

This land possesses a rich history of  
**CONNECTION & GROWTH.**

Many different cultures have flowed through and settled on this site for thousands of years due to abundance from the rivers. Descendants of the Ute, Arapaho, and Cheyenne nations maintain ties to this land.

The Peace and Healing Garden will begin to restore an understanding for what this place meant to so many who occupied it before.



"The Garden, 54 years into the displacement, will be designed to provide a sense of spiritual, physical, and emotional healing not only for the displaced and their descendants but all others on the campus needing

**A PLACE FOR REST,  
REFLECTION & MEDITATION."**

- Virginia Castro, Auraria Historical  
Advocacy Council President



In the late 1960s,  
Denver's Urban Renewal Authority  
**DISPLACED THE COMMUNITY**

making way for Auraria Campus. A single block on Historic Ninth Street Park is the only remaining remnant of the now-gone neighborhood.

The Peace and Healing Garden will honor those who lived and passed through these spaces across the generations.



The proposed 7,000 sq.ft. Peace and Healing Garden is a beautiful space for tranquil reflection. A looped pathway and alternating zones of open and enclosed spaces will be immersed in xeric, native plantings of perennials, grasses, deciduous and evergreen trees.





"Denver in 1859," painted ca 1891

In the 1920s, this area, known as

## OLD WESTSIDE,

was a neighborhood of 300+ primarily Latino/Hispanic families who worked, worshiped, and raised their children in a safe community.

The Peace and Healing Garden will interweave displaced ecologies & people into a shared territory by laying a foundation of High Plains planting to celebrate Indigenous cultures, punctuated with plants cherished by Displaced Aurarians.



*Together, we can create a place for rest, reflection, & meditation in the heart of Auraria Campus.*

[www.ahec.edu/auraria/historic-auraria/peace-and-healing-garden](http://www.ahec.edu/auraria/historic-auraria/peace-and-healing-garden)



The vision for the Peace & Healing Garden is the result of an ongoing collaboration between the Auraria Historical Advocacy Council, Displaced Aurarians and their descendants, and staff from Auraria Higher Education Center, Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and University of Colorado Denver. Design by Didier Design Studio.



# PEACE & HEALING GARDEN FOR AURARIA CAMPUS