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## **Arapahoe County approves 180 acres to become Designated Heritage Areas** *Two community properties recognized as having cultural and historical significance*

**Littleton, CO.** --- The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners announced today it has established 180 acres of community property as Designated Heritage Areas. The 70-acre 17 Mile House property on South Parker Road and 110-acre property referred to as the Fairgrounds and Regional Park on East Quincy Avenue are both deemed to be of historical and cultural significance.

The 17 Mile House is one of only two remaining 'mile' houses along the historic Cherokee Trail and, including the barn on the property, is on the National Register of Historic Places. The County Fairgrounds and Regional Park is in the process of being developed and will reestablish the history and tradition of a County Fair, as well as increase community involvement in future Fair events.

"We're excited to approve this proposal from our Open Space Trails and Advisory Board and recognize the significance of these properties as part of the history of Arapahoe County," said Commissioner Lynn Myers, District 4, Chair of the Board. "The designation also enables us to use Open Space Designated Heritage Area funds for future site improvements and operations, as well as maintenance, and ultimately preserve the cultural heritage and history of our County for generations to come."

For more information about Arapahoe County Designated Heritage Areas, please contact Lynn Wodell at 720-874-6725.

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