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Commissioner Marie Mackenzie honored with two community awards *South Metro Chamber, Cherry Creek Stewardship honor Mackenzie for her work*

Arapahoe County Commissioner Marie Mackenzie recently received two honors for her contributions to the community, her work on water issues and the preservation of open space and natural areas.

On Nov. 4, the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce presented Mackenzie with its first Outstanding Public Service award. In presenting the award, South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce President John Brackney thanked Mackenzie for her dedication to improving the economy and quality of life in the south metro area, particularly in water and drought issues.

Mackenzie received a second community award during the Cherry Creek Stewardship Partnership's sixth annual conference Nov. 5. The local organization honored Mackenzie with the Citizens Award for her work as an advocate for the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority and drainageway enhancements and water quality.

"She has fought for community values through her efforts with the fairgrounds, open space and natural areas," said Bob Toll, Cherry Creek State Park Operations Manager in presenting the award. "She championed the 17 Mile House acquisition, the Cherry Creek Regional Trail, historical preservation and enhanced recreational experiences. She has a big picture view and is an inspiration for all. She truly has left a legacy for us in Arapahoe County."

Mackenzie is serving her second term as Arapahoe County Commissioner, representing District 3. She was first elected to the Board in 1996, and re-elected in 2000. She leaves office Jan. 11, 2005 when her term expires.
