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## **Arapahoe County hires new Open Space Manager**

*Bob Toll to oversee program that preserves Arapahoe County spaces and places*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County has hired Bob Toll, manager of Cherry Creek State Park, as the new Open Space Manager, effective Mar. 22.

Toll, who has worked for Colorado State Parks for 29 years, will oversee the County's Open Space Program, which has reinvested more than \$21 million to preserve open space lands, develop trails, parks and recreation facilities, and preserve historic places throughout Arapahoe County since voters approved the quarter-cent sales and use tax in 2003.

As the new Open Space Manager, Toll will supervise seven employees, along with interns and volunteers; serve as a liaison to the Open Space Trails and Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners; and oversee a program that makes the most of the County's Open Space tax dollars through partnerships with local cities, towns and special districts.

"Bob's love of the Colorado Parks system, his years of experience and knowledge of Arapahoe County and our local communities and special districts makes him the perfect choice to lead Arapahoe County's Open Space program," said Shannon Carter, Special Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners. "Bob has done a wonderful job managing Cherry Creek State Park and we look forward to seeing that same success as Open Space manager."

Bob joins Arapahoe County after serving as the manager of Colorado's first and most popular recreational area – Cherry Creek State Park – which has more than 1.5 million visitors each year. As State Park manager, Toll oversees 4,200 acres of mixed grass prairie, an 850-acre reservoir and \$25 million in roads, trails, buildings and infrastructure. He serves as a liaison to local governments and special districts; reviews and comments on external development proposals near Cherry Creek State Park; oversees design and management of capital construction, and natural resource restoration and is responsible for the park management plan and a \$2 million annual budget.

Prior to overseeing Cherry Creek State Park, Toll was the Park Manager for Eldorado Canyon State Park near Boulder. Bob has a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources/Parks and Outdoor Recreation Administration from Ohio State University.

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