

2016 Year-End Report



Rebuilding Jamestown



Our Community

Community Presence

90% of the community was forced to relocate after the flood.

As of 2016: Over 90% of those who left have returned. We are also happy to welcome many new faces in Jamestown!

Rebuilding

18 homes were destroyed by the flood, in addition to the fire station. 44 were significantly damaged.*

As of 2016:

- Six homes have been rebuilt; three are in process.
- Eight properties were acquired by the Town: two through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and six through FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). These properties will be open space in perpetuity.
- Many homes have undergone substantial repairs.

Jamestown’s Nine Guiding Principles

1. Planning Decisions Promote Character of the Community
2. Encourage Diverse Social and Economic Structure
3. Foster Arts and Culture
4. Uphold Autonomy, Self-Governance and Self-Reliance
5. Enhance Environmental Preservation
6. Design Resilient & Sustainable Infrastructure
7. Be Economically Sustainable
8. Guide Community Development
9. Support Children and Families

**This number has been updated since last year.*



Our Infrastructure

Estimated Loss: ~\$22M

Debris Removal

A vast amount of debris was left in the stream corridor.

- The EPA removed exigent debris in the stream corridor before Winter 2013 to mitigate for spring run-off.
- Five structures demolished under FEMA's PPDR program in 2014.

Stream Work

24 acres of the James Creek Stream Corridor impacted.

- New Provisional Floodplain Map established, allowing the Town to lift its building permit moratorium by 1/21/14.
- EWP program construction complete by October 2014, which realigned and armored the James and Little James Creek stream corridors.
- Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group (LWOG) and Boulder County will reconstruct James Creek in Spring 2017. This project includes two reaches in Jamestown.
- Irrigation Ditch: Design and engineering complete in 2016; construction on hold until mid-2017.

Roads

50% of Jamestown's roads were destroyed. Lefthand Canyon Dr. and James Canyon Dr. were severely damaged.

- **Jamestown's dirt roads:** Repairs complete in 2014.
- **CR-94:**
 - "Goat trail" road: Complete in 2013.
 - Winter road: Complete in 2014.
 - Minor resurfacing: Complete in 2014.
 - Permanent repairs: Lefthand Canyon Dr. complete in 2016; James Canyon Dr. begins early 2017.
- **Gillespie Gulch Culvert:** Construction TBD.

Andersen Hill

Andersen Hill Rd. and Bridge were destroyed.

- Andersen Hill Rd. and Bridge construction complete in May 2016 with color selected by community vote.

Water System

The Water Treatment Plant was badly damaged and 50% of the distribution lines were destroyed.

- Destroyed water lines rebuilt by August 2014.
- Potable water reestablished by November 2014.
- Water System Upgrades Project - Replaced designated water lines in upper Jamestown and repaired tanks in 2016.
- Rose M Waterline Extension complete early 2016, allowing for new homes to be rebuilt.

Town Square

The Jamestown Town Square Park was destroyed.

- Phase I (FEMA funded): Excavation, grading and contouring complete mid-2016.
- Phase II (GOCO funded): Construction of the landscaping and park features in progress by mostly local workers. To be complete early 2017.

Elysian Park

Elysian Park suffered significant damage and mine tailings were leaking into James Creek.

- The EPA repaired damage to the stream corridor alongside Elysian Park in 2013 & 2014.
- Jamestown Elementary restored a section of creek bordering the park in 2015.
- Trail restoration and park maintenance complete in 2016.

Our Services

- **Jamestown Community Church:** Repaired early 2014.
- **Post Office:** Repaired and reopened February 2014.
- **Jamestown Elementary School:** Reopened Fall 2014.
- **Fire Station:** Rebuilt and reopened February 2015.
- **Town Hall:** No closure.



Our Recovery

2013

- ✧ Sept 11-15: Flood Event
- ✧ Sept: Red Cross begins delivering bottled water
- ✧ Oct: Texas Baptists arrive to clear debris
- ✧ Nov: EPA repairs exposed mine tailings (Elysian)
- ✧ Dec 7: Casa Alvarez Fundraiser
- ✧ Dec 22: C4JT fundraiser Fat Tire Flurry



2014

- ✧ Jan 11: C4JT Next Door Fundraiser: Total raised <\$200K
- ✧ Jan 21: -Stream Corridor Master Plan done
-Building Moratorium Lifted
- ✧ Feb 3: Christian Aid Ministries begins repairing homes
- ✧ Feb 8: Post Office reopened
- ✧ Feb 10: World Renew begins recovery sign-ups
- ✧ Feb 19: First donated cisterns arrive
- ✧ Feb 22: First Town-organized Volunteer Day (63 volunteers)
- ✧ Feb 28: Winter Road repairs begin in Lefthand Canyon



Photo by Mark Wischmeyer



2015

- ✧ Feb: Flatirons Habitat for Humanity arrives to build houses
- ✧ Feb 19: Jamestown Elementary begins Riparian Restoration
- ✧ Feb 23: Rebuilt Fire Station opens
- ✧ April: First CDBG-DR buyout
- ✧ April 25: Bringing Beauty Back project begins
- ✧ May: Long-Term Recovery Plan complete
- ✧ June 20: RETREET plants trees for residents
- ✧ July: Water System Upgrades construction begins
- ✧ mid-Oct: Andersen Hill & Bridge construction begins
- ✧ Oct: Water line replacements on Mesa St. complete
- ✧ Oct: Hazard Investigation Risk Analysis complete
- ✧ Nov: First HMGP buyout



- ✿ Mar: EWP Stream reconstruction begins
- ✿ Mar 21: Governor signs Senate Bill 121 decreasing local match for Jamestown
- ✿ Mar/Apr: Shine On & Twig Salon Fundraisers
- ✿ Apr 18: Christian Aid Ministries leaves
- ✿ May 5: Mennonite Disaster Service arrives to build houses
- ✿ mid-June: Waterline reestablished to Mesa St.
- ✿ end-June: First filter online at Water Treatment Plant
- ✿ mid-July: Mesa St. water restored
- ✿ Aug: First house rebuild complete



- ✿ Aug 21: School reopens
- ✿ Aug 22: -5 structures demolished (PPDR)
-Asphalt repair complete on Main St.
- ✿ Aug 25: 82% of residents have water restored
- ✿ Aug 29: Howlett's Gulch berm done
- ✿ Sept 1: Ward St. culvert complete
- ✿ Sept 1: Temporary fire station complete
- ✿ Oct 31: -Stream work complete
-Water main project done in lower JT
-Asphalt overlay done: Lefthand Canyon & James Canyon Dr.
- ✿ Nov 1: Boil order lifted – JT water is potable



2016

- ✿ Jan: Rose M Water Extension project complete
- ✿ Feb 17: New Provisional Floodplain Maps approved by Town Board & submitted to FEMA
- ✿ April 10: Mennonite Disaster Service finishes building and repairing homes
- ✿ May 25: Andersen Hill & Bridge opens
- ✿ May 31: Town Square Restoration begins
- ✿ Nov 9: Drainage & Stormwater Master Plan project begins
- ✿ Dec 16: Lower Lefthand Canyon complete



Looking Ahead...

- ✿ Town Square completion
- ✿ Design for Lower Main Bridge
- ✿ CR-94 Restoration & Traffic Calming in Jamestown
- ✿ County & LWOG Stream restoration (2 reaches in Jamestown)
- ✿ Gillespie Gulch culvert
- ✿ Irrigation Ditch repairs
- ✿ Rain Gauge project
- ✿ Drainage & Stormwater Master Plan
- ✿ Comprehensive Plan update





Our Volunteers & Donations

Jamestown is immensely grateful for the many individuals and groups who have participated in our recovery with donations of time, labor, resources, and money. The following is a listing of the numbers throughout the recovery to date:

Volunteers: 4,300+

Volunteer hours: 70,320

Mennonite Disaster Service: 20,400

Habitat for Humanity: 10,745

In-Kind Value of Volunteer Hours: \$1,656,739

Total Monetary Donations: \$715,897*



**\$310,000 was distributed in 2014 in community grants; the balance went to the Rebuild JT Fund for Town rebuild projects.*





Our Planning

Long-Term Recovery Plan (LTRP)

Adopted in 2015, the LTRP identifies and prioritizes community investments and resources to support recovery. Completed and ongoing projects include:

- **Community Gardens:** Planned for open space area west of the post office.
- **Aging Well in Community Group:** To foster support for area seniors and other vulnerable populations.
- **Historic Memorabilia:** Acquired from Tom Maloney's collection for Town Hall.
- **Traffic Calming for CR-94:** In progress with permanent repairs.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The 1981 Jamestown Comprehensive Plan is being updated to incorporate information from the various planning efforts conducted post-flood. Members of the six LTRP Community Planning Groups (CPGs) are providing input on the focus areas, with draft chapters being reviewed by community members before going to the Board of Trustees. Complete: Summer 2017.



Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA), Land Use & Housing Analysis Study

Adopted in 2015, the outcomes of the study include:

- Identification of the Town's greatest natural hazard risks and how they might influence future community planning;
- Identification of revisions to the existing Comprehensive Plan, land use regulations, and land use decision-making processes;
- Housing Summary and Questionnaire results;
- Land use analysis & future scenarios; and,
- Opportunities to improve the Town's resiliency, safety, and sustainability.

Drainage and Stormwater Master Plan

In late 2016, the Town commenced a *Drainage and Stormwater Management Master Plan*. The plan was a recommendation of the HIRA (below) and will be a more detailed evaluation of local drainages, recommendations on addressing issues, and conceptual design of priority solutions. Complete: Summer 2017.





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