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## **Open Space purchase connects residents to Cherry Creek Trail** *Arapahoe County buys 13 acres for new trailhead along Cherry Creek*

**Centennial, Colo.** --- Plans are underway to provide a new trailhead with access to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail and opportunities for wildlife viewing now that Arapahoe County has purchased land for open space in Centennial.

On Dec. 15, Arapahoe County bought approximately 13 acres at 15200 E Arapahoe Road, adjacent to the Cherry Creek Soccer Complex for \$735,000 using Arapahoe County Open Space funds. The vacant land consists of 3.5 acres historically used as a private tree farm and 9.5 acres of Cherry Creek that features diverse vegetation and wildlife habitat.

“Opening a regional trailhead at this location will fill a strategic gap in the County’s trail network, expand connectivity to Cherry Creek State Park and serve several nearby communities including Aurora, Centennial and Foxfield,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. “It’s just one of the incredible projects being pursued by the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group.”

With 20 jurisdictions from Denver to Douglas County, the Group is working to beautify and enhance the regional trail corridor by adding open space buffers and closing gaps in the Cherry Creek Trail.

The purchase is part of the County’s master plan for developing an inter-connected system of open space, parks and trails, protecting water resources and conserving prime wildlife habitats.

To learn more about the County’s Open Space program, visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) and sign up to receive the Open Space newsletter.

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To download photos click on the following link: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Photos/13Acres/>

**13AcreMap:** This map identifies the location of the new 13 acres of Arapahoe County Open Space along Cherry Creek.

**13Acres\_OpenSpace:** Arapahoe County Open Space buys 13 acres to preserve Cherry Creek’s diverse wetlands and create a trailhead for future access to the trail.