

Understanding the Conservation Easement and Historic Designation

Quincy Farm is managed under a Conservation Easement held by Colorado Open Lands, and it is also registered on the National Register of Historic Places. Both carry different, and sometimes contradictory, instructions for the farm.

Conservation Easement:

The property must be managed in line with a set of “Conservation Values”, which are: preservation uses, recreation uses, or agricultural uses.

- **Preservation uses:** “...may be used as a nature preserve, for historic preservation and interpretation, for gardens, for private and public meetings, gatherings and celebrations, for classes and education, for photography, painting and other artistic endeavors, and such other uses as help to preserve the Property and instill an appreciation and respect for the natural and human history of the vicinity.”
- **Recreation uses:** “Low-impact recreational uses such as bird watching, hiking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing are permitted on the Property; bicycling is permitted only on the Canal Area of the Property.”
- **Agricultural uses:** “The Property may be used for agricultural purposes, subject to the limitations in this Easement. All agricultural uses shall be conducted using stewardship and management methods that preserve the natural resources upon which agriculture is based.”

Historic Designation:

Quincy Farm is designated as a **district**, historically significant for both agriculture and architecture. Multiple buildings and other parts of the farm complex are considered historically important – not just the Hopkins House.

From the National Register of Historic Places nomination:

- “The 1898 **Hopkins House** is eligible under...**Architecture**...The period of significance for the Hopkins House is the year of construction-**1898**.” (pg. 9)
- “**Quincy Farm** is also eligible under...**Architecture** as a rare extant example of a 1930’s agricultural complex that has all but disappeared from urban Arapahoe County...The period of significance for the agricultural buildings is the year of construction, **1934**.” (pg. 9)
- “**Quincy Farm** is eligible under...**Agriculture** as a rare Arapahoe County example of the once common late 19th/early 20th century dairy farm...The period of significance for Agriculture begins in **1934** with the construction of the agricultural buildings and **Blackmer House** and ends in **1951**...” (pg. 9)

The designation itself does not require the City to treat the farm a certain way. However, to be eligible for funding related to the historic nature of the farm, we would have to follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

AREA DEFINITIONS:

Preservation Uses - Can be used as a nature preserve, historic preservation and interpretation, to instill an appreciation and respect for the natural and human history of the area, gardens, private and public meetings, gatherings and celebrations, classes and education, photography, painting and other artistic endeavors.

Recreational Uses - Can be used for low impact recreational uses such as bird watching, hiking, horseback riding and cross county skiing.

Agricultural Uses - Preserving soil productivity, maintain natural stream channels, preventing soil erosion, minimizing invasive species and avoiding unsustainable livestock grazing practices. The construction of agricultural ditches, stock ponds or other agricultural water features is permitted.

WEST AREA:

- Preservation Uses

EAST AREA:

- Preservation Uses
- Recreational Uses
- Agricultural Uses

HIGH LINE CANAL:

- Preservation Uses
- Recreational Uses
- Agricultural Uses

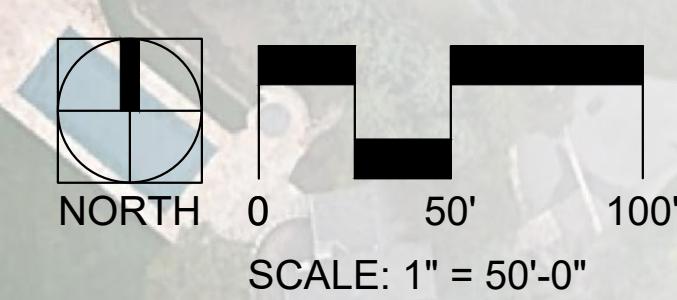
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
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CONSERVATION EASEMENT USES

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QUINCY AVE





QUINCY FARM • SITE OPPORTUNITIES

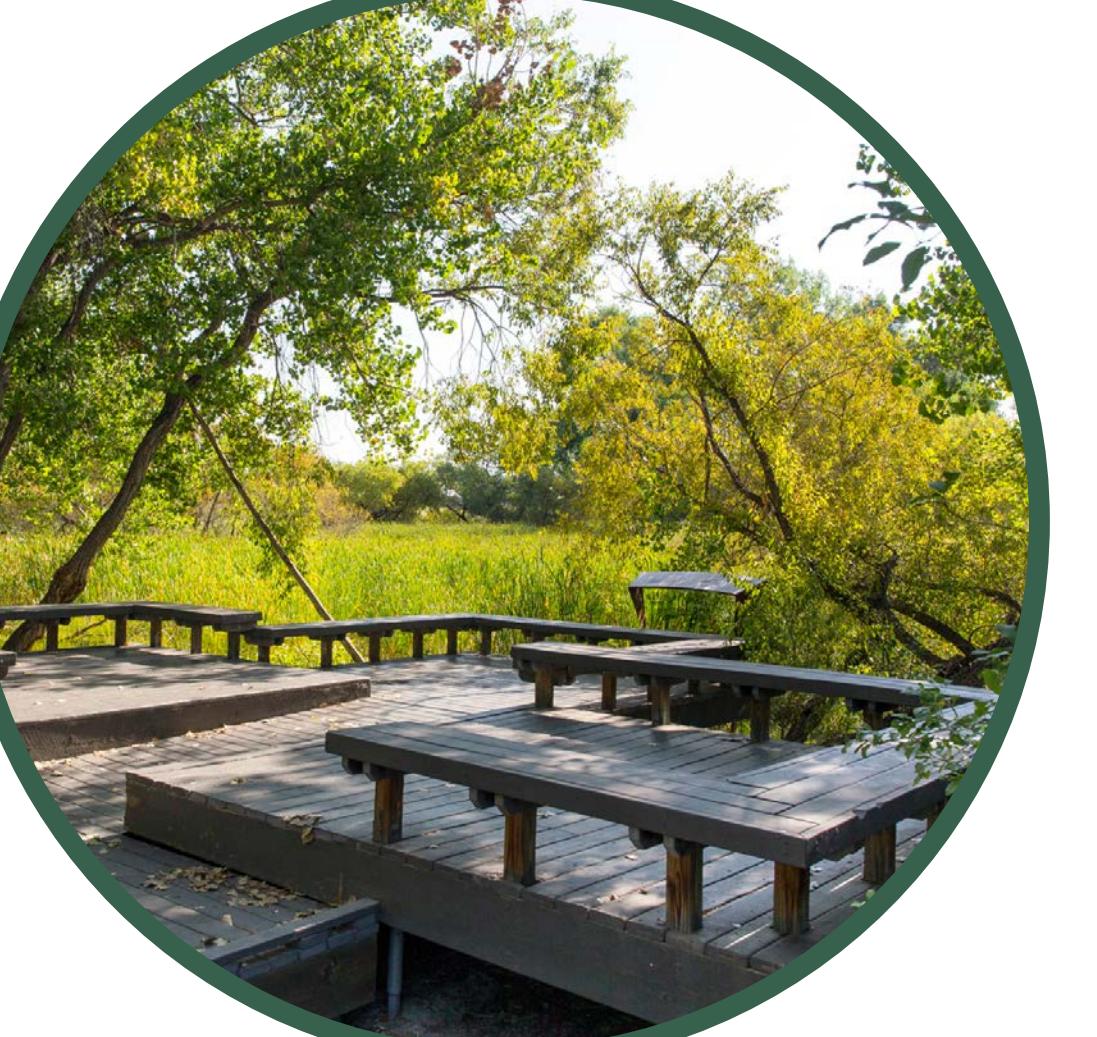
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

An opportunity to educate future generations, embrace historical significance, integrate passive recreation amenities with the surrounding open space, and provide memorable community gathering spaces.

POND



BOARDWALK TRAIL



VIEWING PLATFORM



WILDLIFE VIEWING

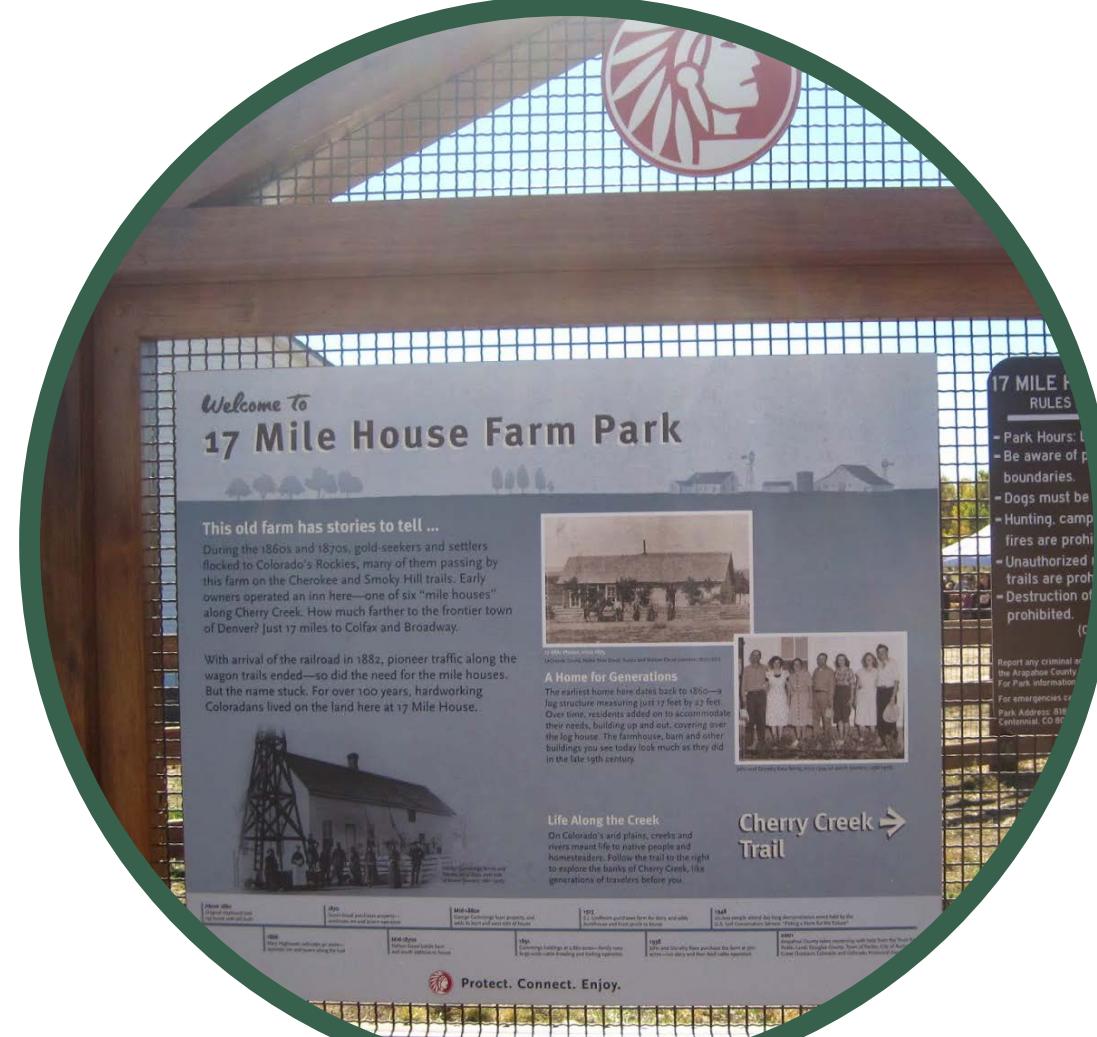
WEST SIDE



GARDEN WALK



GROVE TRAIL



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



SHADE SHELTER

MAIN HOUSE INTERPRETIVE FACILITY



HOPKINS HOUSE MUSEUM



NATURE CENTER



FOLIAGE FRAME



ORGANIZED GARDENS



WATER EDUCATION



SCULPTURE GARDENS

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EAST SIDE



ANIMAL DISPLAY



LIVING MUSEUM



BARN ACTIVITIES



SPECIAL EVENTS



SHELTER/OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



HANDS-ON DISCOVERY



HAY PLAY



WATER PLAY



ORCHARD WALK



VEGETABLE GARDEN



OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACE



OUTDOOR FIRE PIT



FARM HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERING



TRAIL RIDE LOOP



TRAIL WATER BREAK



THERAPEUTIC OPPORTUNITIES

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EAST SIDE



SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR



PICNICKING



NATURE PLAY



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



YOUTH GROUPS



WELCOMING FARM ENTRANCE



ENTRANCE SIGNAGE



STARGAZING



TIRE SWING



FOLIAGE FRAME



TRACTOR TOUR



AGRICULTURAL ART



QUIET SPACE



TRAIL SIGNAGE