

- The historic Schweiger Ranch (aka, Happy Canyon Ranch) is located east of I-25 and approximately one mile south of Lincoln Avenue in the City of Lone Tree, Colorado.
- The ranch complex was originally established by Douglas County pioneers John, Joseph and Jacob Schweiger, brothers who immigrated to America from Austria. The Schweiger family owned and operated the ranch for over 95 years, from 1874 to 1970. The Schweigers were among the early permanent settlers of the Happy Canyon area.
- The vintage barn with the unique cupola, the ranch house with the ornate porch, the silo, chicken coop, and other buildings tell a story about the people who settled in this place in the late 1800s, and the evolution of ranch life over time.
- Today, the old ranch property is situated in RidgeGate, planned as one of the most compact, mixed use communities along the Front Range.
- The Lone Tree City Council and the owner of the property, Colony Investments, have a strong interest in preserving this historic ranch complex as a resource for the community through the RidgeGate Community Alliance.
- The first step in the process is determining the condition of the historic structures. In 2003, the City received a \$10,000 Historic Structures Assessment Grant from the State Historic Fund.
- Scheuber & Darden Architects were retained to complete the assessment, and plan to complete the project by February of 2004. The City is working with Coventry Development to secure a landmark designation for the property through Douglas County. The assessment and land marking are important steps in seeking future renovation grants with the State Historic Fund.
- A local rancher maintains a cattle operation on the property.
- Schweiger Ranch Foundation was created in 2007. The Foundation received a grant from the State Historical Fund, a program of the Colorado Historical Society, to begin restoration of the ranch property.

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