

**CHERRY CREEK / PINEY CREEK CONFLUENCE
PRESERVATION PROJECT**
(“Bow-Tie” property)
CENTENNIAL, COLORADO

The Trust for Public Land is working with public and private partners in the Cherry Creek watershed to help accomplish several complementary goals: open space protection, water quality improvement, and enhanced public access to recreational areas. The acquisition of the “Bow-Tie” parcel, so called due to its distinctive shape, exemplifies how a single parcel can bring together diverse partners to accomplish multiple objectives.

PARTNERS:

- Colorado State Parks
- Steve Grove/The Ranches at Cherry Creek
- Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority
- City of Centennial
- Arapahoe County
- Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
- Trust for Public Land
- Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners
- Orchard Valley Homeowners Association

PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Buffers Cherry Creek State Park from encroaching development
- Protects water quality and wildlife habitat
- Prevents inappropriate floodplain development
- Enhances public access to recreational areas
- Leverages scarce financial resources
- Restores former brownfield to greenfield



Centennial parkland property, looking west toward State Park addition



Addition to Cherry Creek State Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- Total property acquired from private landowner: 30.5 acres
- Addition to Cherry Creek State Park: 10.45 acres
- City of Centennial parkland: 7.94 acres
- Limited development (4 lots): 2.7 acres
- Balance to be held by private landowner and protected by conservation easement: 9.41 acres
- Restoration of former commercial greenhouse property to native meadow habitat

ADDITIONAL PROJECT FEATURES:

- Arapahoe County helped to catalyze the overall effort through funding and leadership.
- Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority (CCBWQA) will enhance wetlands on 10.45 acres of parkland in order to reduce pollutant loads into Cherry Creek Reservoir.
- CCBWQA acquired water rights and a Denver aquifer well, to supplement losses of water due to this and other wetlands projects.
- Urban Drainage and Flood Control District contributed funding in order to ensure that the floodplain would not be converted in the future.
- Innovative private and public financing.