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## **Arapahoe County residents receive Cherry Creek Stewardship Award** *Residents receive Stewardship Award for their support of the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales Tax Reauthorization*

**Littleton, Colo.** – During today’s public hearing, the Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners presented members of the Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Citizen Advisory Board and supporters of the Open Spaces Tax Reauthorization with the Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners’ 2011 Stewardship Award.

The Award was accepted on behalf of the residents of Arapahoe County who generously voted in favor of the County’s open space sales and use tax extension during the Nov. 2011 election, which passed by more than 62 percent.

“Arapahoe County’s open space sales tax extension was one of the few tax initiatives approved across the state,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Chair Nancy Sharpe. “It’s a testament to the hard work of our cities, towns and recreation district partners who use these funds to create a multitude of opportunities for residents to connect with the outdoors.”

The tax equates to 25 cents on every \$100 purchase and allows the Arapahoe County to continue to protect open spaces, connect trails and enhance parks for residents to enjoy.

“This small group of volunteers has made an incredible impact on our community, including leading the creation of the Open Space program back in 2003,” said Commissioner Susan Beckman. “Through this program, Arapahoe County has conserved more than 18,000 acres of open space, built more than 30 miles of new trails and created and enhanced neighborhood and regional parks.”

To learn more about Arapahoe County Open Spaces, visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) and download the 2011 Community Guide *150 Ways to Enjoy Open Spaces* and/or sign up to receive the [Arapahoe County Open Spaces e-newsletter](#).

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**CCSP\_Award2011:** Arapahoe County residents receive Cherry Creek Stewardship Award for their support of the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales Tax Reauthorization in 2011.

*Pictured left to right:* Marc Scott, Mike Rosser, Casey Davenhill from Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners, Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, Commissioner Nancy Jackson, Commissioner Bill Holen, Terry Campbell Caron, Commissioner Susan Beckman, Ellen Belef, Linda Strand, Bobbie Sheffield, Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Jack Cooper, and Tim Wohlgenant from Trust for Public Land.