



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: URBAN RENEWAL



DEFINITIONS

Gentrification: a process of neighborhood change that includes economic change in a historically disinvested neighborhood by means of real estate investment and new higher-income residents moving in, as well as demographic change, in terms of income level, the education level, or racial make-up of residents. (from urbandisplacement.org)

Urban renewal: the process of making a poor area of a city attractive for people to live and work in again by building new houses, offices, schools, etc. and improving the existing ones or the improvement and sometimes replacement of buildings in a city, especially of whole neighbourhoods of housing.

(from *Cambridge Dictionary*)

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- How can we preserve a neighborhood's culture and history as it changes?
- What are the responsibilities of newcomers, developers, politicians, lenders, and long-time residents in changing neighborhoods like Stratton Meadows and Ivywild?
- What are the main causes and effects of gentrification?
- Do common associations with the term "gentrification" stifle thinking about ways to promote inclusive neighborhood change? Or do common associations with the word motivate people to think about ways to foster growth that is inclusive?
- What policies and programs can support neighborhood improvement that benefits long-time residents, renters and homeowners, as well as newcomers?
- What challenges does urban renewal have for us?
- What opportunities does urban renewal bring?

(adapted from cwc.umsl.edu/research/gentrificationcc_1_19-Final.pdf)

READ

- Urban Renewal Authority - Ivywild projects old.csurbanrenewal.org/csuraivywildneig.html
- Urban Renewal Authority - South Nevada projects csura.org/south-nevada-avenue.html
- *Build Ivywild: How awakening an old school is sustaining our world*, James R. Rennell and Lola S. Scobey. 711.5 F335B
- *Ivywild: a treasure filled neighborhood history*, by Molly Merry and Linda Johnson. 711.58 MERR 2015
- Will Colorado Springs grow good or grow bad? gazette.com/news/community-conversation-will-colorado-springs-grow-good-or-grow-bad/article_d6d542ee-3989-11ea-b71b-afe663922257.html

WATCH

Community Conversation: Will Colorado Springs grow good or grow bad? (sponsored by *Gazette*) - kktv.com/content/news/Community-Conversation-Will-Colorado-Springs-grow-good-or-grow-bad-567209061.html

LISTEN

Is it Gentrification or Revitalization? - wnycstudios.org/podcasts/takeaway/segments/it-gentrification-or-revitalization

EXPLORE

PlanCOS - coloradosprings.gov/plancos/page/plancos

Urban Displacement - urbandisplacement.org/gentrification-explained

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Ivywild Improvement Society - [facebook.com/IvywildImprovementSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/IvywildImprovementSociety/)

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Meadows Park Community Center - coloradosprings.gov/meadows-park-community-center

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