HOUSING RESEARCH & COMMUNITY PLANNING

Western Spaces, LLC

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OFFICES
Steamboat Springs and Copper Mountain, Colorado

SERVICE AREA
Colorado, New Mexico, Montana and the Mountain West

> Western Spaces is a housing research and planning firm in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. We pair demographic and market analysis with time spent in the community, so the numbers hold up and the plan gets used. Our clients are towns, counties, housing authorities, nonprofits and developers across Colorado and the Mountain West, all doing the hard work of keeping their communities housed.

Services

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

How many homes a community lacks, at what prices and for whom. Built to the state's SB24-174 guidelines, which we helped write.

HOUSING STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION

Action plans, code audits and the schedule to carry them out: who does what, by when and at what cost. Built to the state's action plan guide, which we helped write.

MARKET & FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

Demand studies for specific affordable developments, written for lenders, funders and grant reviewers.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Housing elements and comprehensive plans that tie housing to land use, transportation and the local economy.

POLICY GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

Guidance, compliance and training for state housing programs. We wrote the Proposition 123 guide and helped write the SB24-174 guidelines.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Workshops, working groups and surveys that fit a town's priorities, budget and staff.

Why Western Spaces?

WHERE WE WORK

Twenty years in Colorado's mountain and rural towns, and working relationships with DOLA, CHFA, CAST communities and the region's developers.

HOW WE WORK

Demographic projections, gap analyses and supply inventories, checked against what residents, employers and builders tell us. The findings stand up to review and lead to things a town can do.

Recent Work

HOUSING STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION

- Archuleta County Housing Action Plan
- Lake City/Hinsdale County Housing Plan & Phase 1 Implementation
- Delta Fast Track Program & Code Update
- Town of Frisco Housing Strategy & Land Use Analysis
- City of Cortez Housing Action Plan & Code Update
- Frisco Inclusionary & Linkage Fee Nexus Study
- San Miguel County Housing Code Update
- Eagle Affordable Housing Accelerator Project

POLICY GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

- DOLA SB24-174 Housing Action Plan Guidelines
- DOLA SB24-174 Housing Needs Assessment Guidelines
- Proposition 123 Compliance Guidelines
- Proposition 123 Technical Assistance & Outreach

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

- Region 9 HNA Technical Data Platform
- Columbia Falls Needs Assessment, MT
- Archuleta County HNA
- Gunnison Valley Regional HNA
- Summit School District HNA

MARKET & FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

- Riverwalk at Ouray Market Study
- Two Rivers Phase II Market Study, Salida
- Los Alamos Market Demand Study, NM
- Summit County Rental Market & Inventory Performance Analysis
- Crested Butte Market Rent Analysis
- Telluride Canyonlands Market Analysis
- Whetstone Market Study, Gunnison County
- Mountain Line Market Study, Flagstaff, AZ

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

- Town of Telluride Comprehensive Plan
- Summit County Comprehensive Plan
- Prowers County Comprehensive Plan

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