

# 2015 Year-End Report



## Rebuilding Jamestown

Working to Bring ALL of Our Community Home



## *Our Most Important Asset...* **Our Community**

### Community Presence

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

**2014 Milestone:** 94% of homes occupied, 10% of residents displaced.

**2015 Milestone:** 98% of Jamestown houses are currently occupied. (~10% of our pre-flood residents continue to be displaced due to the flood.) Jamestown has been happy to welcome newcomers to our community!

### Rebuilding

**Challenge:** 17 homes (13%) were destroyed by the flood. 45 were damaged.

#### **2014 Milestones:**

- FEMA approved Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) for five Jamestown properties.
- Thirteen properties were in the applications for buyout through CDBG-DR or HMGP.
- One primary property home was rebuilt; two were in the process of being rebuilt.

#### **2015 Milestones:**

- A total of five homes have been rebuilt or are nearing completion. Many homes have undergone substantial repairs.
- Plans are in process to rebuild or repair an additional five homes.
- Two properties were purchased through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and four were purchased through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), with two more properties ready early 2016. Properties purchased by the Town through CDBG-DR or HMGP are required to be open space in perpetuity.





# Our Services

## Fire Station

*The Jamestown Fire Station was destroyed.*

**2014 Milestones:** Construction began on the new fire station. The \$940K facility was funded by:

- An emergency grant from DOLA for \$598,930,
- \$340,677 in insurance proceeds from CIRSA,
- Additional insurance proceeds to replace damaged and destroyed equipment: \$70,593.10.

**2015 Milestone:** The new fire station was completed in February 2015, 528 days after the flood.

## Jamestown Elementary School

*Jamestown Elementary was not severely damaged; however the school building was closed for the remainder of 2013/2014 due to lack of access to emergency services and drinking water, and a need for mold mitigation. The school met off-site at two different locations.*

**2014 Milestone:** Although the school was not used by students for several months, Boulder Valley School District's approval to utilize the building for volunteers was key in bringing Mennonite Disaster Services to Jamestown. With running water in town again, Jamestown Elementary reopened in August 2014.

**2015 Milestone:** School is open with 18 students attending this year. The school remodeled the library with a grant. The students restored a section of the riparian way along James Creek through Jamestown.

## Post Office

*The Jamestown Post Office was severely damaged and forced to close.*

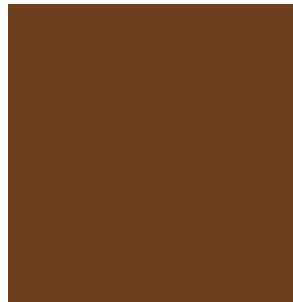
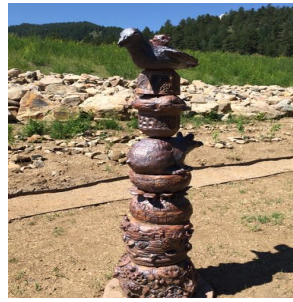
**2014 Milestone:** The building was repaired and reopened on February 8, 2014, 140 days after the flood.

## Jamestown Community Church

*The Church suffered water and mud damage in the back rooms of the building.*

**2014 Milestone:** After the upper road opened, members were able to remove the carpet and dry things out. The church only missed one Sunday of services. Jamestown Community Church played a large role in feeding the town and volunteers during Fall and Winter 2013. The church has been proud to be able to welcome the Southern Baptists and the Mennonite volunteers to worship with them.

**2015 Milestone:** The church has played an instrumental role in helping the Town to complete the reconstruction of Andersen Hill and Bridge.



# Community Long-Term Planning

## Long-Term Recovery Plan

*The community wishes to rebuild Jamestown over the next few years with intention and in alignment with the community's values and ideas.*

### **2014 Milestone:**

The Jamestown Long-Term Recovery Plan (LTRP) process was started through a \$30K grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The purpose of the LTRP is to identify and prioritize community investments, as well as human and fiscal resources, for the next three-to-five years to support a successful recovery. More than eighty residents formed six different planning groups around specific themes.

### **2015 Milestone:**

The LTRP was completed and adopted by the Board in April 2015 to guide the Town government and community in its rebuilding. The Town hired a Town Planner (two-year contract) and established an Implementation Team (AKA "The Imps") to assist the community with the execution of projects. Seven LTRP projects are complete, with six more underway.

## **The Six Community Planning Groups:**

1. Healthy Local Government and Safe Community
2. Supportive Community Services
3. Getting Around Town
4. Living With Nature
5. How & Where We Rebuild (changed to "Land Use and Housing")
6. Vibrant Community Assets

**The Jamestown Long-Term Recovery Plan is online at: <http://jamestownco.org/long-term-recovery-plan/>**



## Nine Guiding Principles for Jamestown

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

For the expanded list, please visit:  
<http://jamestownco.org/community-meetings/>

## Hazard Identification Risk Assessment, Land Use & Housing Analysis Study

*In order to rebuild responsibly – as well as to plan for future building – the community needs to understand the natural hazards associated with land use, as well as the housing needs of the community.*

### **2015 Milestone:**

The Town received an \$80K grant from CDBG-DR to conduct a Hazard Identification Risk Assessment, Land Use and Housing Analysis Study. The study builds upon the community's continued recovery efforts, including most recently, the Long Term Recovery Plan (LTRP) and the principles and recommendations under consideration by the resident-comprised Land Use and Housing Advisory Committee (LUHAC), established early 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
- Opportunities to Improve the Town's resiliency, safety, and sustainability

# Our Recovery – Jamestown 2015





# Volunteers:

(to date)

- Total Number of Volunteers: 3,978
- Total Number of Volunteer Hours: 59,382
- Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) alone has donated over 20,208 volunteer hours. We will continue to host MDS volunteers January through Spring to rebuild two homes.
- Flatirons Habitat for Humanity (FHH) has rebuilt or helped to rebuild two homes with 8,612 volunteer hours. Habitat will rebuild two more homes in Jamestown.

# Donations:

(to date)

- In-kind goods and services: \$153,298
- In-kind Volunteer Hours: \$1,469,895.98
- Monetary donations: \$712,366\*

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



# Our Infrastructure

## *Estimated Loss: ~\$20M*

### Debris Removal

*The flood left behind a vast amount of debris along the stream corridor.*

**2013 Milestone:** The EPA was mission-assigned by FEMA to remove the hazardous debris in the stream corridor before Winter 2013 to ensure the community was protected against spring run-off.

**2014 Milestone:** Five structures were demolished under FEMA's PPDR program in August.

### Stream Work

*24 acres of the James Creek Stream Corridor were severely impacted.*

#### **2014 Milestones:**

- Established the Provisional Floodplain Map, allowing the Town to lift its building permit moratorium on January 21. Designs were developed for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program.
- Completed construction of the EWP program in October, which realigned and armored the James and Little James Creek stream corridor.

**2015 Milestone:** Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group (LWOG) and Boulder County have selected Engineering and Design firms to develop 30% designs, including two reaches within Jamestown.

### Water System

*All of the underground infrastructure at the Water Treatment Plant was destroyed; the sand filters were contaminated; 50% of the distribution lines were destroyed.*

#### **2014 Milestones:**

- Donated cisterns brought 98 residents home.
- All water lines were reestablished by August.
- Potable water was reestablished by November.

#### **2015 Milestone:**

- Water System Upgrades Project - Repaired tanks and replaced designated water lines in upper Jamestown (\$1M grant from DOLA).
- Additional Water Supply (deep well) - Construction is complete, with testing beginning (\$1M grant from CDPHE).
- Rose M Waterline Extension project is nearing completion (ETA January 2016 - \$600K grant from CDBG-DR).

### Roads

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

**2013 Milestone:** "Goat trail" completed to reestablish access from Boulder to Jamestown via Lefthand Canyon Dr.

#### **2014 Milestones:**

- James Canyon Dr. / Lefthand Canyon Dr. - Temporary paving was completed.
- Jamestown's dirt roads - Final repairs were completed.
- Minor resurfacing of CR94 through Jamestown was completed.

#### **2015 Milestones:**

- Lefthand Canyon Dr. - Boulder County has begun the permanent reconstruction.
- Gillespie Gulch - Design and engineering was completed. Construction will be after July 2016.
- Irrigation Ditch - Design, construction and engineering is planned for 2016.
- James Canyon Dr. - Permanent reconstruction begins in Fall 2016.

### Andersen Hill

*Andersen Hill Rd. and Bridge were destroyed.*

**2015 Milestone:** Andersen Hill Rd. and Bridge began construction. Estimated completion is Spring 2016. Residents have voted on the color of the wall: *field drab*.

### Town Square

*The Jamestown Town Square Park was destroyed.*

**2014 Milestone:** The JT Parks Committee won a \$117K GOCO grant to rebuild Town Square in Spring 2016 with the help of a FEMA match.

### Elysian Park

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

**2013 and 2014 Milestone:** The EPA repaired damage to the stream corridor alongside Elysian Park immediately after the flood.

#### **2015 Milestones:**

- Jamestown Elementary students, teachers, parents and volunteers restored a section of creek bordering the park as part of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) project.
- Trail restoration will be completed in 2016.

# Our Funding

## Local Match Approved

*The Town's reserves were not sufficient to cover the damage to the Town's infrastructure.*

### 2014 Milestones:

- The State approved JT's request for an increase in the State's portion of the local cost share for public assistance projects from 12.5% to 22.5%, leaving the Town with 2.5%. (FEMA: 75%; State: 22.5%; Local: 2.5%)
- FEMA and the State obligated \$9M+ to support the reconstruction of the Town's infrastructure.
- Boulder County and its municipalities prioritized CDBG-DR funds to cover JT's local cost in the first round.

### 2015 Milestones:

- FEMA obligated an additional \$6M for the reconstruction of the Town's infrastructure.
- The Town joined the Boulder County Collaborative to help manage the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds of CDBG-DR funding. The Town is eligible for an additional \$1.5M of funding in Round 2, of which an additional \$250K is allocated for local match.

## HMGP Program

*The Town, along with its engineers, identified several projects that could help to mitigate the impact on the community in the event of another disaster through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).*

### 2014 Milestones:

The Town submitted four applications for HMGP project funding:

- Property Buy-Out
- Elevations
- Rain Gauge
- Lower Main St Bridge

The first three applications were approved for funding and are in process.

The application for the Lower Main St Bridge Upgrade was approved as an eligible project, but the funding was not approved. This means that if other project for which funding was approved do not get done, then it's possible that our Bridge project could receive funding.

### 2015 Milestones:

- Property Buy-Out - Four are complete, two are forthcoming.
- Elevations - The Town is awaiting a contract for two properties.
- Rain Gauge - The Town is preparing to release an RFR early 2016.
- Lower Main St Bridge - The Town received approval from FEMA for Phase 1 Engineering and Design.

## CDBG-DR Program

*Over \$300M of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds were made available to the State by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for disaster recovery.*

### 2014 Milestones:

- In September the Town submitted three applications for CDBG-DR funding:
  - Local Cost Share - \$132,897
  - Property Buy-Out - \$1M (application submitted by BoCo)
  - Water Distribution Extension - \$495K
- Nine businesses were awarded a total of \$62,891 through the CDBG-DR Small Business Grant.

### 2015 Milestones:

- The Town's three applications were approved.
- Construction on the water line extension project will be complete early 2016.
- The Town received an additional \$163,430 for water lines.
- Property Buy-out - Two are complete through Boulder County.
- The Town submitted applications for Round 2:
  - Additional Local Match - \$250K
  - HMGP Local Matches for:
    - Elevations: \$40,190
    - Buy-outs: \$223,877
    - Rain gauge: \$13,698
    - Lower Main St. Bridge, *Phase 1 Design*: \$22,500
    - James Canyon Dr., *additional repairs*: \$350K

# Our Grants

## Awarded to Jamestown

\$10,101,677	FEMA Public Assistance
\$2,680,402	HMGP Property Buy-Out
\$1,225,200	DOLA Energy Impact Grant for recovery staffing assistance
\$1,164,317	NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program Grant to protect properties along the stream corridor
\$1,000,000	CDBG-DR Property Buy-Out (app. submitted by BoCo)
\$1,000,000	CDPHE Natural Hazard Relief grant for the Town's drinking water treatment plant
\$984,982	DOLA Energy Impact Grant for drinking water system upgrades
\$658,430	CDBG-DR Water Distribution Extension (Rose M)
\$598,930	DOLA Emergency Energy Impact Grant to rebuild our fire station (plus \$340,676 from CIRSA insurance)
\$326,998	HMGP Elevations
\$180,000	HMGP Lower Main St. Bridge – Phase 1, Engineering and Design
\$160,000	DOLA Planning Grant for Town Planner
\$150,000	OEM for EWP Technical design
\$132,897	CDBG-DR Infrastructure Grant for Public Assistance Local Match
\$117,635	Greater Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to restore the Town Square
\$109,580	HMGP Rain Gauge
\$100,000	CWCB and OEM to complete a Stream Corridor Master Plan
\$100,000	OEM for an Assistant Flood Recovery Manager
\$80,000	CDBG-DR Planning Grant for a Hazard Identification Risk Assessment, Land Use and Housing Analysis
\$80,000	DOLA Accounting Assistance Grant
\$39,000	CDPHE Flood Assistance Grant for technical assistance
\$30,000	CDBG-DR Planning Grant for a Long-Term Recovery Plan
\$30,000	DOLA Fiscal Health Grant to determine Town's fiscal sustainability
\$16,000	CWCB for floodway delineation mapping
\$15,000	BoCo Sustainability – Water Treatment Plant
\$15,000	BoCo Sustainability – 4 Tasks
<b>\$21,096,048</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

## In Progress

- CDBG-DR Round 2 & 3 Grants

*We continue to apply for additional grant funding to complete our recovery.*



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[www.jamestownmercantile.com](http://www.jamestownmercantile.com)



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