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Media Advisory

Helping Hands

Arapahoe County, local organizations and 200 volunteers to clean up Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park during Colorado Cares Volunteer Day Saturday

On Saturday, nearly 200 volunteers from Arapahoe County, Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners, Parker Jordan Metropolitan District, Valerian LLC and local churches will converge on Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park for a massive clean up effort during the seventh annual Colorado Cares Day.

Where: Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park
15601 E. Jamison Ave., Centennial (Located one mile south of Arapahoe Road on Jamison between Jordan and Parker Roads.)

When: 8 a.m. – noon, Saturday, July 30, 2005

Who: Under the direction of Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners, volunteers from Arapahoe County, Parker Jordan Metropolitan District and local churches will remove weeds and pick up trash at Arapahoe County's Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park.

Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park is a 75-acre environmentally sensitive educational nature preserve along Cherry Creek. The park is the result of a partnership between Arapahoe County and Parker Jordan Metropolitan District to provide more educational recreation opportunities in eastern Arapahoe County. It is the first park of its kind in Arapahoe County that preserves the delicate riparian area surrounded by growth.

The clean up of Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park is just one of several open space projects underway since voters approved a countywide .25 percent sales and use tax for the preservation of open space and heritage areas in Arapahoe County in 2003. In June, Arapahoe County distributed nearly \$8 million in sales and use tax revenue to 12 communities and recreation districts for open space and trail projects.

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