

Granby Ditch Overlook

Joint Project Request



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Applicant:

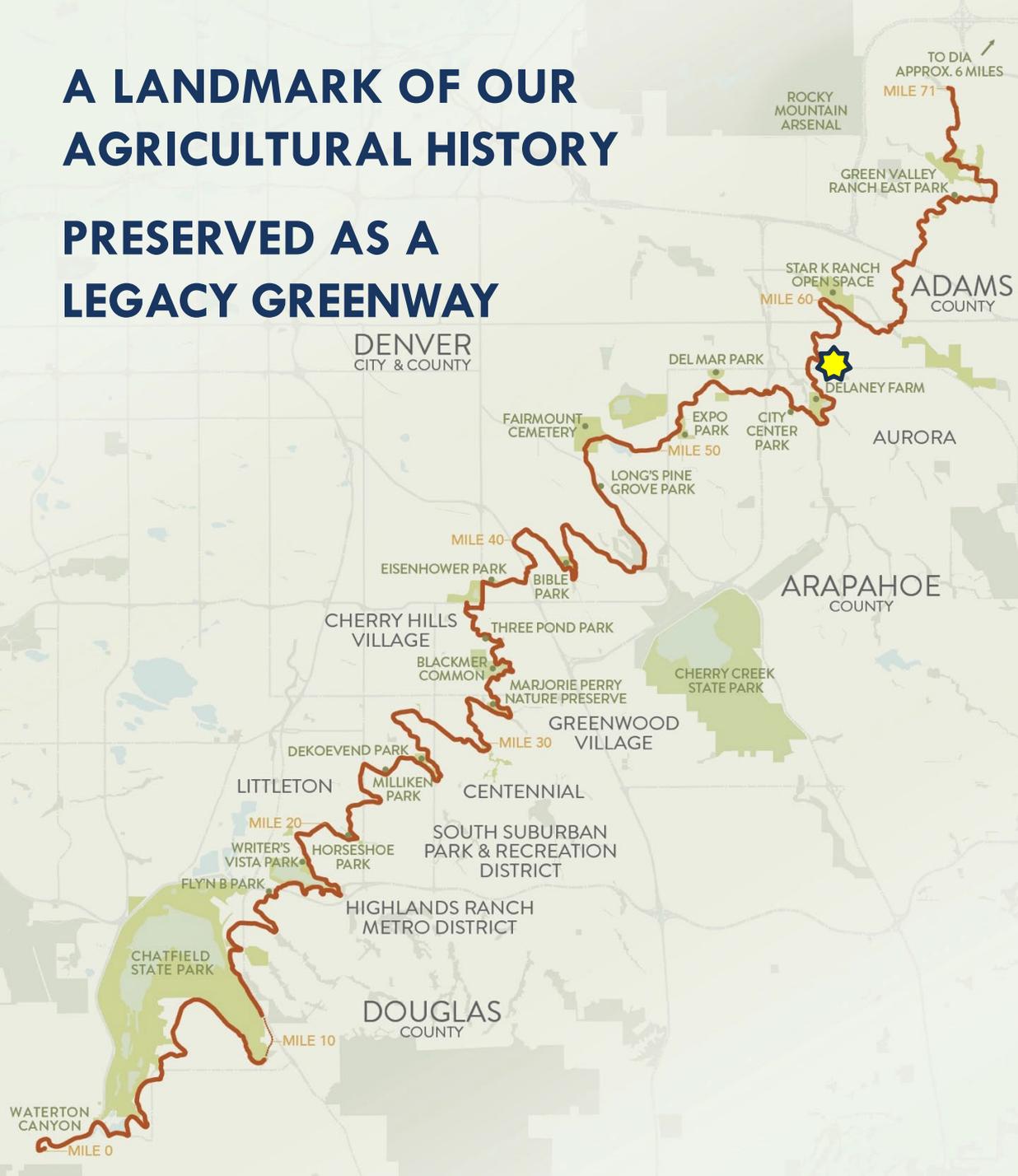
**Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open
Space Department**

Partner:

High Line Canal Conservancy

A LANDMARK OF OUR AGRICULTURAL HISTORY

PRESERVED AS A LEGACY GREENWAY



860 ACRES

(more than NYC's Central Park!)



340,000

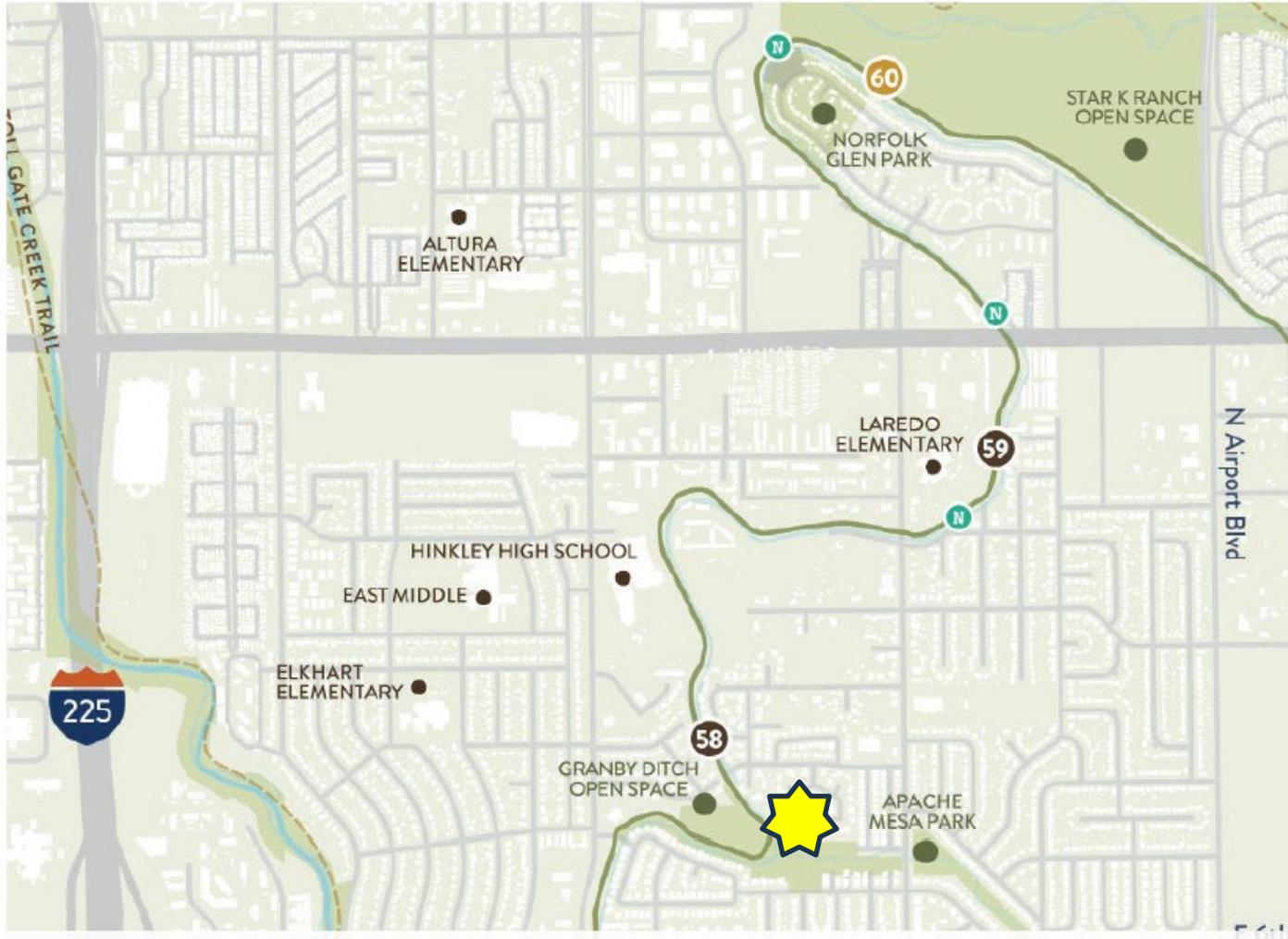
residents within one mile



1 MILLION

trail users per year

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Granby Ditch Overlook- Existing Conditions



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Improvements include:

- Overlook
- Boulder Canal Crossing
- Plantings
- Interpretive signage
- Seating

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Funding Partners

- City of Aurora in partnership with HLCC
 - Contributions for match are from GOCO and private donations
 - **\$95,000**
- Arapahoe County Joint Project Request
 - **\$95,000**

Timeline

- Design/Review- **through Q1 2026**
- Bidding- **Spring 2026**
- Construction: **June 2026-May 2027**



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Granby Ditch Overlook- Community Outreach

Speak Up for the Canal

High Line Canal Northeast Community Engagement, 2016 - 2024



ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE



TOTAL REACH



2022-2024 NORTH AURORA

FEEDBACK REACH

55,000+ total through mailings, social media, newsletters & more
 770 formal feedback responses
 305 people engaged at community events

WHAT ELSE WE HEARD

- Prioritize wayfinding signage
- More bathrooms and trash cans
- Maintenance of grass and vegetation along the trail
- Trees are desired for shade
- Safer trail access and connectivity needed at Colfax Ave. intersections & Airport Blvd.
- Improved crossings needed at most access points
- Concerns about personal safety & use of Canal for camping
- Prevent unauthorized vehicles on the trail
- Excitement for new and improved neighborhood access points

KEY TAKEAWAYS

NATURE + NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Water
 Natural Vegetation/Habitat/Plants & Trees

"Maintain the natural setting with cottonwoods and the wildlife corridor!"

RECREATIONAL + EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Signage
 Gathering Spaces
 Play Areas

"I know that there are a few areas where the school uses the High Line Canal and the property around it for education and for kids to be able to get outside and play."

ACCESS, AWARENESS + ACCESSIBILITY

Shade
 Benches + Seating
 Signage
 Access
 Parking
 Restrooms

"A big reason that I love the trail is because in most places that I've been on the trail there is a dirt or crusher-fined jogging path next to the paved path. So wherever the trail is going to be built out in the future, or wherever that enhancement could be made, to continue having both a paved and a dirt or gravel surface would be awesome."

SAFETY + CONNECTIVITY

"I feel safe when the trail is far from any stress and I know my kids can run free. And I don't feel safe when the trail comes to a street and there are not stop signs or pedestrian light that makes it safe for us to cross."

Access + Parking

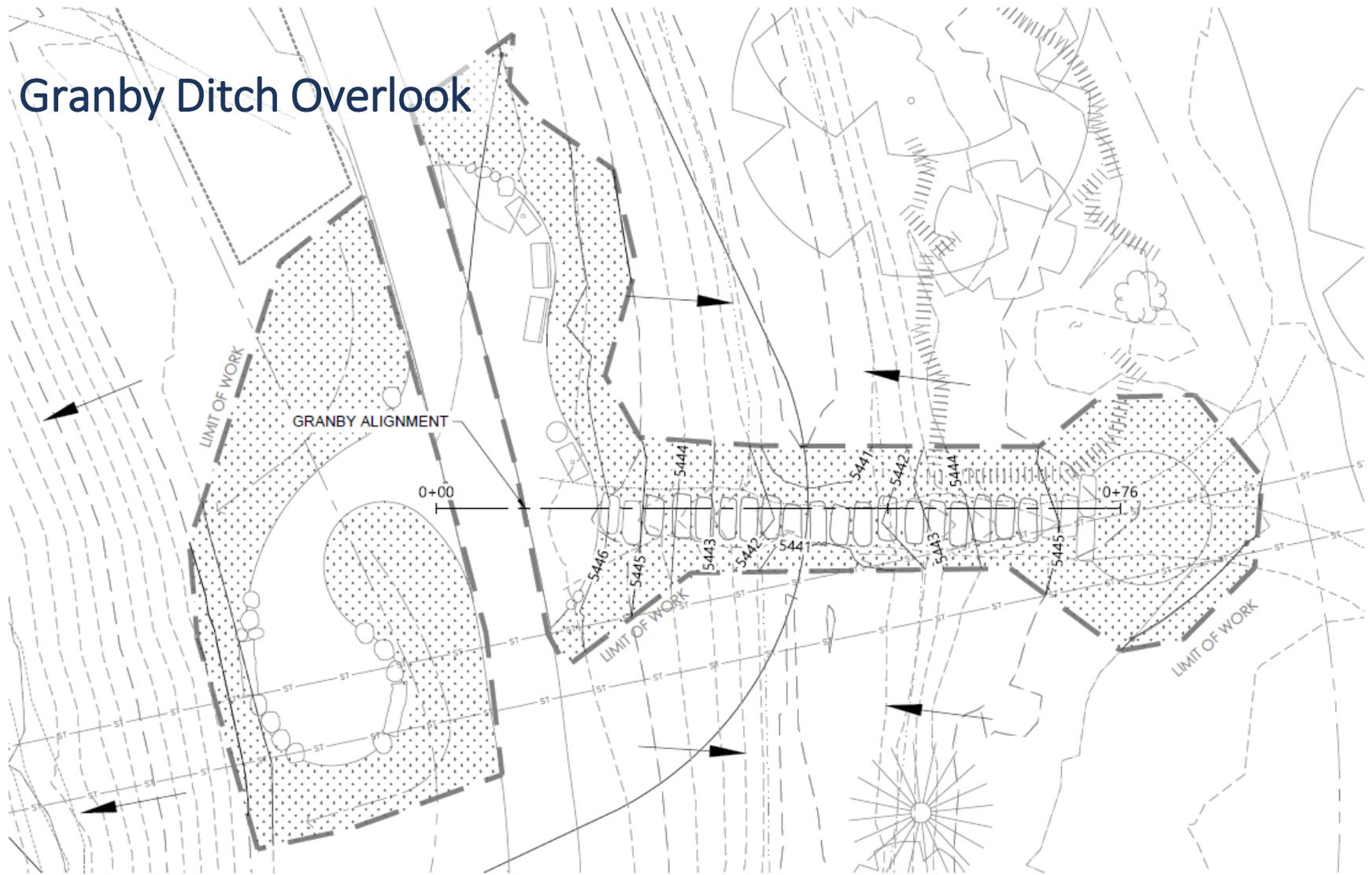
STEWARDSHIP + MAINTENANCE

"More community cleanups and trash pickups."

Natural Vegetation/Habitat/Plants & Trees
 Water



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GRANBY ALIGN PROFILE
HORIZ. SCALE: 1" = 10'
VERT. SCALE: 1" = 5'



Thank you!



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