Gunnison Design Charrette

University of Colorado Denver College of Architecture and Planning
Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority and Gunnison County
Process

2 Days
5 Design Sessions  40+ Participants
1 New Neighborhood
By addressing housing in the City of Gunnison, we are addressing the needs of Gunnison Valley as a whole.

**Housing Need**
- 960 housing units needed by 2020

**Workforce**
- 63% of the Valley workforce lives in South Valley

**Cost Burdened**
- 21.7% of households in South Valley are cost burdened
Target Audience

- Individuals making 80-110% of the AMI ($55k-$77k income levels)
- 23% of rents in Gunnison Valley fall in the 80-120% AMI range

01 | Young Couple / No Kids

02 | Young Couple / With Kids
Project Objectives

Our goal is to design a community that:

- Embraces the Colorado Lifestyle by providing opportunities to access the outdoors and some extra storage for gear.
- Allows young professionals and families to grow in place with permanent and long term housing.
- Is walkable, liveable, and sustainable
- Embraces the character of Gunnison and is respectful of surrounding context.
Clark Place Site

- 4.8 acre site
- Rock Creek to the west and Mountaineering Dr. to the south
- >10 minute walk from amenities including:
  - Gunnison Recreation Center
  - Parks and Trails
  - Western Colorado University
  - Grocery Stores
  - Restaurants, bars, and cafes
Clark Place Site

- Trail connection
- Secondary access
- Front porches
- Path to front doors of existing homes
- Irrigation ditches with riparian landscape
- Primary access
 Proposed Site

- Connections to future development
- Alleys for parking access
- 3-way stop at N. Colorado Street
- Amenitize trailhead and ditch
- Respect and respond to Rock Creek
Proposed Site