied the HOP bus route



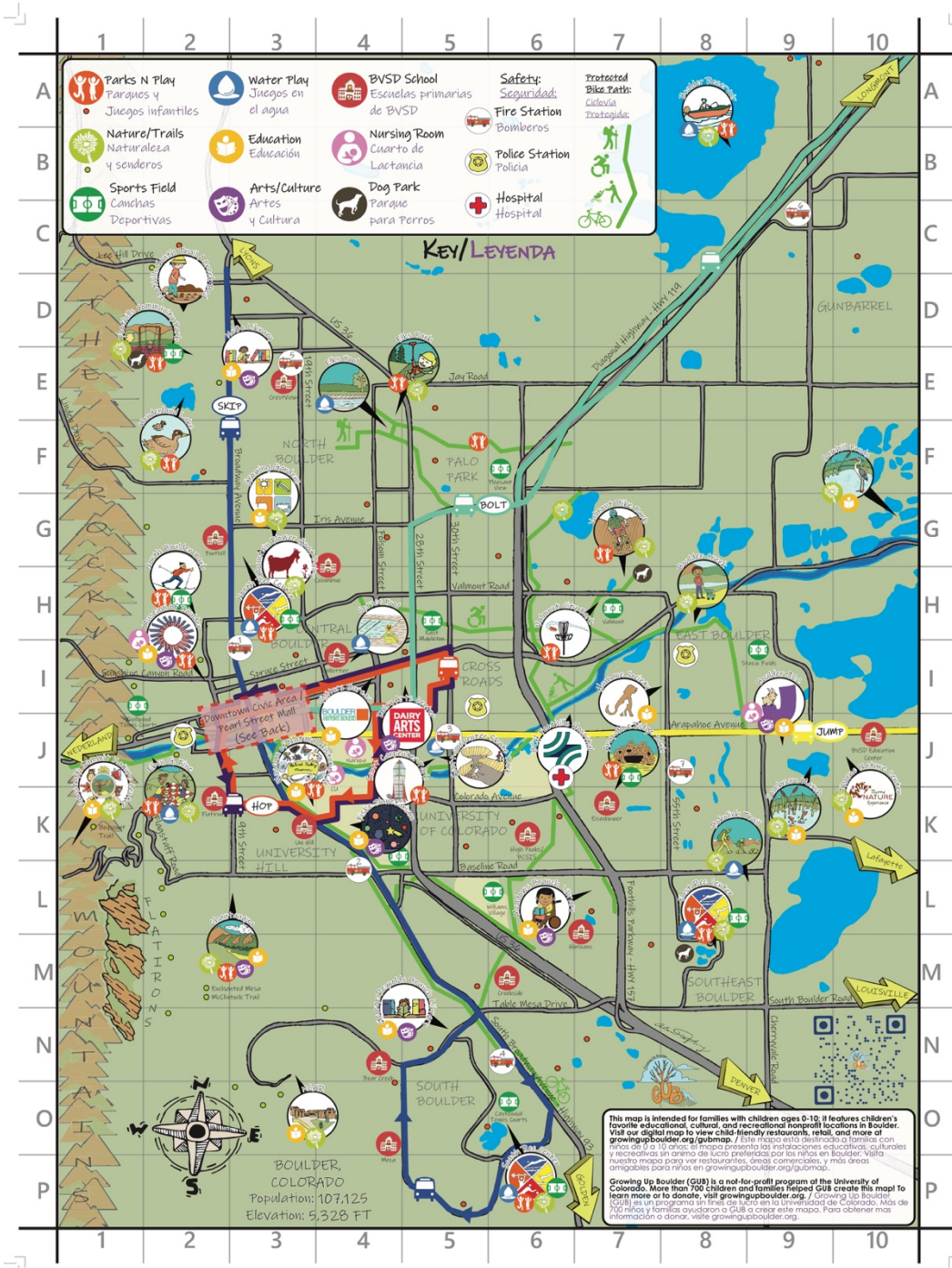
and whose input resulted in a new,
child-requested bench



Thank you to the more than 700 children and families who helped create the nation's

FIRST
PRINTED
BILINGUAL

child-friendly city map



and the nation's 2nd child-friendly city digital map growingupboulder.org/gubmap

Boulder's Child-Friendly... 🔍 ⋮

▼ A map by children for children, created under the leadership of Growing Up Boulder, Boulder's Child-Friendly City
1,500 views
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Schools

▼ All items

Parks & Play

▼ Ann Armstrong Park
 Arapahoe Ridge Park
 Arrowwood Park
 Aurora 7 Park
... 53 more

Trailheads

▼ All items

Indoor Recreation Spaces

▼ All items

Sports Field

▼ All items

Arts, Culture & Education

▼ Boulder Bandshell

Map data ©2019 Google [Terms](#) 1,000 ft

52% of the children and parents were from marginalized backgrounds

3 feedback cycles and 27 iterations of map



Photo by Jade Cody

These children helped inspire maps that feature



Photo by Boulder Journey School

Safe Routes to School paths, SRTS videos, biking safety sheets, and FUN, child-friendly walking and biking paths!

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Safe Streets Boulder

Safe and Fun Routes Around Town

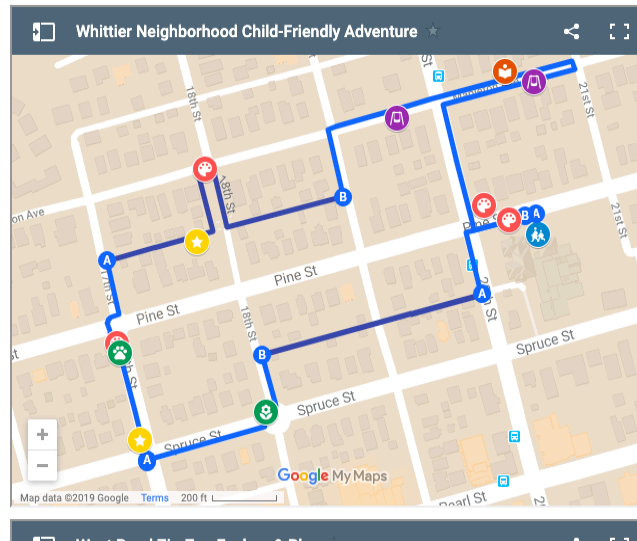
Learn about transportation, safe streets to school and around town, and more!

[PEDESTRIAN SAFETY VIDEO](#)

[BVSD SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL](#)

[BIKE SAFETY SHEETS](#)

Darcy's child-friendly walking route maps



Safe Routes to School maps are included twice on the map



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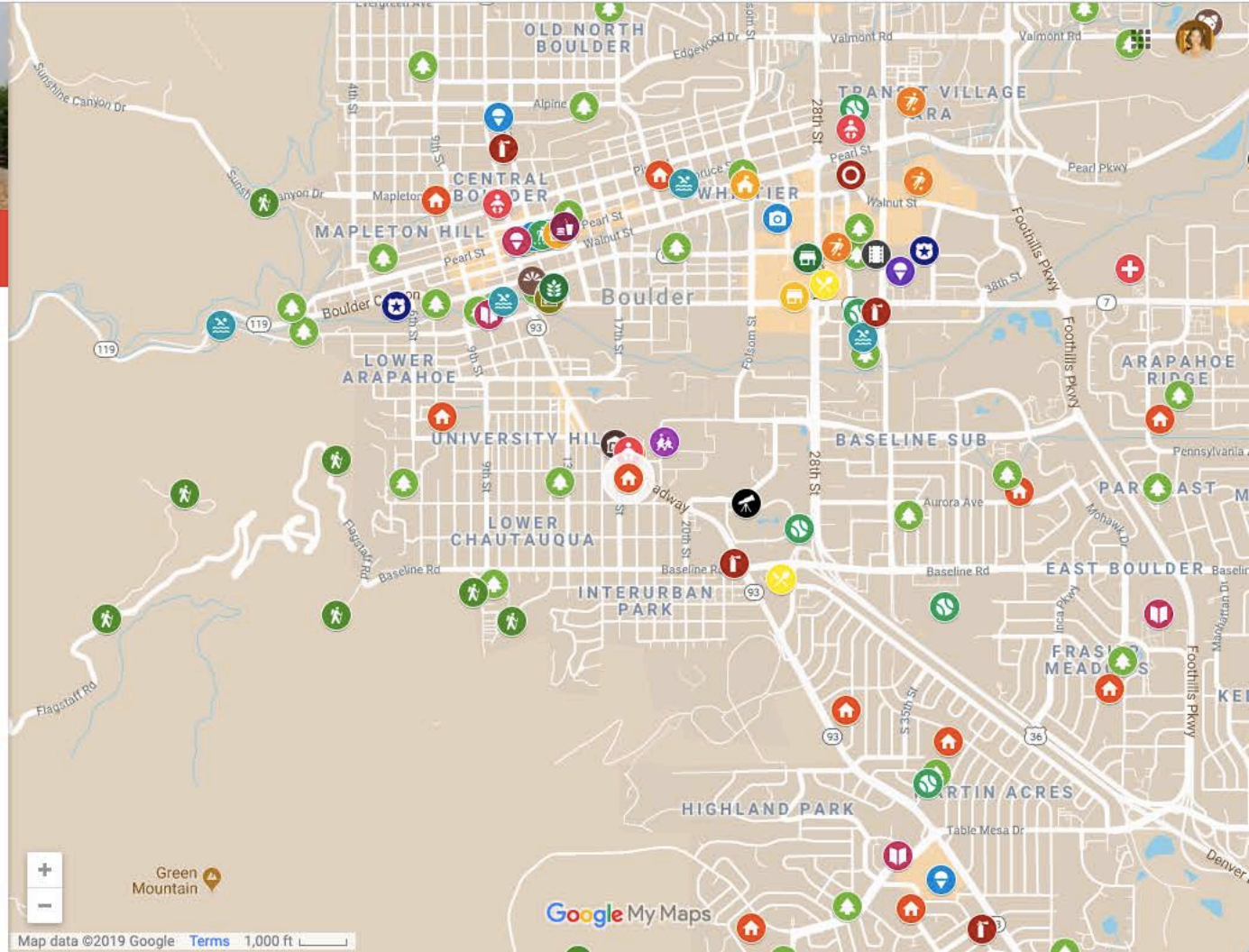
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**5 KEY PRINCIPLES FOR OUR
PARTICIPATORY PLANNING
ENGAGEMENTS**

5 key principles for our participatory planning engagements

1. Go where young people are
2. Create an asset-based engagement, not deficit-based engagement
3. Communicate, be transparent, & be accountable about the *process* and *outcomes*
4. Reflect, evaluate and adapt
5. Use fun, creative and varied engagement methods

Principle 1: go where the people are



Principle 2: Use a variety of methods to engage a variety of learners



Principle 3: Base engagements upon young people's assets

Assets:

- lived experiences
- skills and interests
- culture



Principle 4: Communicate, be transparent, & be accountable about the *process* and *outcomes*

Youth Ideas	Translation into Policy
“Have places we visit be close together” “Youth need and like places that are easy to get to”	Daily needs are within easy access from home, work or school without driving a car.

Principle 5: Reflect, evaluate, and adapt



THANK YOU

Mara Mintzer

Website: www.growingupboulder.org

Talk featured on TED: [How Kids Can Help Design Cities](#)

Book: [Placemaking with Children and Youth: Participatory Practices for Planning Sustainable Communities](#), by Victoria Derr, Louise Chawla, and Mara Mintzer