



A Powerful Scenario-Based Assessment and Planning Tool

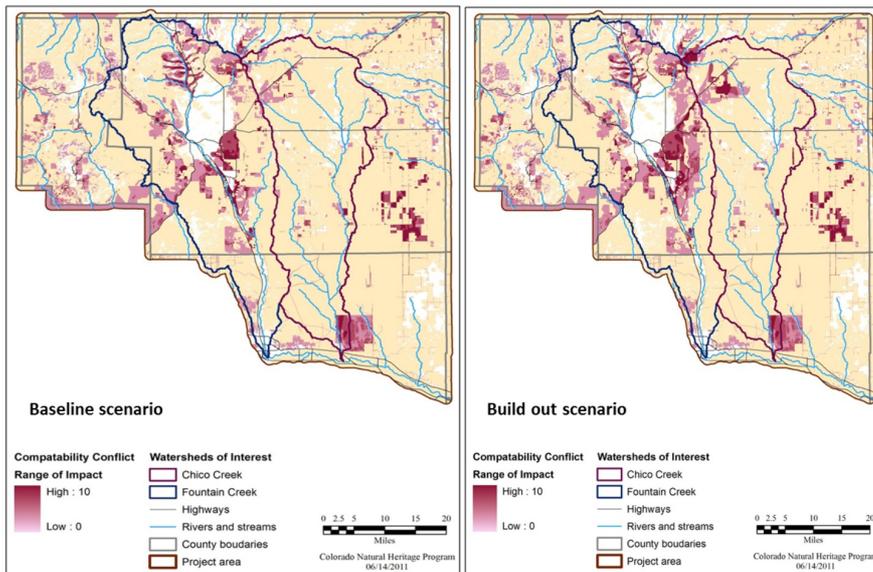
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## Vista in Action

### Long-Range Transportation Planning in Pikes Peak

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) developed and adopted both a long range transportation plan and an integrated regional mitigation plan to guide their future development, while avoiding impacts to the environment.

NatureServe Vista was used to analyze the ecological impacts of various transportation and development scenarios. The tool provided outputs to identify priority areas for conservation and mitigation in the region. The results led to the development of land-use scenarios and ultimately, PPACG's preferred development plan.



Comparison of PPACG scenario evaluations in Vista. Left is the current or baseline scenario of actual land use and infrastructure. Right is the build out scenario based on current plans. Tan areas have conservation elements (e.g. habitats) that have met their retention goals under the scenario and/or have no conflict in those locations. Pink to red areas are where conservation elements occur that have not met their goals and are in conflict with features in the scenario at those locations. The darker the shade of red, the greater the number of elements in conflict.

*I really like the software, I think it's a great way to organize a great deal of data and very easily build a planning project, which can be used and updated by diverse stakeholders. Although documenting of decisions along the process can be a time-consuming process, it really helps to make sure all are transparent and justified and/or supported.*

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