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Arapahoe County to hold Conservation Easements Workshop

Workshop to focus on landowner opportunities to maximize land values through conservation

Littleton, Colo. – Arapahoe County Open Space, Parks and Trails and the Trust for Public Land are hosting a March 9 Conservation Easements Workshop for landowners and professionals representing landowners at the American Legion Hall in Byers 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The workshop is designed to introduce landowners to the concept of conservation easements and the options available to receive financial benefits from easements while protecting valuable agricultural lands from development pressures.

Landowners will learn how to permanently protect conservation values and agricultural productivity of land while retaining flexibility and private land ownership. Presenters will explain how conservation easements are valued, how the planning process works and what documentation is needed. Landowners will become familiar with terms and conditions of easements, plus the potential federal tax benefits and state tax credits. An update on new tax benefits for 2007 also will be provided.

Speakers include Attorney Melinda Beck, Trust for Public Land Project Manager Justin Spring, Appraiser Joe Franklin and Tax Credit Broker Ariel Steele. Area landowners who have previously set up conservation easements will share their experiences and answer questions.

The workshop is free and lunch is included. If you would like to attend the workshop, R.S.V.P. to Daniel Einarsen at 720-874-6723 or by e-mail at deinarsen@co.arapahoe.co.us by March 5.

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