# HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES

LAKEWOOD, COLORADO







Public workshop participants

## **SERVICES:**

- » Public workshops
- » Preservation plan
- » Preservation ordinance

### **CLIENT:**

Holly Boehm Comprehensive Planning and Research City of Lakewood

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#### **Historic Preservation Plan**

The City of Lakewood, located at the western edge of Denver, grew up along the major east-west corridor connecting Denver to the mountains. As a result, many noteworthy roadside restaurants and gas stations were built here along with other mid-century buildings that lend to the distinct character of Lakewood.

The City sought to build a preservation program that allows residents to participate in the protection of the community's unique identity. The program uses an interconnected system of tools that work to integrate preservation with the overall vision for the city's future.

Input from the public was encouraged at both general open houses and at stakeholder meetings. These meetings were designed to engage participants in collaborative activities that encourage discussion and produce meaningful results.

Winter & Company drafted a preservation plan that clearly articulates the community's preservation goals as well as the specific policies that help achieve those goals. For example, the plan articulates the community's vision for a streamlined process to identify, evaluate and protect historic resources while also promoting that goal with a more specific policy to achieve and maintain Certified Local Government status. Winter & Company also advised the City as they updated their preservation ordinance.

