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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMPLETED AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS
CHATFIELD FARMS' HILDEBRAND RANCH**



Partially funded by a grant from the Colorado State Historical Fund, a rehabilitation project was completed at Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms. The work focused on three of the buildings on the Hildebrand Ranch: the granary, the stables and the milking barn. Hildebrand Ranch is on the National Register of Historic Places and provides visitors with a rare glimpse into the workings of a turn-of-the-20th-century ranch.

Foundation stabilization, wall and roof repairs were completed. The rehabilitation of these buildings helps ensure their ongoing use at Chatfield Farms for animal shelter and agriculture operations as well as allowing the ranch to serve as an important historical and educational resource.

Of the 19 original structures, 11 are still standing including a ranch house, bunkhouse, summer kitchen, outhouse, stables, blacksmith shop, granary, icehouse and milk barn. The site also features a re-created woodshed and carriage barn.

The State Historical Fund was established in 1990 and assists in a wide variety of preservation projects including restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings, architectural assessments, archaeological excavations, designation and interpretation of historic places, preservation planning studies and education and training programs.

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About Denver Botanic Gardens: Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens was founded in 1951 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Gardens' living collections encompass specimens from the tropics to the tundra, showcasing a plant palette chosen to thrive in Colorado's semi-arid climate. The Gardens is a dynamic, 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences for the whole family – as well as world-class education and plant conservation research programs. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range: Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield is a 700-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude garden and interpretive site on the Mount Evans Scenic Byway. The Gardens also manages programming at Plains Conservation Center in Aurora. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org.