Arapahoe County worked alongside residents, business owners, and community partners for more than two years to create a shared vision for the future of Byers.

The updated Byers Subarea Plan will guide the community for the next 20 years, addressing future land use, economic development, transportation and access, open space and recreation, and ways to preserve the rural, small-town character residents value.

“This is a living document that will be critical to the future of Byers,” Arapahoe County Long Range Planning Manager Loretta Daniel said.

The plan includes strategies to:

- Preserve the rural and small-town character of Byers
- Manage future growth
- Attract small businesses and community amenities
- Improve the community’s appearance and infrastructure
- Maintain a strong sense of community and quality of life for families and older residents.

A major component of the project was updating the community’s future land use map, which had remained largely unchanged since the original Byers Subarea Plan was adopted in 2003. The new plan provides a framework for future decision-making while remaining flexible enough to adapt as circumstances change in the community of approximately 1,400 residents.

Led by Daniel and Planner Gretchen Ricehill, the project team began the update in spring 2023 with a strong emphasis on community involvement. The team hosted two open houses, conducted two community surveys, and worked closely with an advisory committee of Byers residents, business owners, and other stakeholders.

That input helped shape a plan grounded in the priorities of the people who live and work in Byers. The process culminated in the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners adopting the updated plan in December 2025.

Learn more and review the updated Byers Subarea Plan at arapahoeco.gov/byersplan.