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## **DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS JEFFERSON COUNTY**

**DENVER** – Jefferson County received a 2017 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award recognizes the Peaks to Plains open space project and was presented at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration on April 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver.

The Peaks to Plains Trail through Clear Creek Canyon represents a critical piece of a future 65-mile-long corridor. The vision for the trail is for it to one day connect the South Platte River Trail in Denver to Loveland Pass, and then westward to Glenwood Springs. Upon completion of the full project, bicyclists and hikers will be able to take the trail from Denver International Airport to Glenwood Springs.

“The Peaks to Plains Trail provides a new and vital connection to natural resources and recreational activities. The connections it makes with existing trails only increases the opportunities to get outdoors and lead a healthy lifestyle,” said Matt Robbins, Community Connections Manager, Jefferson County Open Space.

The first section of the Peaks to Plains Trail in Clear Creek Canyon opened in July 2016. Jefferson County’s goal was to make the trail appear as if it had always been there. Using innovative construction technology and design, the trail was built to blend in with the environment and preserve the natural surroundings to the extent possible. The \$4.6 million project came to fruition with the support of local governments, nonprofits and community organizations working together.

DRCOG’s Metro Vision Awards recognize 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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