



OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND TRAILS



Arapahoe County Community Guide **2010**





Mapping out a **Greener** Future

Our Mission

Enhancing your quality of life through exceptional delivery of services and efficient use of public funds.

Our Vision

Arapahoe County
First in Colorado, First in Service
Your County of Choice

Our Values

To achieve our vision, we dedicate ourselves to:
Service First
Excellent Quality
Responsive Government
Visionary Thinking
Innovation
Caring Leadership
Effective Communication
Fiscal Responsibility
Integrity
Respect for Others
Safety
Teamwork



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In celebration of Arbor Day, volunteers helped plant trees and shrubs along the Cherry Creek Trail.

Volunteers Make a Difference

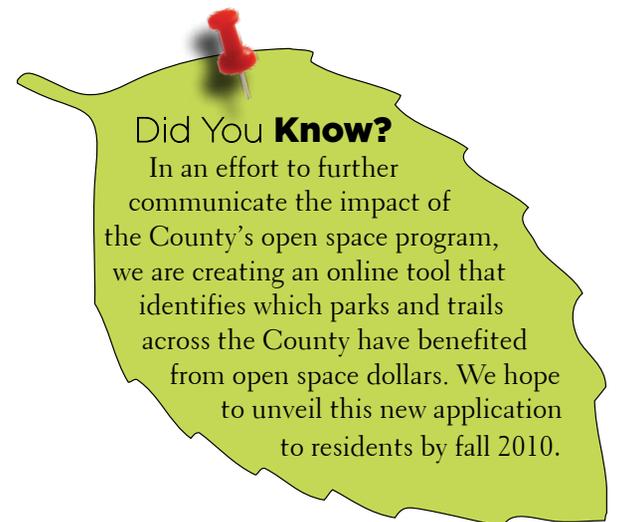
Residents donated more than 7,700 hours for open space, park and trail improvements in 2009, saving the County more than \$150,000. Projects included planting trees, removing trash, managing noxious weeds, and more.

These volunteers not only save the County maintenance costs but are directly involved in enhancing wildlife habitat and stabilizing the local stream banks. The impact volunteers have on our community is enormous.

To become a volunteer call Val Purser, Arapahoe County Volunteer Connections, at 303-738-7938.

“Open space and parks are necessary to our quality of life in the urban setting and essential for the continued existence of wildlife threatened by loss of habitat.”

~ Dala G.



Did You **Know?**

In an effort to further communicate the impact of the County's open space program, we are creating an online tool that identifies which parks and trails across the County have benefited from open space dollars. We hope to unveil this new application to residents by fall 2010.



A family and their furry friend enjoy a stroll on the Mary Carter Greenway Trail.



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Dear citizens of Arapahoe County,

Thanks to the generous voters who approved the 2003 Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax, tremendous strides have been made to protect the County's unique lands and natural resources and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities through parks and trails.

County open space funds supported numerous exciting projects in your neighborhoods between June 2009 and May 2010. Throughout this publication, you will find maps that visually identify the location of these park, trail and open space projects. For your convenience, we've broken the County into three areas: western, middle and eastern. These maps also serve as guides for those who wish to see – firsthand – the progress of these projects.

In 2009, the County embarked on the development of its Open Space Master Plan in close partnership with citizens, who participated in public meetings and provided input on specific open space, park and trail needs. This plan is *Mapping out a Greener Future* and providing clear goals for reaching a shared vision of the future of our open spaces and parks.

We firmly believe that investing in open space has long-term, positive impacts that go beyond recreational activities. Local and national experience confirms that for every \$1 invested in open space conservation and protection, there is a \$3 benefit to the community in the form of economic development, increasing home values, infrastructure savings, such as water quality and flood-hazard reduction and other tangible results.

These returns on public funds make the Open Space program one of the best investments that County can make in creating sustainable communities.

Over the next year, we invite you to invest some time in discovering how our parks, trails and open space can benefit your health and happiness. Explore nature beyond your door, and share about your experiences by email to openspace@co.arapahoe.co.us. Your testimonials may very well brighten our next annual report.



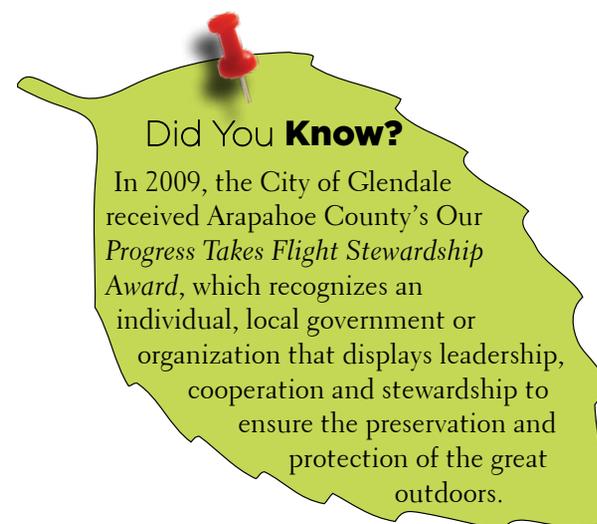
Glendale Receives 2009 Arapahoe County Stewardship Award

Pictured from left to right: Glendale Council Member Steven St. James, Commissioner Jim Dyer, Steve Mast, Glendale Mayor Larry Hart, Commissioner Susan Beckman, Glendale City Manager Jerry Peters, Glendale Deputy City Manager Chuck Line and Commissioners Pat Noonan, Rod Bockenfeld and Frank Weddig.

With your support and that of our local cities and other partners, we will continue working toward enriching the quality of life for county residents and creating a greener legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,

*Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners
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Overview

In 2003, generous voters created the Arapahoe County Open Space program by approving Question 1A: Water, Wildlife, Open Space, Trails and Neighborhood Park measure, which established a .25 percent sales and use tax to fund the program.

For every \$100 dollars spent in Arapahoe County, 25 cents is used to:

- Preserve urban and rural open space and natural lands
- Protect land that preserves water quality
- Maintain and improve parks, sports fields, picnic facilities and trails
- Protect wildlife habitat and corridors
- Protect views, vistas and ridgelines
- Preserve agricultural and ranch lands
- Enhance designated heritage areas

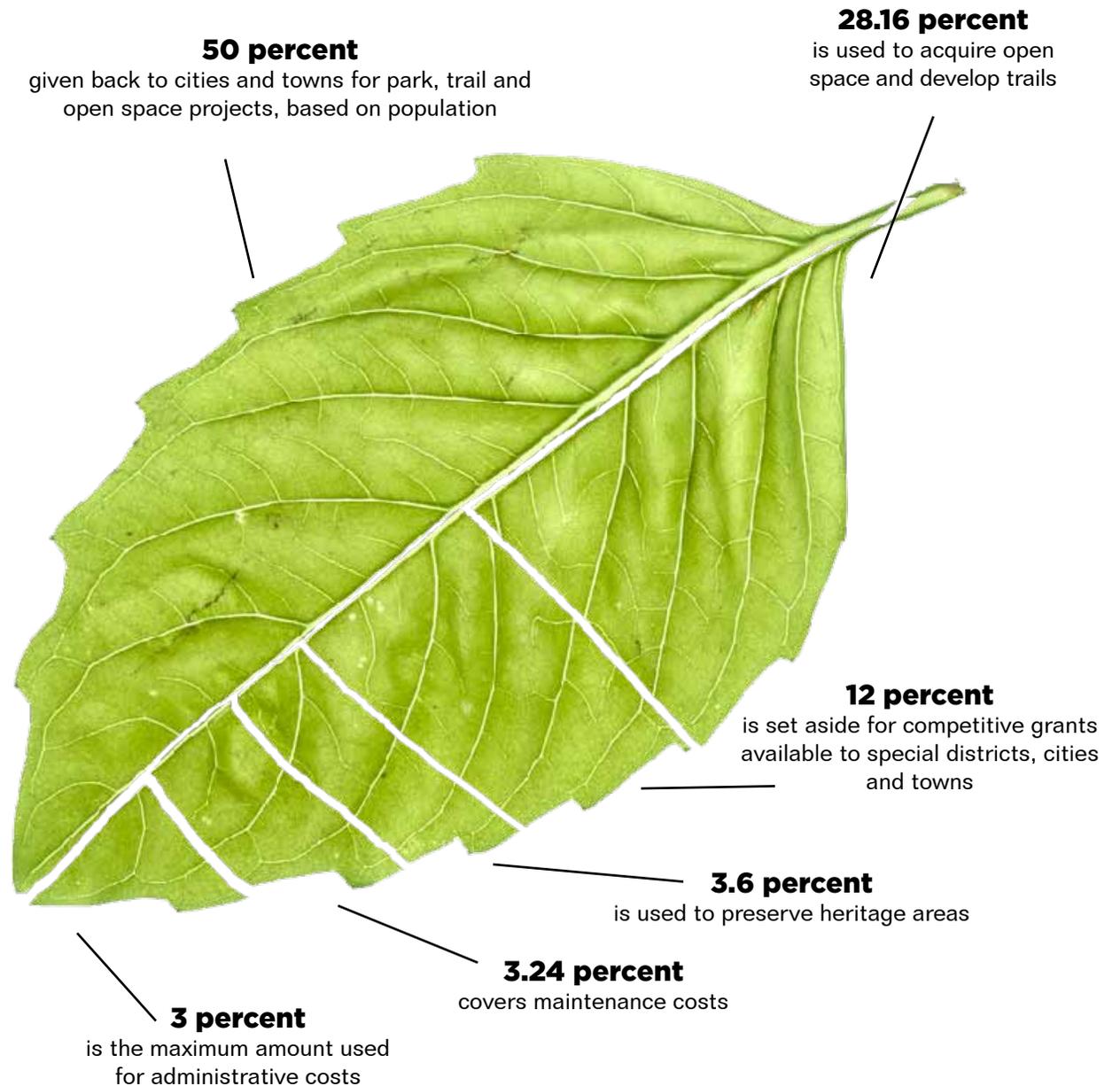
In 2009, Arapahoe County distributed \$9.4 million in shareback funds, which was divided among the following cities and towns to help enhance their parks, trails and open spaces. To learn more about how these funds are being used in your neighborhood, contact your city or town.

• Aurora	\$5,382,396
• Bennett	\$6,301
• Centennial	\$1,987,585
• Cherry Hills Village	\$123,028
• Columbine Valley	\$25,281
• Deer Trail	\$11,436
• Englewood	\$639,433
• Foxfield	\$15,544
• Glendale	\$94,113
• Greenwood Village	\$279,356
• Littleton	\$767,537
• Sheridan	\$107,089



Arapahoe County Open Space Funds

Revenue from the Open Space sales and use tax is designated for specific uses. Here is a breakdown of how funding is spent.



“Your 2008 annual report was very informative and certainly gave me a better appreciation of the Open Space program.”

~Jon S. Glendale Resident

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Master Plan



In July 2009, Arapahoe County embarked on the creation of an Open Space Master Plan that was to build upon program accomplishments and provide a 100-year vision for the preservation of open space that will include a blueprint that can be implemented over the next five and 25 years.

The process included extensive public participation where more than 3,000 residents and stakeholders wanted more trails, trail connections, protection of water quality and wildlife corridors, and the preservation of open space, farms and ranch lands in the rural eastern plains of Arapahoe County.

Arapahoe County's 70-mile width has what residents refer to as an "east and west" culture, with the west being predominantly urban, and the east being rural and less populated. The framework for implementing the Master Plan recognizes three distinct areas of the County: western, middle and eastern.

Western

The focus for the western third of the County is placed on "closing gaps" in the existing open space, parks and trails system to meet residents' current and future needs.

Middle

For the middle third, where land development and growth is occurring, the goal is to establish a "greenprint" comprised of conserved land and water resources, as well as an interconnected network of open space, parks and trails, to define a framework for accommodating growth.

Eastern

The eastern third will remain predominantly rural during the next 25 years, so the County will work with rural landowners and communities to conserve land and water resources to ensure a viable rural lifestyle and enable landowners who wish to continue farming and ranching activities.

Open Space Mission and Vision

Mission: Protect Arapahoe County's treasured parks, trails and open space for residents to enjoy today and forever.

Vision:

Healthy Lands
Healthy Communities
Healthy People

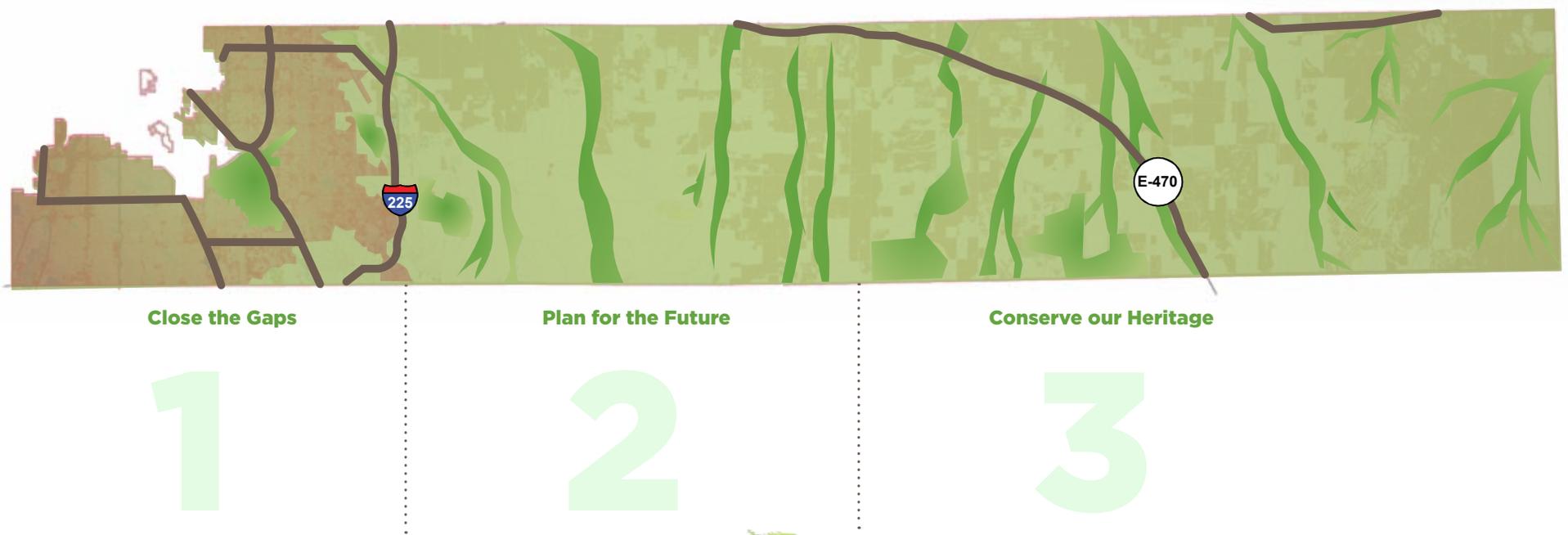
Healthy Lands – diverse, highly-valued natural and heritage landscapes are protected and maintained.

Healthy Communities – these lands and trails support a vibrant economy, improve the County's distinctive quality of life, property values and ensures that Arapahoe County remains "Your County of Choice" for businesses, families and retirees.

Healthy People – residents have high quality and safe access to land, trails and waters for recreation that promotes healthy lifestyles and a sense of place.

"I had a narrow view of open space prior to reviewing the County's Open Space Master Plan, which has broadened my view of what's possible. Open space and the preservation of riparian corridors are critical to any community."

~Barry L. Aurora Resident



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Close the Gaps

Expanding the Urban Oasis of the South Platte

Runners, bikers, walkers and disabled fishing/trail enthusiasts will soon enjoy more open space enhancements along the South Platte River. As part of the South Platte Greenway Legacy Project, 19 government agencies and special districts have made an enormous impact along the corridor – expanding the urban oasis of the South Platte River, improving wildlife habitat and enhancing trail connections for people in Western Arapahoe County. Here are some of the group’s projects that received County Open Space dollars between June 2009 - 2010.

A Buffer to South Platte Park

Arapahoe County committed up to \$655,000 as a significant match toward the City of Littleton’s purchase of the 7.8 acre Ensor property, which will be used for public open space, serving as a greenway buffer for South Platte Park in Littleton. Partners include Great Outdoors Colorado (\$1.17 million), the City of Littleton (\$815,200), South Suburban Park and Recreation District (\$370,000), and South Metro Land Conservancy (\$15,000).

B Big Dry Creek Open Space



Arapahoe County committed up to \$330,000 as a partial match toward the South Suburban Park & Recreation District purchase of the Big Dry Creek Open Space, 2.92 acres along the Big Dry Creek Regional Trail in Littleton. This land will be used for open space, trail access and outdoor recreation.

Partners include the Trust for Public Land, Great Outdoors Colorado (\$340,000) South Suburban (\$280,000) and the City of Littleton (\$50,000).

Grab your own Trails Map from the South Suburban Park Foundation and discover the wonderful hiking and biking trails in Western Arapahoe County today! Visit www.sspf.org

C Enhancing South Platte Park

Arapahoe County committed up to \$160,000 for trail-related projects at South Platte Park in Littleton that will support the addition of a handicap fishing pier and dual trail, handicap river access and educational signage. Other additions include energy efficiency upgrades to the Carson Nature Center, landscaping, restroom and picnic shelter installation.

Additional funding included South Suburban Park and Recreation District (\$585,000), Great Outdoors Colorado (\$325,000), Colorado Division of Wildlife Fishing is Fun Grant (\$113,000), and the City of Littleton (\$104,000).

D Purchasing Open Space

Arapahoe County committed up to \$130,000 as a partial match toward the purchase of 2.27 acres at the junction of Big Dry Creek and the South Platte River. The property has been used as a dry goods auto salvage trading business, firewood lot and storage facility, but will be transformed in coming years by South Suburban Park and Recreation District into an open space park and trail access point, providing excellent access to the Big Dry Creek Regional Trail and Mary Carter Greenway from Santa Fe Drive.

Partners include the Trust for Public Land, Great Outdoors Colorado (\$242,500), South Suburban Park and Recreation District (\$185,000), City of Littleton (\$185,000), and Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (\$50,000).

E Orphan Property Acquisition

With an Arapahoe County grant of \$74,200, Englewood will purchase .719 acres of land along the South Platte River to create a trailhead, pavilion and trail connections to Big Dry Creek Trail, the South Platte River pedestrian bridge and Mary Carter Greenway.



Did You **Know?**

The Mary Carter Greenway includes a 10-mile multi-use trail and whitewater boating facilities along the South Platte River from Denver to Chatfield State Park and is enjoyed by 700,000+ users each year? In addition to the trail, the greenway includes rest areas, interpretive sites, restaurants and businesses.

F Centennial Park Ballfield Lighting

Englewood also received a grant of \$67,400 for the installation of lights at the Centennial Park’s ballfields to increase play time after dark to meet the needs of community sports associations.

G Preserving Open Space at Lee Gulch

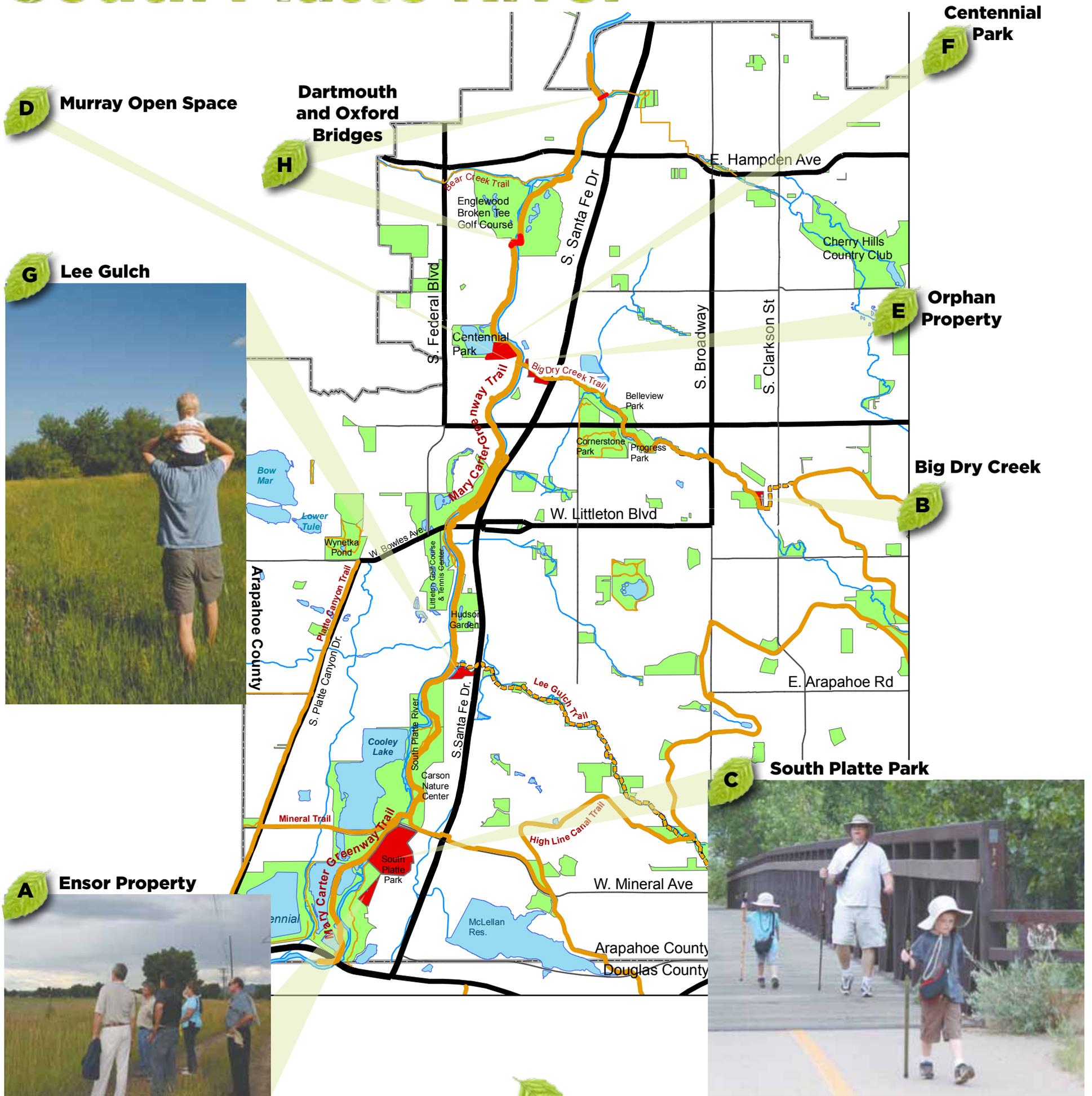
Arapahoe County demonstrated its pledge to Preserve and Protect native land, wildlife habitat and greenway buffers by committing up to \$105,000 to the City of Littleton as a partial match toward the purchase of the Lee Gulch property, 5.48 acres intended for open space, trails and outdoor recreation in Littleton.

H Bridges for Trail Users

Pedestrians and bikers on the Little Dry Creek Trail now avoid heavy on-street traffic thanks to the new Dartmouth Bridge built by the City of Englewood, Arapahoe County and Great Outdoors Colorado. The project also included a bridge north of Oxford Avenue to increase trail user safety along the Mary Carter Greenway.



South Platte River



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Close the Gaps

The Cherry Creek Trail which runs from Douglas County to Confluence Park in Denver is one the metro area's most treasured trails and yet there are sections missing where trail users must get on streets to continue. In 2009, 20 members of the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group pledged to work together to beautify and enhance the regional trail corridor by adding open space buffers and closing gaps in the trail.

Twenty-six projects have been identified for future work. In the meantime, there's plenty to do and see along Cherry Creek. Here are some areas that received open space funding between June 2009 – 2010.

A 17 Mile House Farm Park

8181 S. Parker Rd, Centennial

Residents can step back in time during a visit to the 17 Mile House Farm Park. This 70-acre County Designated Heritage Area includes an 1860s mile house, silo and barn along the historic Cherokee Trail stage coach route to Denver. Tours available by appointment. Call 720-874-6826.

Facelift for Historic 17 Mile House Farm Park

The County's historic 17 Mile House Farm Park will receive a facelift thanks to a \$175,000 grant for building rehabilitation from the State Historical Fund. The County is matching the grant with \$112,600 of Open Space funds.

Restoration includes stabilizing existing floors, updating plumbing and electrical, adding period-specific fixtures including a kitchen, doors, etc. and adding an ADA accessible bathroom. The goal is to create a period-specific house museum complete with exhibits and educational displays for the public to enjoy.



B Broncos Parkway Trailhead

By autumn, bikers, hikers and dog walkers will have a new location to park and get on the Cherry Creek Trail. Arapahoe County recently awarded Parker Jordan Metropolitan District with \$53,000 to support the completion of the Broncos Parkway Trailhead near Parker Road.

C Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park

7500 Jasper Ct., Centennial, 80112

Step into a natural riparian area right in the middle of town and learn about the native plant and wildlife species that thrive in this 75-acre educational nature preserve along the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. The park also provides American with Disabilities Act accessible trails, covered picnic gazebo and restrooms.

D Creekside Park Addition



Glendale received a \$207,800 grant to convert roughly 3 acres into a landscaped park that expands Creekside Park and connects with the Cherry Creek Trail.



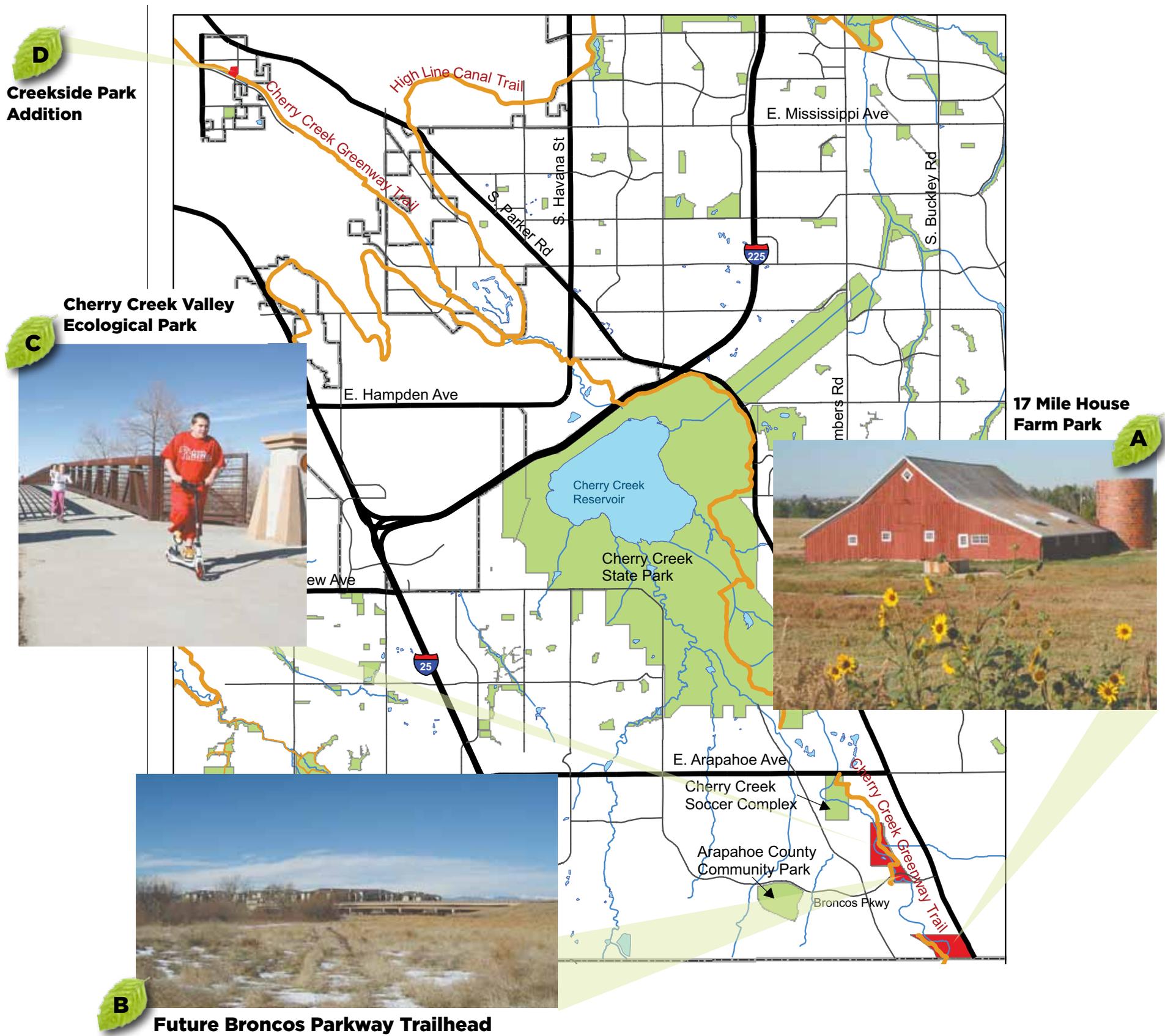
Did You Know?

The 17 Mile House has a long and significant history? When the 1859-1860 gold rush resulted in the large-scale settlement of Colorado, six way stations emerged along the Cherry Creek to accommodate travelers. These mile houses were located every two to three miles along the Cherokee/Smoky Hill Trails, and were named based on the distance to the intersection of Colfax Avenue and Broadway in Denver.

Upon arrival, travelers could get meals, spend the night, rest their animals and have minor repairs made to their coaches or wagons. Out of the original six miles houses, only 17 Mile House and 4 Mile House exist in their entirety today.

Accounts of the colorful history of the 17-Mile House abound – including the use of the red barn as the first Brown Swiss dairy in the region; a gunfight inside the tavern house resulting from a card game gone sour; and the use of the site as “Farm of the Future” outdoor convention in the 1940's, drawing several thousand farmers as attendees.

Cherry Creek Trail



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Close the Gaps

On April 9, Arapahoe County invited 19 municipalities and agencies that serve the 66 miles of terrain along the 125-year old High Line Canal to establish the High Line Corridor Working Group.

Our goal is to work together to make future improvements, such as adding open space buffers and enhancing trails to create a legacy for the High Line and change the face of the regionally significant corridor forever.

Here are some areas that received open space funding between June 2009 – 2010.

A Marjorie Perry Nature Preserve

Those who enjoy visiting the Marjorie Perry Nature Preserve will soon have more ways to connect with nature now that Greenwood Village received a \$178,700 grant to provide a water access point, interpretive signage and trail construction and re-vegetation.

B High Line Canal Management Plan

In an effort to look at long-term preservation of the High Line, Arapahoe County gave Aurora \$250,000 to conduct a management plan on 16.6 miles of the Canal to determine solutions for how Aurora and its funding partners can best preserve the canal and trail corridor into the future.

Did You Know?

The High Line Canal, designated as a National Landmark Trail, provides 66 miles of hiking, biking, jogging and horseback riding opportunities for residents?

It was completed in 1883 to deliver irrigation water and has become a major recreational amenity, shaded by a canopy of cottonwood trees and native shrubs. Today, the canal is owned and



C Chambers Road Underpass

Trail users will soon enjoy improved public access and safety along the High Line Canal at Chambers Road where Aurora will use \$673,000 in County open space funds to excavate and develop the existing underpass and re-align the trail to better serve residents.



D Triple Creek Greenway Study

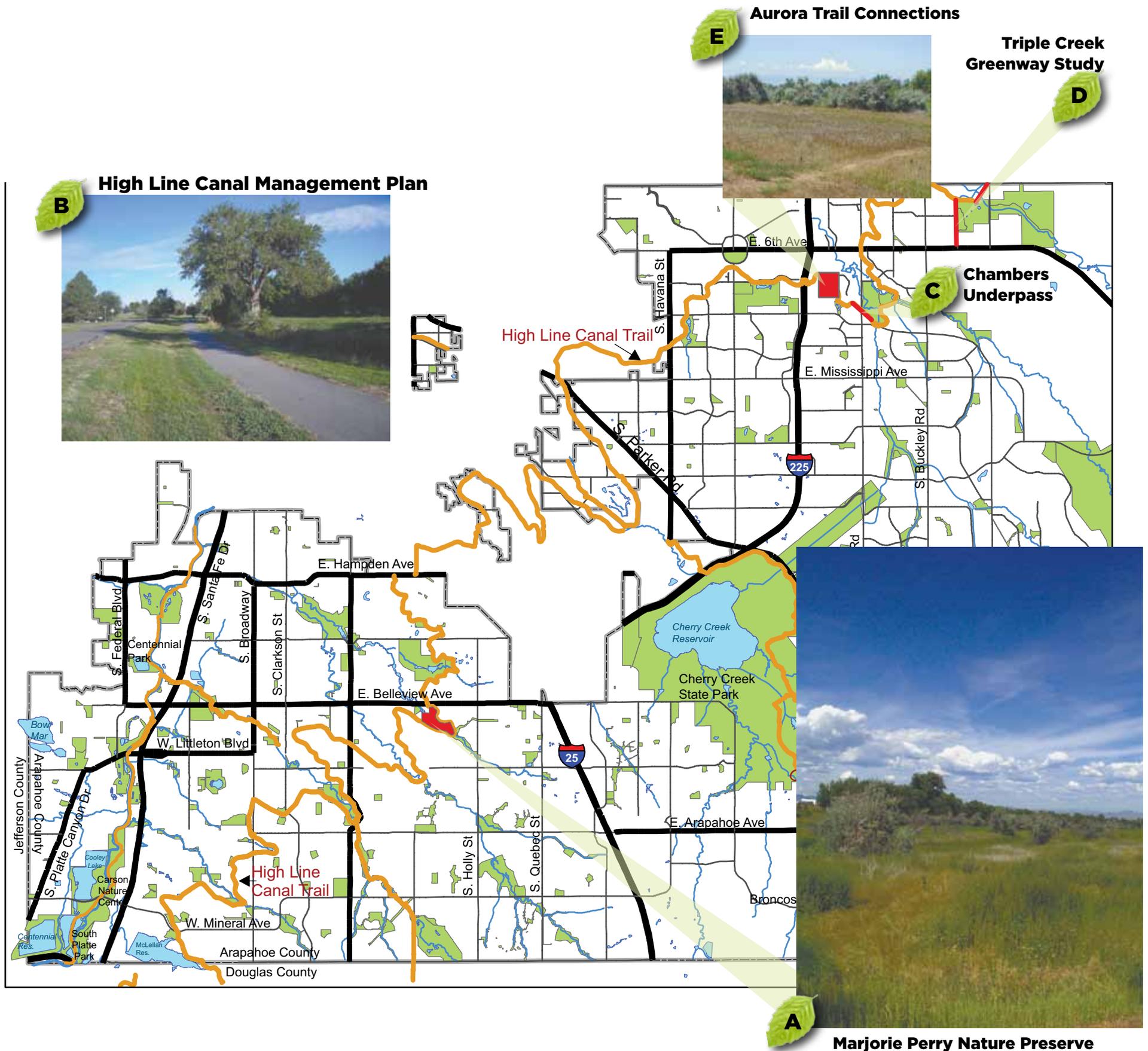
Providing residents with a nearly 16 mile, regionally significant trail system for public access and enjoyment is Aurora's goal for the Triple Creek Greenway. The City will use \$155,000 in County open space funds to do a study to define the trail corridor and determine linkages for an interconnected greenway along three creek corridors: Sand Creek, Coal Creek and Senac Creek. The study also will consider the alignment of a "spur" trail to connect to the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park.

E Aurora Trail Connections

With \$100,000 of County open space funds, Aurora will build a trail extension/creek crossing to connect the High Line Canal Trail and Sand Creek Trail to the Sand Creek Regional Greenway. This future connection also will link Sand Creek to the Aurora Sports Park Complex.

The City of Aurora owns and maintains a large variety of the parks and trails in the western and middle areas of the County. To find opportunities in your neighborhood call 303-739-7160 to request Aurora's Parks, Trail and Open Space Map.

High Line Canal



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Close the Gaps

Neighborhood and community parks are a staple for county residents. They are home to birthday parties, afternoon picnics, family play time and a refuge from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

There are hundreds of parks throughout Arapahoe County, most of which are owned and operated by cities and recreation districts. During the past six years, Open Space Shareback and Grant funds have helped to create new parks and renovate others.

Open Space Grants

In 2009, Arapahoe County awarded \$2.2 million in competitive grants to help cities and recreation districts complete 12 open space, parks and trails projects. Most of these projects are presented below or can be found throughout this guide.

A East Elementary Project \$133,600

This project will renovate three playgrounds at East Elementary School and Park, which is heavily used as a neighborhood park and organized sports facility during non-school hours. This is a cooperative effort of Littleton Public Schools, South Suburban Park and Recreation District, City of Littleton, East Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and local businesses and service clubs.

B Puma Park Renovation \$250,000

South Suburban Park and Recreation will renovate the park's shelter, ballfield backstops and inefficient sprinkler system, damaged walkways and install spectator bleachers and dugouts for the ballfields.

C deKoevend Park Renovation \$250,000

Kids are loving South Suburban Park and Recreation's new age-appropriate playgrounds and picnic shelter at deKoevend Park.



D Piney Creek Hollow Park Phase III \$170,000

Arapahoe Park and Recreation District is planting trees and building a large multiuse field, picnic shelter and trail turnaround at the 46-acre Piney Creek Hollow Park.

E Larkspur Neighborhood \$250,000

Located in the Saddle Rock neighborhood, this will be the City of Aurora's first "sustainable park" that preserves the natural beauty and diversity of the riparian corridor along Piney Creek.

F Woodie Hollow Park Restoration \$25,100

Residents and their horses are welcome to enjoy the recently renovated Woodie Hollow Park Horse Arena that showcases the unique equestrian and rural culture of Cherry Hills Village.



G Orchard Road Undercrossing \$250,000

Folks will no longer have to cross busy Orchard Road once Greenwood Village builds an undercrossing and trail beneath Orchard Road to link Tommy Davis Park and Orchard Hills Park.



Arapahoe County Parks

Residents are invited to visit and enjoy the unique features of Arapahoe County's parks that can be found throughout this guide. More than 125,000 residents visited one or more of the parks in 2009. Each park offers something different, so pack a picnic or grab your bike and visit one today.

H Arapahoe County Community Park

7900 S. Potomac St., Centennial

From spring to fall, this park is filled with athletes young and old. The 78-acre active sports park serves recreational baseball, volleyball, soccer and football players and more with 11 athletic fields, two lighted ballfields, five picnic pavilions, four sand volleyball courts, playground, restrooms and walking and biking trail.

I Tsistsistas-Hinono'einihi' Park

9200 E. Iowa Ave, Denver (Unincorp. Arapahoe County) While that's its official name, most folks find it easier to call it the Cheyenne/Arapaho Park. These five acres honor the Plains Native American tribes with a Cheyenne/Arapaho inspired sculpture, council gathering ring, grass play area and two connected walking trails with park benches.

J Welch Park - 9015 E. Jewel Circle, Denver (Unincorporated Arapahoe County) Kids enjoy the Americans with Disabilities accessible playground, grass play area, picnic pavilion and loop walking trail at this 3.66-acre neighborhood park.

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Plan for the Future

With its large expanse of undeveloped land, access via E-470 and other road corridors, the middle portion of the County is a future “growth and development” zone.

In order to meet the demands that accompany increased population and the need for land, Arapahoe County is working with our partner cities and districts to take proactive steps to conserve and protect vital open space resources that will ensure an adequate supply of natural landscapes, parks and trails to meet future needs, shape new development patterns and define a quality living environment for future generations.

Here are some areas that received open space funding between June 2009 – 2010.

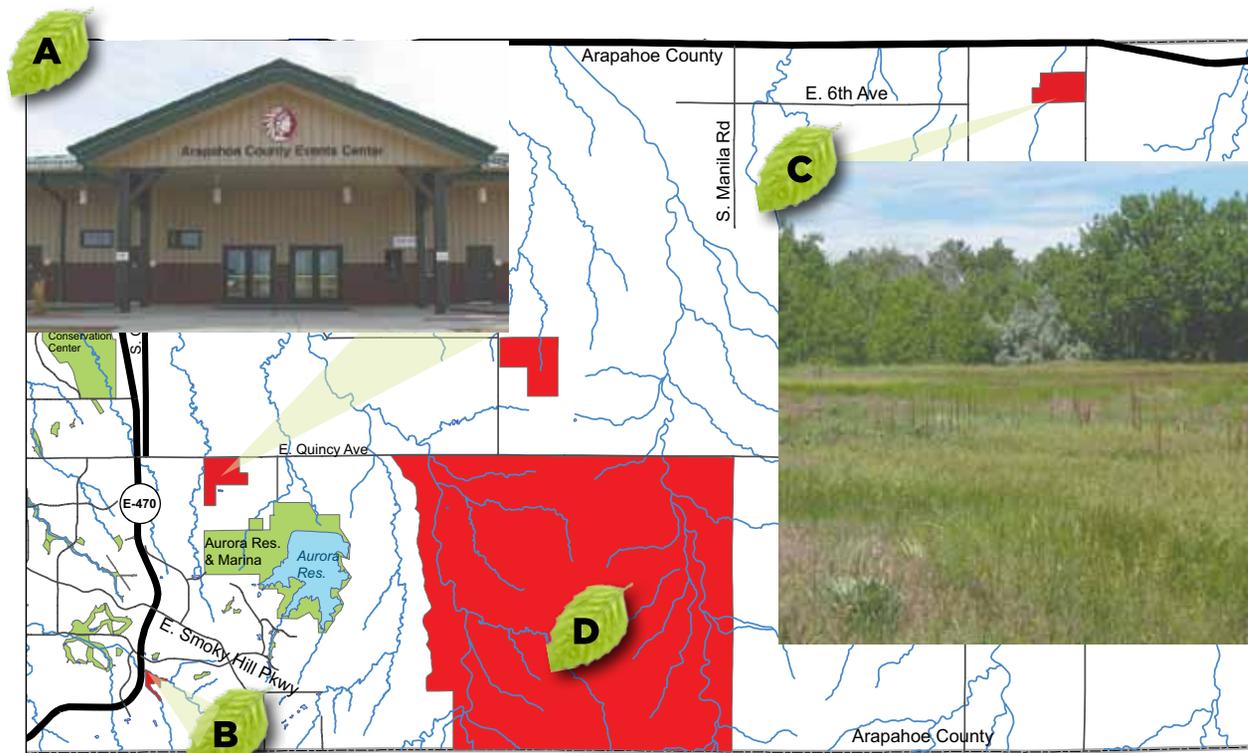
A Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park - 25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora
More than 87,000 residents visited this designated heritage area in 2009. The 45,000 square-foot events center, which is the first building of several planned for the 236-acre site, serves a variety of functions and can be rented by the community for special events such as meetings, weddings, craft fairs, auto shows and conferences. For rental rates and information, visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

In 2009, Arapahoe County completed the Fairgrounds and Regional Park Master Plan, a vision to create a premiere destination for family entertainment, recreation, education and relaxation.

While work is underway to create the park’s looping trail and build the westwing, the entire plan will take many years to complete.



2009 Arapahoe County Fair Livestock Auction supports ranching youth



B Red-tailed Hawk Park Phase II
Residents will soon enjoy a sprayground, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, picnic shelters, volleyball court and more at the 35-acre park in southeastern Aurora, which contains both natural riparian areas with small cottonwood galleries. The City of Aurora received a \$250,000 open space grant and is contributing more than \$2.2 million to complete the project.

C Kiowa Creek North Open Space Park
Efforts are being made to complete a management plan for Arapahoe County’s newest open space that would welcome visitors to the 265 acres along Kiowa Creek near the Town of Bennett. The plan, along with public input, will determine appropriate recreation opportunities that support the land’s excellent views, wildlife habitat and County’s heritage.

D Arapahoe Grasslands
The County recently renewed their strong interest in the open space protection of the former Lowry Range, which contains significant natural resources and recreation opportunities in the center of Arapahoe County.

In a letter to the State Land Board, the County earmarked up to \$5 million toward protection and stewardship of significant portions of the property, anticipating the funds will be leveraged with partners. The master plan identified the site as an urgent and important strategic goal in creating an interconnected open space and trails system.



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Conserve our Heritage

The County's eastern third will remain predominantly rural during the next 25 years. Together, with owners and communities, we plan to conserve land and water resources to ensure a viable rural lifestyle and enable folks to continue farming and ranching. This plan also offers an opportunity for residents and visitors to enjoy views of these unique landscapes from roadways and at strategic vantage points.

During the last few years, Arapahoe County has used a variety of tools to preserve open space and our rural heritage – some offer a place for visitors to enjoy, others simply preserve the land into perpetuity.

A Richmil/Helling Ranch Open Space Park

The 352 acres of farm and rangeland north of the Town of Deer Trail is home to deer, wild turkey, raptors and a variety of native plant species. The County is in the process of preparing the area for public enjoyment, which included removing the former residence in 2009. In addition, the County conducted a natural resource inventory and removed noxious weed.

Did You **Know?**

The County uses conservation easements and fee simple purchases as tools in their conservation toolbox? Each has unique benefits that prove valuable in varying instances.

Conservation Easement: An agreement between a landowner and the County to voluntarily restrict the use and development of the property. It is designed to protect a specific sensitive natural, historic or cultural resource. The landowner receives income and retains ownership but limits certain forms of use on the property. Rarely is this type of property open to the public.

Fee Simple Acquisition: Usually the purchase of land at market value where ownership and responsibilities are transferred completely to the County. Acquisitions usually allow for future public enjoyment.

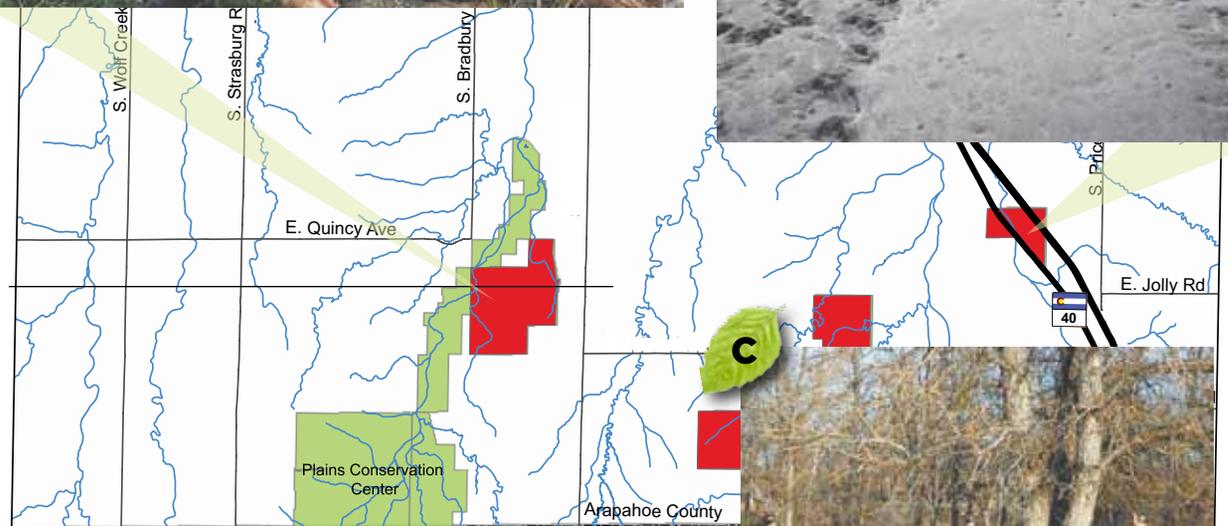
Open Space also helps protect working farms and ranches from development through conservation easements. In an effort to protect this rural way of life, Arapahoe County worked with interested landowners to place restrictions on the use and development of their properties.

B West Bijou Creek Conservation Easement

South of Byers, this 1,363-acre conservation easement forever protects a family-owned working farm and ranch from development. It connects to protected land north and south of the farm and the Plains Conservation Center.

C Middle Bijou Creek Conservation Easement

As one of the largest conservation easements in Colorado and the largest conservation easement ever funded in the United States by the National Resource Conservation Services through their Farm and Ranchland Protection Program, this 12,578-acre conservation easement southwest of Deer Trail forever protects a family-owned working farm and ranch from development.





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Open Space and Trails Advisory Board

The seven-member Open Space and Trails Advisory Board is responsible for reviewing proposed projects and making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the distribution of Open Space funds. Members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and serve three-year terms.

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Bobbie Sheffield, At Large
Jack Cooper, At Large
Gary Pratt - term expired 2009
Mike Rosser - term expired 2009

Fairgrounds and Regional Park Steering Committee

The committee is responsible for providing input on the design and use of the Fairgrounds and Regional Park. Members identify community needs and promote community involvement. Committee members are volunteers appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and serve three-year terms.

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Commissioners appoint interested citizens to serve on the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board. From left: Ellen Belef, Larry Sargent, Linda Strand, Bobbie Sheffield, Marc Scott, Jack Cooper. Not pictured: Brian Bertsch