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## **Arapahoe County needs your input** *Citizens invited to help develop a master plan for the historic 17 Mile House*

LITTLETON, CO --- The public is invited to help Arapahoe County develop a master plan for the restoration of the historic 17 Mile House during a March 27 Open House at the Public Works and Development building, 10730 E. Briarwood Ave., Suite 100, Centennial, 80012.

Arapahoe County and its consultant, EDAW Inc. are working on a planning and design effort for the 17 Mile House, which is located on the west side of Parker Road between Arapahoe and Countyline roads.

The purpose of this planning effort is to develop a comprehensive master plan for the future development of this important, historic property, including a vision for the future, the ultimate use of the property and plans for the restoration of the landscape and buildings.

Citizens are invited to attend the Open House between 7 and 9 p.m. March 27 to share their ideas. A follow-up open house will be held 7 – 8 p.m., March 28, where the planning consultants will present the final master plan, based upon input and ideas from the previous day.

The 17 Mile House is one of only two remaining “mile” houses along the historic Cherokee and Smoky Hill Trails, and including the barn on the property, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2001, Arapahoe County purchased the 17 Mile House to save it from commercial development with the help of Douglas County, the Town of Parker, Great Outdoors Colorado, the Gates Family Foundation, the Colorado State Historical Fund, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, the City of Aurora and the Trust for Public Land.

In addition to its historic significance, the 17 Mile House property is linked to regional open space and recreational amenities, such as Norton Farms on the south and the newly opened extension of the Cherry Creek Regional Trail to the west.

Anyone interested in the 17 Mile House is encouraged to call, mail or e-mail comments to:

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