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Arapahoe Acres

Located just south of Denver in the city of Englewood, Arapahoe Acres was the first post-World War II residential subdivision listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Developed between 1949 and 1957, Arapahoe Acres contains 124 homes. As soldiers returned from World War II, the housing market boomed, making Arapahoe Acres a particularly well-timed success.

The neighborhood was designed by architect Edward Hawkins, a Denver native who studied the works of ground-breaking architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Taking cues from Wright, Hawkins and his partner in design crafted modern homes using natural stone, brick wood, glass, aluminum and concrete with an emphasis on natural lighting inside and privacy for the occupants. Curving streets and diverse lot sizes reflect the natural lay of the land and lend to the expressive style of the neighborhood.

The neighborhood today appeals to those with a sense of modern design, as well as an appreciation for the history of the area. With the recent addition of the RTD Light Rail and transit hub in Englewood, the city has been developing its arts and cultural centers, as well as growing into a commercially vibrant center. In the residential area of Arapahoe Acres itself, historic homes take precedent and renovation and preservation are key to maintaining the historic nature of the area.

