

Fact Sheet



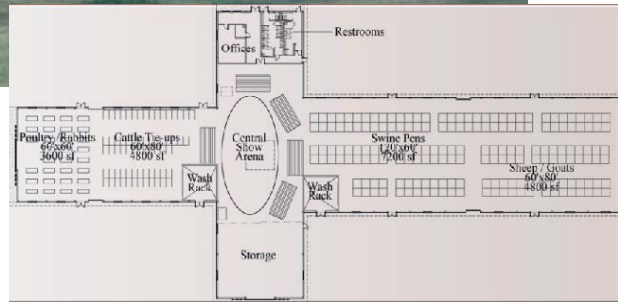
Future Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park: The proposed permanent Arapahoe County Fairgrounds will be a multi-use property, home to a variety of uses including: natural resources and wildlife education, urban forestry, water quality education, agriculture and small acreage management, consumer and family education, financial management, nutrition education, horticulture, landscape and gardening education, 4-H Club meetings/activities, school field trips, graduations, science fairs, rodeos, concerts, theater, heritage arts and community youth programs.

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- Phase 1 - Site infrastructure, livestock building, initial landscaping
- Phase 2 - Exhibit building
- Phase 3 - Maintenance building
- Phase 4 - Outdoor arena and horse barn
- Phase 5 - Indoor arena
- Phase 6 - CSU Extension office



Phase 1- Livestock Building



Brief history of proposal development:

- Late 1990s—Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, Arapahoe County Fair Committee and several communities set aside money from the Conservation Trust Fund for a new County Fairgrounds and Regional Park.
- 1999—Arapahoe County purchases the property through a tax lien sale.
- May 2001—a new proposal presented by the Cooperative Extension Office offers an economical way to provide a new Fairgrounds site.
- April 2002—after extensive Master Planning by Norris Dullea, the Board of County Commissioners authorize staff to move forward on the Architectural and Engineering design of Phase 1.
- 2003—Work begins on research, negotiation and planning for water rights, utilities, location and extent, drainage, architecture, engineering studies, construction bids, team building, and funding.
- September 2004—the Board of County Commissioners approve moving forward on developing the site's infrastructure for 2005/6.
- November 10, 2004—official sign raising ceremony marks the new future home of the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park.

Investment and funding: The projected cost to complete Phase 1 is an estimated \$8-10 million. The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, past and present, with various sponsors and stakeholders—including Colorado State University Cooperative Extension staff, county staff and administrators, the Arapahoe County Fair Committee, Arapahoe Park, 4-H families, volunteers, youth and community groups—have contributed approximately \$4.5 million toward the new Fairgrounds.

Possible funding sources to complete all phases of development and construction may include public dollars from sources including the Conservation Trust Fund, Open Space tax funds, local, state and federal grants, and private investment from local donors, foundations, businesses, event sponsors, advertisers, families, individuals and community groups.



How you can get involved:

There are a couple of ways to invest in your local fairgrounds, including joining the Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee, or making a donation. All donations are tax deductible and should be sent to:

Arapahoe County Foundation, Inc.
 1690 W. Littleton Blvd.
 Littleton, CO 80120-5707
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