



Chautauqua 2020 Planning:
**“Ensuring Chautauqua’s Sustainable Future
by Solving Problems and Creating Opportunities”**
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To ensure a sustainable and vibrant future for the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark’s second century, the Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA) has developed the Colorado Chautauqua 2020 Plan.

Several years in the making, the 2020 Plan is dedicated to preserving the buildings, grounds and spirit of the Colorado Chautauqua while making enhancements to anticipate and meet the needs of modern usage and the future while serving the community and Chautauqua’s many stakeholders. The 2020 Plan grew out of and incorporates the recommendations of the Chautauqua Park Cultural Landscape Assessment and Plan (CLA) completed in 2004 and the HVS Nine-month Retreat Feasibility Study (2005). The CLA’s advisory committee included representatives of the City of Boulder, neighbors, and a team of experts in landscape architecture, civil engineering and transportation planning.

Highlights of the Colorado Chautauqua 2020 Plan recommendations include:

- Relocation of McClintock Trailhead northeast of current location to facilitate access to a larger supply of parking and to reduce congestion in the historic core of Chautauqua
- Relocation of the Chautauqua Picnic Shelter north of the Auditorium closer to the existing children’s playground to improve the overall picnic experience through more convenient and safer access to the playground, Chautauqua Park (i.e., the Green) and parking
- Support of a comprehensive transit program to reduce traffic and parking congestion within the Colorado Chautauqua and the surrounding neighborhoods, thereby increasing pedestrian safety and protecting character and spirit of Chautauqua. Components of this program may include the reintroduction of regularly-scheduled bus service, a neighborhood permit parking program, a bike share program and a car share program.
- Construction of a modest 7,000 square foot, two-story (3,500 square feet per floor) building consistent with other public buildings at Chautauqua (e.g., Dining Hall at 8,342 sf and Community House at 8,370 sf) to: allow relocation of CCA back office functions and service vehicles from the interior of the historic neighborhood; create additional bathroom facilities to serve the Auditorium, aiding accessibility for the elderly and

handicapped and reducing pressure on the historic Chautauqua Dining Hall; provide the opportunity to restore the historic Primrose building; and provide additional meeting and event space, particularly focused on the September through May period

- Undergrounding of overhead utility lines to significantly reduce wind-induced fire danger in and around Boulder's only National Historic Landmark and eliminate detriment to historic character and appearance
- Improvement of storm water drainage and replacement of obsolete roads and utilities infrastructure
- Implementation of the CLA recommendations (e.g., restoration of Garden Place), including CCA investment in safety improvements off-lease (e.g., bus/vehicle pullout and orientation kiosk near Ranger Cottage, new main entry and new sidewalk on Baseline)
- Investments in the year-round Chautauqua Dining Hall experience
- Creation of a visitor center for the National Historic Landmark
- Enhancement of year-round programming for the benefit of the local community and to support destination visits