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ISET REPORT – FLOODS IN BOULDER: A STUDY IN RESILIENCE

As part of the resilience work being done in the community, the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET) International, recently published a report called “Floods in Boulder: A Study of Resilience.” The report, partially funded by the Red Cross and Rockefeller Foundation, is an evaluation of Boulder County communities and the resilience after the flood. The report highlights many successes of the city’s planning and emergency response efforts as well as several areas for further improvement. The study can be found here: <http://i-s-e-t.org/resources/case-studies/floods-in-boulder.html>

RESILIENCE AND “BOUNCING FORWARD”

As part of the city’s resilience effort through the Rockefeller Foundation’s 100 Resilient Cities initiative, city staff and the consulting team have been coordinating on sharing information and lessons from the flood. The kick-off workshop and public meeting for the initiative was held on April 28. Next steps include hiring an Assistant City Manager for Resilience, launching the resilience strategy process and holding a Study Session with City Council on August 26, 2014 regarding Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan scoping and resilience.

The city is also participating in the Long-Term Flood Recovery Group of Boulder County’s Resilience committee, which is helping to examine the resilience of Boulder County communities and to build on the learning and partnerships established countywide, and to work collectively towards becoming more resilient in the face of future natural disasters. This group will assist in planning a series of events and shared learning the week of the one-year anniversary of the floods in September 2014.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING KIT

The city has launched a neighborhood preparedness and flood recovery “meeting-in-a-box” toolkit for neighborhoods, associations, and business organizations to help learn and prepare for the future. Registrations and materials requests are online at <https://bouldercolorado.gov/water/flood-preparedness-meetings-in-a-box>

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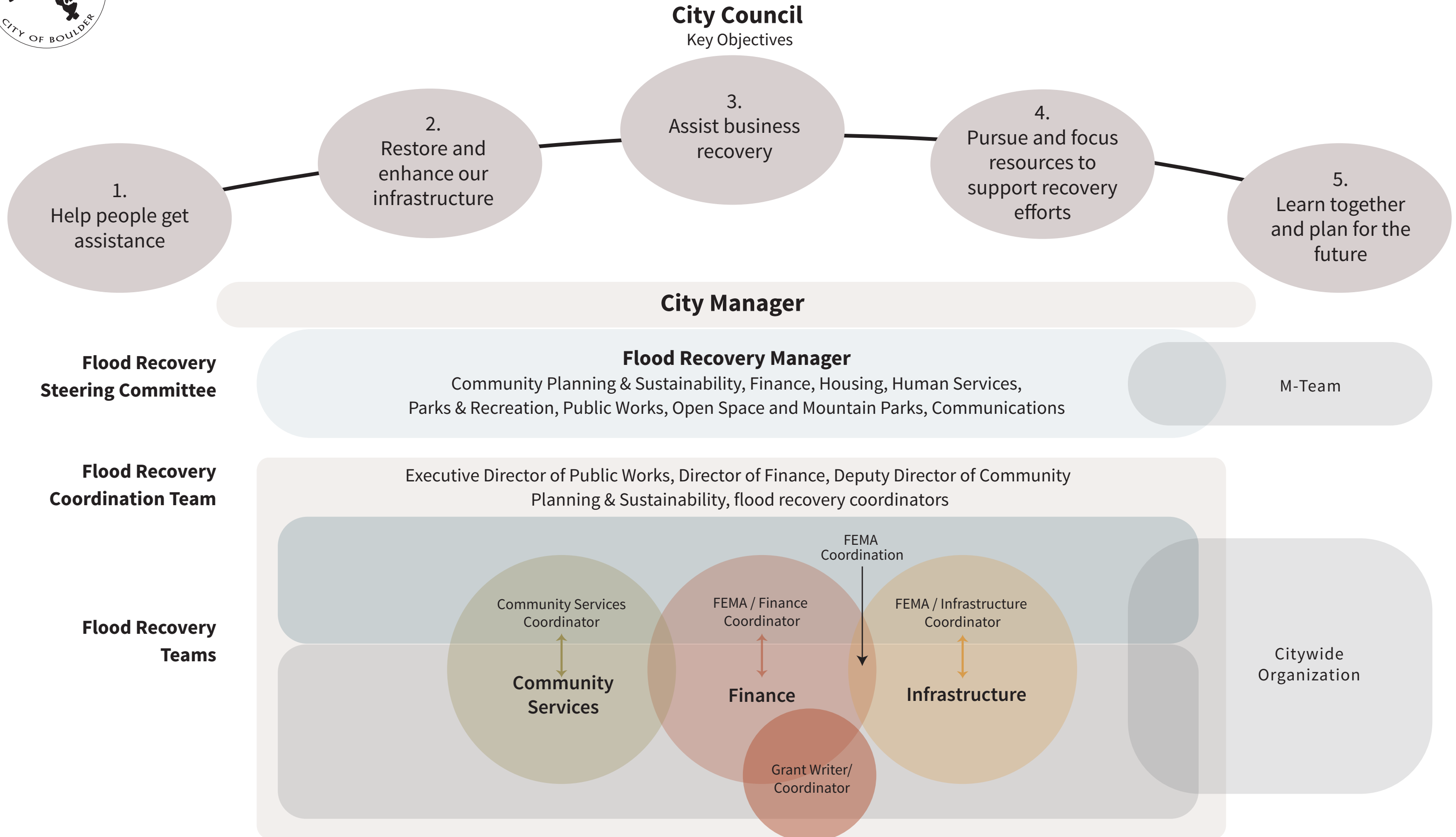
- Completed the Flood Survey with 1,311 responses.
- Completed two public open houses and preparedness presentations by the city and Office of Emergency Management. The presentation can be viewed here: <http://vimeo.com/92368226>

Header photos taken at the April 2, 2014 Flood Preparedness + Recovery open house.



City of Boulder Flood Recovery Structure*

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*This diagram shows the city's internal long-term flood recovery structure. It is important to note that while not shown on this diagram, long-term flood recovery efforts interrelate to emergency preparedness and response, and resilience planning efforts.

