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**DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS
BOULDER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE**

DENVER – Boulder County and the City of Louisville received a 2017 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award recognizes the Kestrel Project and was presented at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration on April 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver.

In 2013, Boulder County purchased 13 acres in Louisville for its housing authority’s next flagship development named Kestrel. The site was positioned to create a neighborhood appealing to families, seniors, and people with special needs and disabilities.

“Kestrel incorporates so many of the supports that help people live happier and healthier lives – safe, affordable, and beautiful homes, free transportation, environmental sustainability, active lifestyle opportunities, and on-site access to many other services they may need,” said Norrie Boyd, Housing Division Director for the Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services. “Today’s affordable housing in Boulder County recognizes that by offering people the full range of supports they need, we are going far beyond helping them avoid crisis; we are, instead, helping give them a much better chance to thrive for many years to come.”

Through local resources, low income housing tax credits and flood recovery funds, all 200 units were built in a single phase, increasing the amount of affordable housing in a community that has seen housing prices rise by more than 60 percent since 2011. The development features eco-friendly amenities in each unit and accessible outdoor spaces for recreation. All residents will also receive an EcoPass to help with the costs of transportation.

DRCOG’s Metro Vision Award program recognizes exemplary projects, plans and initiatives that significantly improve the quality of life in the Denver region and its communities. The regional council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocation funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, and aging and disability resources.

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