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## **Local Architects Planting One Hundred Trees in Stapleton Park to Help Community and the Environment**

**DENVER (May 11, 2010)** — The American Institute of Architects (AIA), Denver Chapter, and AIA Denver’s Committee on the Environment (COTE) are planting one hundred trees in Stapleton Central Park on Saturday, May 15, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to help the local community, environment and to contribute to the Mile High Million program. The trees are being donated by the Denver Parks and Recreation Department in support of the Mile High Million program, which is an initiative through the City of Denver’s Greenprint Denver program.

AIA Denver COTE works to advance, disseminate, and advocate—to the architecture profession, the building industry, the academy and the public—design practices that integrate built and natural systems and enhance both the design quality and environmental performance of the built environment. This committee reflects the profession’s commitment to provide healthy and safe environments for people and is dedicated to preserving the earth’s capability of sustaining a shared high quality of life.

"One of AIA Denver COTE's goals is to assist with the goals set forth by Greenprint Denver and their initiative, Mile High Million. Mile High Million aims to plant one million trees throughout Denver by 2025. Hosting a tree planting is a perfect way to help support this initiative and the goals of our committee," states Merlin Maley, AIA, AIA Denver COTE 2010 Committee Chair. "The trees we plant in Stapleton Central Park will benefit future generations and enable our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to enjoy Denver's parks and open space amenities that currently make it such a wonderful city in which to live."

This event is the second annual AIA Denver Tree Planting. Last year, AIA Denver and AIA Denver COTE planted one hundred trees in Sloan’s Lake Park in Denver.

### **About AIA & AIA Denver**

*For more than 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real.*

*AIA Denver is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component. This chapter is comprised of members from nine counties in the metro Denver area. The voice of the profession of architecture, AIA Denver inspires and champions its members as leaders in the design of the built environment.*

### **Mile High Million**

*The Mile High Million program is an initiative of Greenprint Denver. Greenprint Denver provides leadership and solutions to ensure a prosperous community. The program brings the vision of a sustainable community directly into Denver neighborhoods and public spaces – aiming to foster community stewardship among individual citizens, neighborhood organizations, schools, nonprofits and businesses by supporting the planting of trees. The initiative is dedicated to creating partnerships and sponsoring work that helps connect people with nature and to each other. More information about Greenprint Denver and Mile High Million can be found by visiting, [www.milehighmillion.org](http://www.milehighmillion.org).*