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The Town of Windsor has adopted corridor plans that address development in the downtown area, the east and west portions of Main Street, the north SH 257 area and the I-25 corridor. The intent of these corridor plans is to achieve a high level of architectural design, building materials, landscape and site design to ensure the long-term vitality of these areas through quality development and redevelopment.

The photographs of good examples and text contained herein are intended to provide guidance and direction for renovations and proposed new construction of commercial sites throughout Windsor.

The information contained in this brochure is intended to provide general guidance regarding the Town's requirements for quality commercial architecture and is not intended to be all-inclusive. To view an online version of the Windsor Municipal Code and Corridor Plans, please visit the Town of Windsor website at www.windsorgov.com. For a paper copy of specific requirements or questions, please contact the Town of Windsor Planning Department at (970) 686-7476.



Exterior building materials and colors comprise a significant part of the visual impact of a building, therefore, they should be aesthetically pleasing.





Façade colors shall be low reflectance, subtle, neutral or earth tone colors. The use of high-intensity colors, metallic colors, black or fluorescent colors is prohibited.





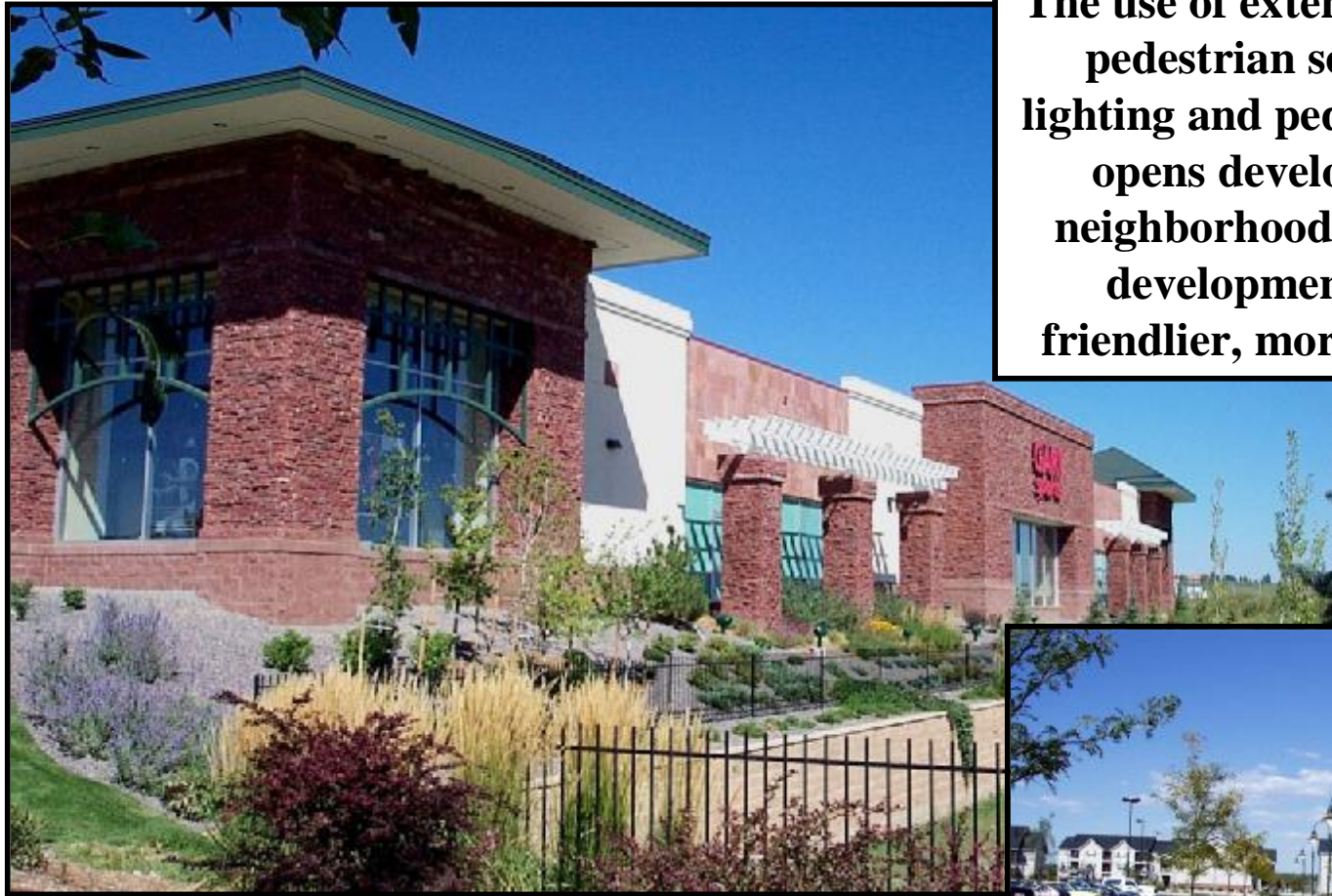
Facades should be articulated to provide visual interest. Building facades should have arcades, display windows, entry areas, awnings and include repeating patterns that include multiple elements such as color, texture and materials.



Downtown in-fill and redevelopment projects should reflect the historic nature of the downtown area.

Repeating elements such as towers and variations in roof lines should be used to add interest and reduce the scale of buildings. Other roof elements should include parapets concealing flat roofs and rooftop equipment from public view, overhanging eaves, sloping roofs and multiple roof slope planes.





The use of extensive landscaping, pedestrian scale decorative lighting and pedestrian amenities opens developments to the neighborhood and enables the development to project a friendlier, more inviting image.





Ground floor facades should include arcades, display windows, entry areas, awnings or other such features.



A combination of architectural features, site features and pedestrian amenities adds to the overall interest and perception of quality & vitality in a project.

