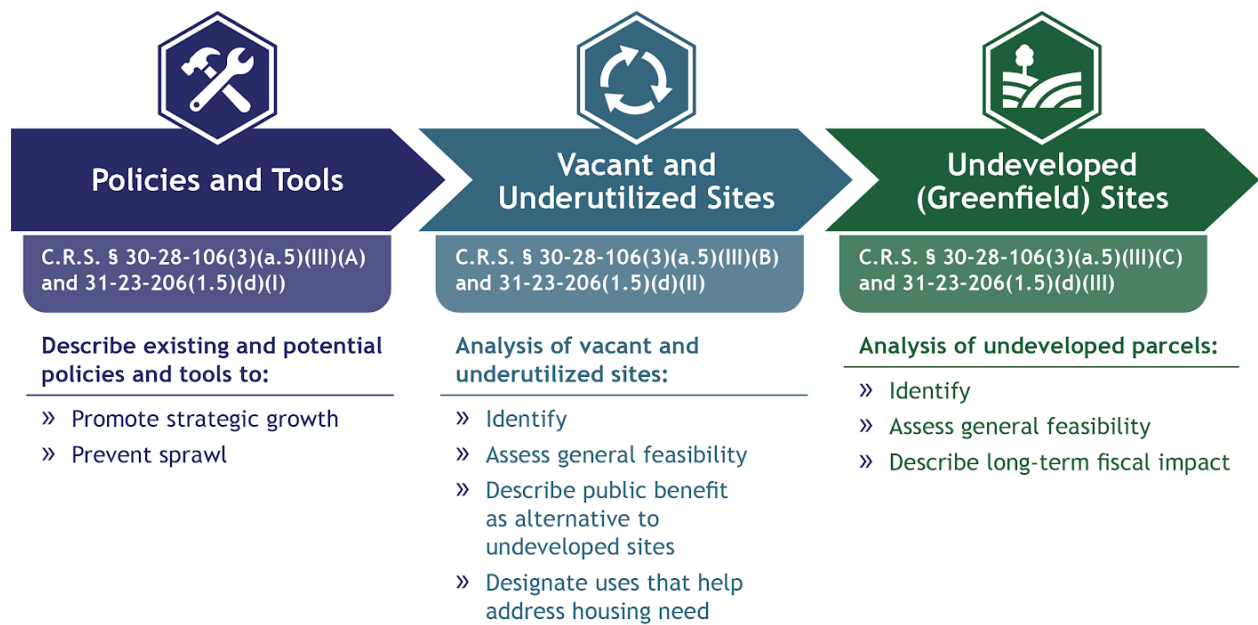


Strategic Growth Element Checklist

In 2024, the Colorado Legislative Assembly adopted SB24-174, which requires applicable municipal, county, and regional comprehensive plans to include a strategic growth element and a water supply element by **December 31, 2026** and submit it to DOLA. These elements **must be updated no less frequently than every five years**. This checklist is part of the Strategic Growth Element Guidance. DOLA also offers separate guidance for the water supply element.

Summary of Strategic Growth Elements Requirements



Checklist for Strategic Growth Elements Requirements

The following is a checklist for required components of strategic growth elements in comprehensive plans from Colorado statute. Communities have discretion in how they define terms, choose methods, set priorities, and integrate it into their comprehensive plan.

Component #1 - Policies and Tools

- ☐ A description of existing and potential policies and tools to promote strategic growth and prevent sprawl (Section 3.2.2)

Component #2 - Vacant and Underutilized Sites

- ☐ **Identifies vacant, partially vacant, and underutilized land** near existing or planned transit or job centers that could be used for infill development, redevelopment, and new development of housing;
- ☐ **Assesses the general feasibility of the development or redevelopment** of such sites for residential use based on existing and needed infrastructure, transportation capacity, access to public transit, and public facilities and services to serve such sites;
- ☐ **Describes the public benefits of the development or redevelopment** of such sites to the county or region as an alternative to the development of previously undeveloped natural or agricultural land;
- ☐ **Designates such sites** for which development or redevelopment is deemed to be generally feasible for future uses that include residential uses:
 - ☐ In a manner that is consistent with the comprehensive plan
 - ☐ **In a manner that addresses the demonstrated housing needs of the county or region at all income levels**

Component #3 - Undeveloped (greenfield) Sites

- ☐ Identifies previously undeveloped parcels that are
 - ☐ Not adjacent to developed land, including existing natural and agricultural land
 - ☐ Under consideration for future development; and
 - ☐ For a county, or region, or municipality in a metropolitan planning organization, land outside of census urban areas



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- ☐ Assesses the general feasibility of the development of such sites for residential use based on:
 - ☐ Existing and needed infrastructure
 - ☐ Transportation capacity
 - ☐ Access to public transit, and
 - ☐ Public facilities and services to serve such sites
- ☐ Describes the long-term fiscal impact to the county or region of:
 - ☐ The construction, ownership, maintenance, and replacement of infrastructure and public facilities; and
 - ☐ The provision of public services to serve development of such sites