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## Arapahoe County plans to protect the future and preserve the Platte

County hosts inter-agency forum to discuss conservation development along the South Platte River

**Littleton, Colo.** - Arapahoe County will host an Inter-Agency Forum from 7:30-11 a.m. on Sept. 27 to discuss conservation planning, trail development, and land preservation along the South Platte River Corridor. The meeting will be held at the Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave. in Littleton.

The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners have committed to earmark a significant amount of Open Space acquisition funds from the Arapahoe County Open Space sales tax to this project. The intended outcome of this project will be to partner with the Trust for Public Lands and entities in the area in an effort to receive the Great Outdoors Colorado Legacy matching grant for this region.

The County is partnering with 16 other entities located along the corridor, including: South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, South Suburban Park Foundation, South Metro Land Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, City of Greenwood Village, Town of Columbine Valley, City of Cherry Hills Village, City of Centennial, City of Englewood, City of Littleton, the City of Sheridan and the Town of Bow Mar.

This forum will discuss the master planning and visioning of the South Platte River Corridor. It will also focus on identifying additional connecting trail development projects, and completion of open space buffers along the river.

“The time is now to pursue the options for leveraging funding from outside resources to enhance and preserve the river corridor,” said Commissioner Susan Beckman, District 1.

The County hopes to develop a working sub-group to carry forward strategies for implementation and leverage funding sources for grant opportunities.

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