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Historic preservation work to begin for the National Western Center site

***First of five phases will begin to capture the site's physical and historical
evolution***

DENVER – Today, the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC), in collaboration with the Western Stock Show Association, Colorado State University, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, History Colorado and the National Western Center Citizens Advisory Committee, are formally launching the first of five phases of historic preservation efforts for the National Western Center project. Phase I of this work takes the first steps toward implementing the vision of the National Western Center (NWC) Master Plan to honor and interpret the stock show site's past for future generations to enjoy.

"The National Western complex, which formally served as the home of the Denver Stockyards Company, has a rich history that has defined our western heritage and pride," said Kelly Leid, NDCC Executive Director. "We know how important it is to Colorado to create a place that honors our past and continues to celebrate our western spirit as we prepare the National Western Center to last another 100 years. Getting started with this historic preservation work early represents our commitment to embed into the new campus a continued sense of pride for generations to come."

The first phase is expected to be complete by June 2016. The scope of Phase I includes:

- *A comprehensive history of the National Western Center Site* that includes documenting a comprehensive history of the National Western Center site through the compilation of written records, photos, timelines, oral histories, and interviews that captures the site's physical and historical evolution
- *National Register of Historic Places and Denver Landmark nominations* for three historic structures on the site
- *Condition and Structural Assessment* for five historic features on the site

In addition to the NDCC's study, two additional efforts are also taking place to capture the history of the neighborhoods and site. Discover Denver, which is a partnership between the City of Denver and Historic Denver to identify historic and architecturally significant structures citywide, is continuing its building survey work in the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods. Rocky

Mountain PBS partnered with History Colorado, the Western Stock Show Association, the Denver Public Library and others to create the documentary *Colorado Experience: National Western Stock Show* which began airing in October.

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About the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC)

An initiative of Mayor Michael B. Hancock, the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC) is a coordinated effort between six redevelopment projects in a vibrant community that includes Globeville, Elyria and Swansea. These projects have a unique and historic opportunity to rebuild a connected community and energize a gateway to downtown Denver. Projects include:

- Globeville & Elyria – Swansea Neighborhood Plans
- National Western Center
- Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment
- River North (RiNo)
- I-70 East Reconstruction
- RTD Station Development for the East, Gold and North Metro Lines

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