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DOWNTOWN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

LoDo's NEWEST AMENITY

By Paul and Carol Ann Rothman

- LoDoNA



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Children from throughout the LoDo and Downtown community enjoy the Downtown Children's Playground on a daily basis.

While driving along Speer Boulevard near Wewatta St., it is easy to notice all the activity going on at the new Downtown Children's Playground. Phase I of the Playground opened to the public on July 21, 2007 and it has been a hub of activity ever since!

The Playground has become a meeting place where children play, find new local friends and

often meet visitors from out of town. Parents are also enjoying a new venue for forming expanded community connections.

The Phase I improvements that opened last July were made possible through numerous sources of funding including countless individuals and businesses within the LoDo community, the City and County of Denver,

Great Outdoors Colorado, the Opus Foundation and the Greenway Preservation Trust.

Additional enhancements due to be in place for the summer of 2008 include a large shade structure with several picnic tables and chairs underneath. The heat of last summer made it clear that these amenities are a must for proper enjoyment of the Playground. Funding for these needed additions has been provided by Pannatoni Development Corp. along with numerous individuals and businesses from within the LoDo and Downtown community.

As additional funding is obtained, other features will be added to the Playground including a raised sand box, water features, bench seating overlooking Cherry Creek as well as granite pavers in and around the shade structure.

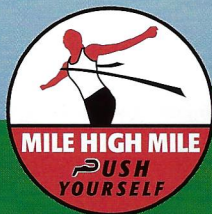
Local residents, trail users and out of town visitors are encouraged to visit and enjoy this wonderful new opportunity for fun, play and exercise alongside the Cherry Creek Greenway.



THE GREENWAY FOUNDATION
Preserving Metro Denver's Urban Waterways Since 1974

"A RIVER IS MORE THAN AN AMENITY, IT IS A TREASURE."

JUSTICE WM. O DOUGLAS



An Event with Altitude June 1, 2008

www.milehighmile.com

About the Race

The MILE HIGH MILE will begin and end at the State Capitol. The philosophy behind the race is to encourage individuals of all ages to PUSH themselves to their highest level of fitness and motivation and complete the MILE HIGH MILE as quickly as possible. Participants will be grouped based on age provided by the participants. Separate groupings will also occur for children ages 11 and under as well as young adults between the ages of 12-19. A wheelchair and elite grouping will also occur as the final wave of runners so that all other participants can witness the winners crossing the finish line. Those participating in the elite wave must state their qualifying times in the last twelve months. All wheelchair participants must be push rim, no handcranks will be permitted.

The MILE HIGH MILE will provide training tips in the weeks prior to the race through the Push Fitness web site. Unlike other "fun runs", the philosophy behind the MILE HIGH MILE will be to run hard, run well, and run fast!!!

Proceeds from the MILE HIGH MILE will benefit the Greenway Foundation, the non-profit organization that has, since 1974, been dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Denver's Urban Waterways. Push Fitness is a private physical therapy and personal training clinic that can help you meet all of your fitness goals, and troubleshoot any physical problems you encounter along the way.

Event Day Information

What: Denver's Premier One Mile Race

Where: The Colorado State Capitol Building in Denver, CO

When: June 1, 2008

4 Easy Ways to Register:

1. Online registration available at www.bkbltd.com.
2. In person from May 2nd until 12:00 pm, May 30th at • Runner's Roost (Lakewood, Denver, Aurora) • Running Wild in Highlands Ranch • Boulder Running CO, Littleton
3. Check payable to: The Greenway Foundation and mail the entry form (on the right) to: BKB Limited, PO Box 4184, Englewood, CO 80155
4. Race Day beginning at 6:45 am.

Event Sponsors



Office of the Governor



Mile High Mile Entry Form

Bib Number: _____ (Official Use Only)

General Rules

- One registration form per person (photocopies are acceptable)
- Bibs are non-transferable
- No refunds
- Mail this form and your check payable to The Greenway Foundation and postmark by May 24, 2008 to: BKB Limited, PO Box 4184, Englewood, CO 80155

Racer Information

Age on Race Day: ____ Sex: ____ Male ____ Female ____ Wheelchair

(participants will automatically be assigned to their age group wave)

____ Elite: time for one mile: ____ (qualifying time one mile required)

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Shirt Size: Adult: ____ XS ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL

Child: ____ S ____ M ____ L

Entry Fee

Participants Ages (18 yrs old & up) ____ Pre-Race \$25, ____ Race Day \$30

Participants Ages (17 yrs old & younger) ____ Pre-Race \$20,
____ Race Day \$25

\$ ____ Tax Deductible Donation for Mile High Mile Race

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ ____ (please make checks payable to The Greenway Foundation)

Waiver & Release – I hereby certify the following: (1) I am physically fit and have received medical clearance to participate in the Mile High Mile; (2) On behalf of myself, my heirs, and assigns, I hereby waive and forever discharge the sponsors, organizers, affiliates, as well as their agents and employees from any and all claims that may accrue as the result of my participation; (3) I will do my best to avoid risks or creating risks to others; (4) I give my consent for medical treatment, should treatment for any accident or illness be required during the event; (5) I give permission for the future use of my name and picture for GWF events; and (6) I understand that there are no refunds.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of parent/guardian if participant is under 18 years old

VENICE ON THE CREEK

DAYTIME FUN, EVENING ROMANCE

By JJ Clark- Manager

Venice on the Creek offers one of the most enjoyable entertainment experiences in Denver!

Starting at Creekfront Plaza, adjacent to Larimer Square at the intersection of Larimer St. and Speer Blvd. in Lower Downtown, these 23-foot long gondola-like boats known as "Punts" float gently down Cherry Creek through four boat locks, turning around at Confluence Park and make the return journey back upstream along ten blocks of the oldest and most historic area of Denver. This unique amenity has transformed a previously undesirable and abandoned area of the City into one of its most sought after residential and recreational communities.

Venice on the Creek's website, **www.veniceonthecreek.com**, is a fun and easy tool to learn all about this unique attraction. Online, anyone can check prices, look over the calendar for available rides as well as make and verify a reservation. Experienced crew members monitor the website regularly to insure the fastest possible response to questions and reservation requests. Directions are also available to the online customers. In addition, questions and reservations can be made by phone at **303-893-0750**.

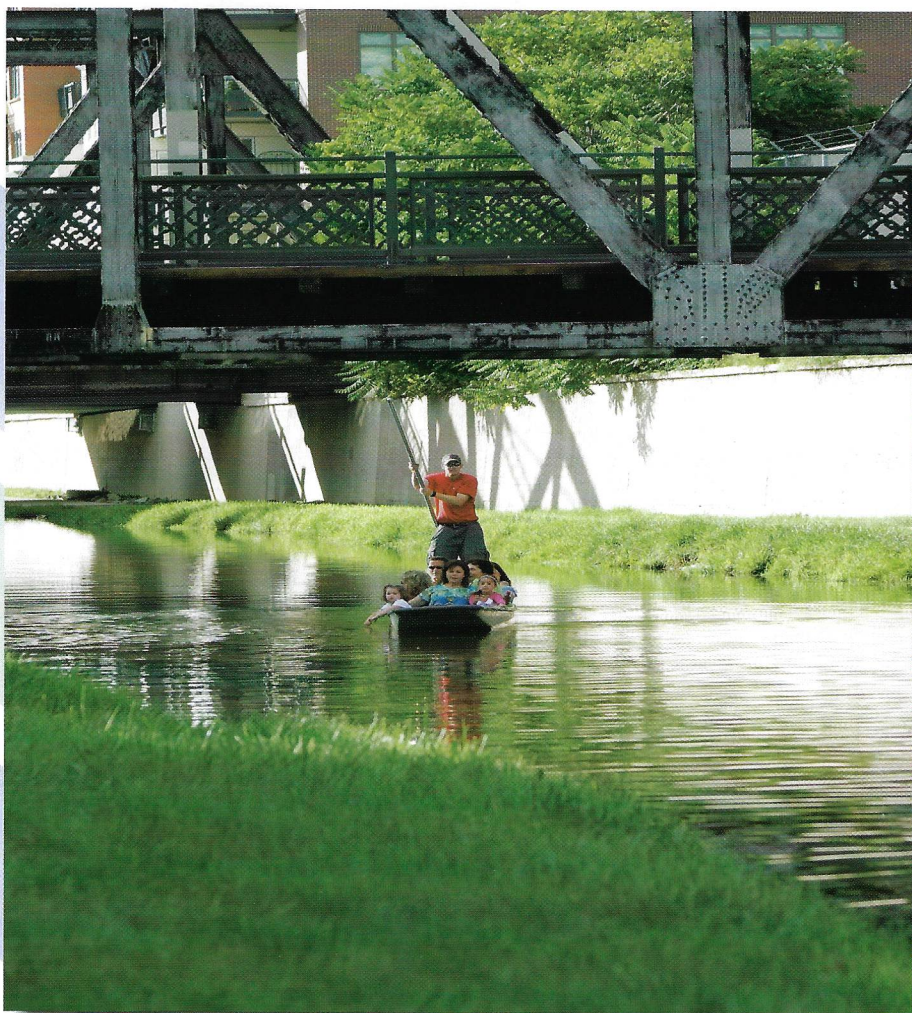


Photo Courtesy of digpicphoto.com

Based on customer response and visible success, Venice on the Creek's operating hours have been established as follows: Thursday-Sunday evenings from 5:00-9:30pm, and Wednesdays during the day for Group Charter Rides of 3 Boats or more from 10:00am-4:00pm. Group Charter

rides must be booked at least 2 weeks ahead of time. Details of the Group Charter Rides can be found on the website or over the phone.

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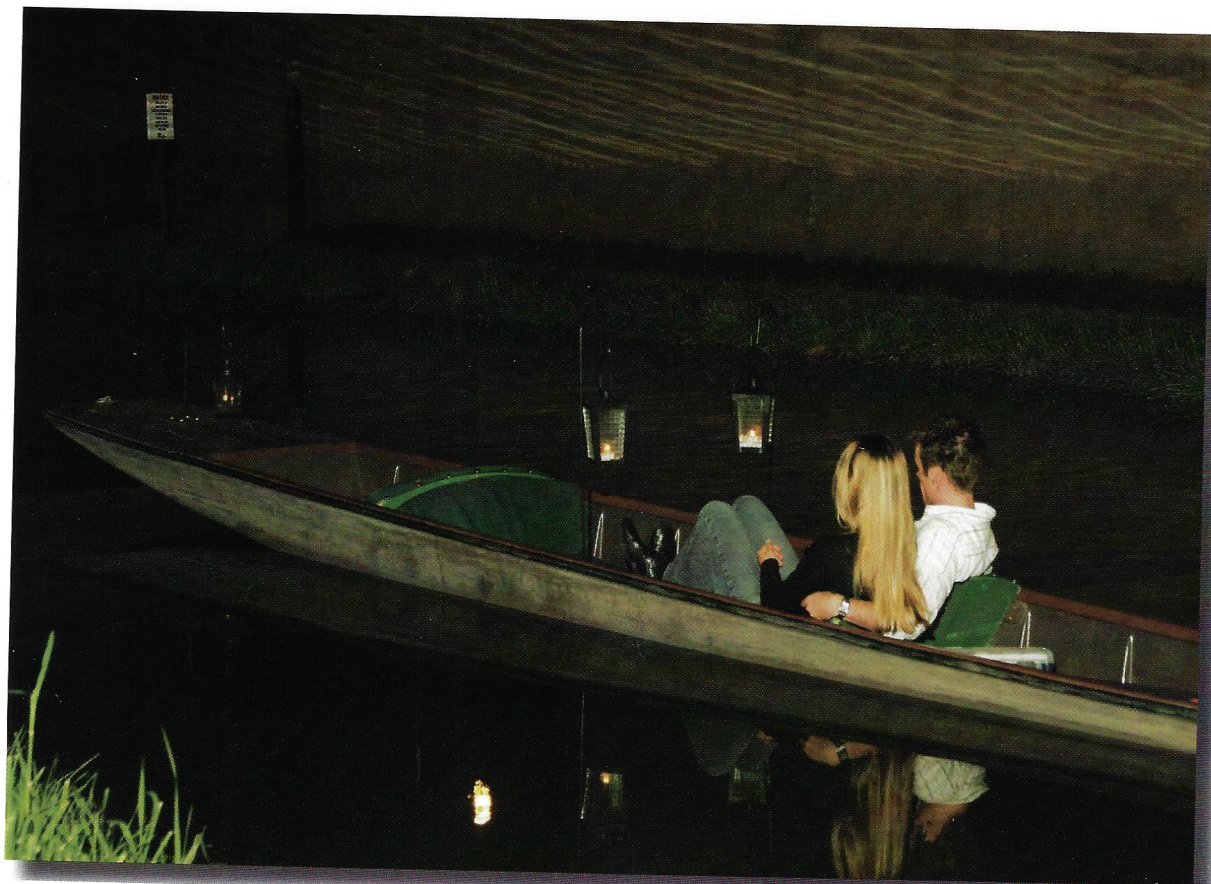


Photo Courtesy of DigPicPhoto.com

The romance of an Evening Candlelight ride on Venice on the Creek.

Every Punt on Venice on the Creek has 3 benches that seat 2-averaged sized adults. Prices per **Bench** are for two people, but a **Private Boat** may be reserved as well. Ride options include **Full Rides** (40-50 minutes) at \$30/Bench for Adults and \$25/Bench for Seniors and Children and **Half Rides** (35-45 minutes) are \$20/Bench for Adults and \$15/Bench for Seniors and Children. **Private Boats** are priced at a flat rate of \$75 for a Full Ride and \$50 for a Half Ride.

Venice on the Creek's tour guides, or Punters, offer a historical tour of Denver as they pole their passengers along the Creek. Visible from the Creek are 100-year old buildings right next to the brand new residential construction. As passengers travel under five of Denver's original steel train (now pedestrian) bridges, the Mile High City's newest attraction is accented by its industrial past. Since 1996, these one-of-a-kind boats (the only such vessels in the U.S.) have navigated the waters of the Cherry Creek and continue to offer a quiet escape deep in the heart of the City.

For the 2008 season, Venice on the Creek will be open from June 5th to August 24th. Again, questions and/or reservations can be taken at either **www.veniceonthecreek.com** or **303-893-0750**.

We hope to have you join us "on the Creek" this summer!

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR FOR SPREE!

By Jolon Clark-SPREE Program Director

2007 was an exciting year for SPREE, and 2008 is continuing along that same path. From brandnewexcursioncurriculum to the "Chompers' Challenge" as a part of the Mile High Mile (www.milehighmile.com), we are busy, busy, busy along the South Platte River!

New Excursion Curriculum

As we constantly strive to be the best environmental education program in the state, we have revamped over fifty percent of our SPREE excursion curriculum. From minor tweaks to major overhauls, all of our excursions have been examined and strengthened. As a part of the process we aligned our curriculum to the Colorado State Standards and the National Environmental Education Guidelines. Here is a quick look at the three excursions that received the biggest facelifts.

1st Grade – Habitat, Habitat, Have to Have Habitat!

The first grade excursion is all about animals. We talk about, and reinforce throughout the day, the things that animals

need to survive and that make up their habitat. The students rotate through stations that help them to explore the needs of animals and how those needs are met along the South Platte River. From a game that simulates the rise and fall of a population of deer as they compete for limited resources, to an activity where the students transform into ants and must build a shelter for

protection, students spend the morning learning first hand about animals' needs. In the afternoon students get to know four animals in details by interacting with pelts, skulls, tracks, and even scat from each animal.



Photo Courtesy of Jolon Clark

Third graders race to grab pieces of gold during a simulated gold rush.



Photo Courtesy of Jolon Clark

Second graders learn about the many uses of Coyote Willow.

2nd Grade – From Roots to Rocks

2nd graders spend their day along the River learning about the living and nonliving things that make up the Bear Creek ecosystem. We focus on plants in the morning and rocks in the afternoon. We talk about and reinforce throughout the day the items that living things need to survive. Students then rotate through stations that help them to explore the world of plants. From a game where the students transform into trees and then compete for limited resources, to a plant

scavenger hunt where students pair up to find different kinds of plants that live along our waterways, students begin to recognize individual plants that make up the complex network of living things at Bear Creek. In the afternoon we switch gears to explore the nonliving components of the ecosystem with an emphasis on rocks. Students rotate through stations that include a "solo" hike where they use all of their senses to experience the nonliving elements at Bear Creek and a station where students embark on "The Great Rock Hunt" as they collect rocks that have different properties.

3rd Grade – Flowing and Growing Through Denver

3rd graders strap on their time travel hats and experience what life was like for the different groups of people who lived along the banks of the South Platte River throughout Denver's history. Starting with an Arapaho/Cheyenne skills course, students learn about the importance of the South Platte River to these tribes as a source of food and water. They then travel forward in time as they compete for treasure during a simulated gold rush, float their homes down the River as they reenact the moving of Montana City from Grant Frontier Park to the Confluence, and then they watch helplessly as the log cabins that they just built get washed away in the 1864 flood of the Cherry Creek. In the afternoon, students "Pass the Trash" to see how the 1965 flood of the South Platte River contributed to the trash and pollution at Confluence Park, and then they give back to the River by having a competition to see which group can pick up the most trash in an effort to keep Confluence Park and the South Platte River clean.

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Fishing for Kids

SPREE and the Division of Wildlife (DOW) teamed up this year to provide opportunities for students to learn about fishing along the South Platte River. Over the course of 2008, SPREE will host a Fishing for Kids day at Overland Pond for each of our seven SPREE Schools. Students spend the morning learning about different species of fish, fish anatomy, careers in natural resources, and learn how to use a fishing rod. Then each student is given a fishing rod and spends the rest of the day fishing along the banks of the Pond. DOW stocks the Pond with 1500 rainbow trout for each day so that each student can experience the thrill of catching a fish. The fish are then released back into the pond, and at the end of the day, each child takes their fishing rod home to keep.



Photo Courtesy of Jolon Clark

A 1st grader gets up close and personal with a squirrel skull.

Chompers' Challenge and the Mile High Mile

As a part of the Greenway Foundation's 1st annual Mile High Mile event, students from our seven SPREE Schools will be participating in the Chompers' Challenge for a chance to bring the SPREE trophy back to their school for the year. The SPREE trophy stands over three feet tall

and has Chompers (SPREE's beaver mascot) engraved on it.

Students at SPREE Schools will have an opportunity to time their mile and train for the Mile High Mile as a part of their schools PE curriculum. Then they will line up on race day to try to beat their original

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These Fishing for Kids days provide opportunities for students from across Denver to learn about fishing who might not otherwise have access to the knowledge and materials necessary to participate in this sport. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend, and for lunch we have a BBQ. This partnership between DOW and SPREE is providing a unique opportunity for students at SPREE schools to deepen their connection with the South Platte River.



Photo Courtesy of Jolon Clark

Second graders take a solo hike using all of their senses to explore the nonliving components of the Bear Creek ecosystem.

timed mile. The top boy and girl finisher from each SPREE School will receive an award, and the top overall miler will be able to take the SPREE trophy back to their school until next year's Mile High Mile. The winning student's name and the school's name will be permanently engraved on the trophy to commemorate their victory.

This event serves many goals for the SPREE Program. Chompers' Challenge will provide an opportunity for the SPREE Schools to compete against each other and build a sense of SPREE community; it will take SPREE into the schools as the students train for the event; it

will help encourage students at SPREE Schools to be active and get outside; and all funds raised during the event will help us keep all of our SPREE activities free of charge for the students at our SPREE Schools.

Unfortunately, many of our SPREE students cannot afford the entry fee for the Mile High Mile. In order to make sure that socioeconomic status does not preclude any child from participating, we have started the Mile High Mile Scholarship Fund. Individuals can donate to this fund to sponsor a SPREE student by paying for their entry fee. This ensures that every child can participate and that the event is successful

in raising funds that go directly into supporting our SPREE Schools. For more information on how you can sponsor a SPREE student, please go to our website.

A Word From Our Students

Our mission is to inspire meaningful personal connections with nature in order to foster a lifelong sense of pride in, belonging to, and stewardship for our natural world by connecting the children of Denver to the South Platte River through engaging educational experiences. Sometimes the best reflection of how we are meeting that mission is the direct feedback from our SPREE students. Here are a few unedited excerpts from what they have written us about SPREE.

5th Grader Aushatay writes:

"Dear to all the people that work for The SPREE, Thank you for inviteing Fairview Elementary to the river, and teaching us about a lot of things. I really like going there. I learned a lot from all you guys, and I told my family about all of you. They really think you guys are awesome. Thank you for spending time with me and my class to teach us about nature. You are all the best people out of the world. Thank you again."

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Photo Courtesy of Jolon Clark

A student catches a Rainbow Trout during a Fishing for Kids event.

4th grader Josh writes:

"I loved this field trip! It was my most favorite of all the field trips!"

4th grader Brady writes:

"I had an awesome time panning for gold. It was so cool. SPREE team rocks!!! The ghost town was the best part of the field trip. I can't believe how awesome you are. Thanks, A lot!"

4th grader Ali writes:

"I love all that you did for us. Thank you so much. I loved learning everything! I would love to go at least one hundred and twenty more times."

5th grader Semaje writes:

"Thank you for inviting us to come to all of the S.P.R.E.E field trips. I am thankful that you are alive and you have helped us with every field trip that we have went on with you guys. The best field trip that the S.P.R.E.E. let us go on was the gold mining when we got pots and we were looking in the water for the gold on the rocks. I remember when you took us fishing and I caught 2 fish. I kept getting my hook took off by the fish. I appreciate what you have done for 5th and 3rd and 4th graders. Thank you for everything.."

3rd grader Elijah writes:

"I would like to thank you for all the fabulous trips. Maby I can give you a trip somewhere. Maby I might work there it looks fun."

Jolon Clark

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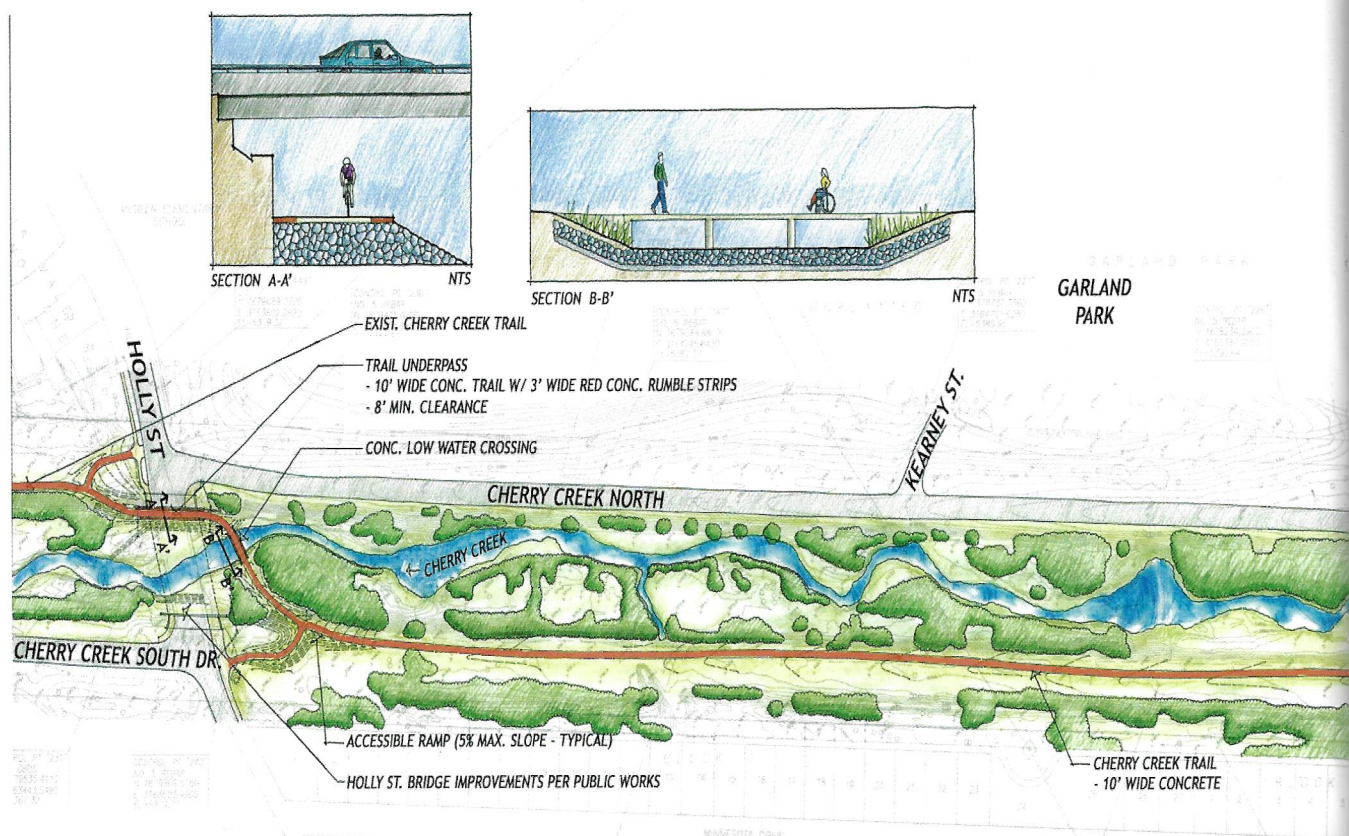
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CHERRY CREEK CORRIDOR

A REALITY AT LAST!

By Dean Pearson-The Architerra Group



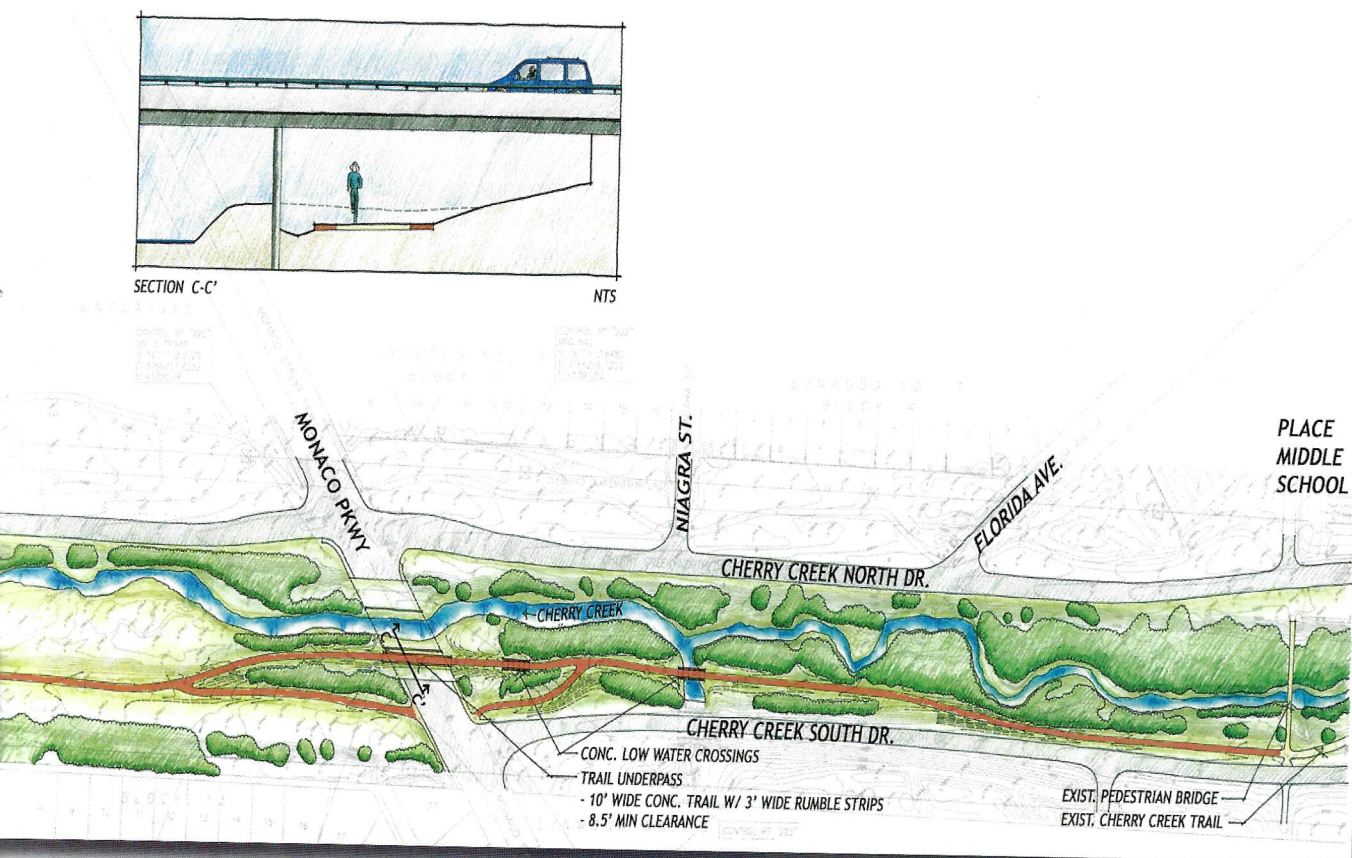
On Friday, March 28, 2008, the Greenway Foundation and the City and County of Denver received a \$725,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for the Cherry Creek Corridor trail project! With additional funding from the City and County of Denver's recent bond package, Urban Drainage

and Flood Control District and the Greenway Foundation, the project is now fully funded.

Special thanks go out to Capitol Representatives and the planning staff at Denver's Parks and Recreation Department for overseeing the grant application to GOCO. This long-anticipated

enhancement will construct a concrete bicycle/pedestrian trail along the only remaining section of the Cherry Creek Greenway without an "in-channel" trail and will eliminate six "at grade crossings" that currently exist. The new trail will begin at the

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Photo/ Rendering Courtesy of The Architerra Group

existing pedestrian bridge adjacent to Cook Park and travel downstream along the Creek under Monaco Parkway, along the natural area between Monaco and Holly St. and will then pass under the new Holly Street bridge, connecting to the existing trail just downstream of Holly St.

Construction of this new 1.5 mile, 10' wide trail is intended to begin later this year and is anticipated to be open for use in the spring of 2009.

For further questions or information regarding this exciting improvement, contact the offices of the Greenway Foundation at 303.455.7109.

SUMMER FUN ON THE RIVER

2007-2008

By Cindy Shoemaker-Special Events Coordinator



Photo Courtesy of JJ Clark

Concert goers enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz.

Over the course of the Summer of 2007, the South Platte River and Cherry Creek witnessed four evenings of smooth jazz in July during the Confluence Concerts series and another four evenings of family entertainment in August with the return of River Flicks. The summer season of the Greenway Foundation's Special Events series concluded in late September with the 15th Annual South Platte RiverSweep, resulting in hundreds of dedicated volunteers working to clean and revitalize the trails, banks and parks of the River.

Thanks to the generous support of numerous organizations, partners, and corporate sponsors, these free community events have continued to grow and raise the bar of free entertainment and civic engagement in and around the LoDo area.

Confluence Concerts - 2008

Confluence Park will once again be the place to be on Thursday evenings in July this summer thanks to the generosity of the series' corporate sponsors including

1st Community Bank, Riverfront Park Community Foundation, and S2 Corporation. The Greenway Foundation is delighted to re-invigorate a long standing relationship with **KUVO 89.3** as the series Radio Sponsor and welcomes **Distinguished Brands International** and **Vitamin Water** as the Beverage Sponsors for the series. Additional sponsorship and support is provided by **Denver Parks and Recreation Dept., SCFD** and the **Greenway Preservation Trust.** Travel "down to the River" for a fun, relaxing evening and listen to great jazz, while enjoying a nice cold European beer, and good food.

Get to Confluence Park early and add to the enjoyment of the evening with an excursion on **Venice on the Creek** before the concert or after the show for an evening of romance on our candlelight rides. Parking will be available for a small fee at the Downtown Aquarium. The South Platte River Trolley will be running from the Downtown Aquarium to the park offering rides to anyone interested in experiencing another fun and unique entertainment venue on the River.

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Photo Courtesy of REI Flagship Store

Volunteers spent the morning on September 29, 2007 building a trail to Centennial Gardens from the South Platte River trail.

Featured performers for Confluence Concerts 2008 will include:

July 10- Mistura Fina

July 17- The Lionel Young Band

July 24- Nelson Rangell

July 31st- Dotsero

SOUTH PLATTE RIVERSWEEP - 2008

Saturday, September 20, 2008 will celebrate the 16th Annual South Platte RiverSweep. Last year's event witnessed over 350 volunteers removing trash and debris along the banks and trails of the South Platte. In addition, volunteers help with trail construction, graffiti removal, tree protection and willow harvesting/relocation. These varied and vital activities will return as part of RiverSweep 2008 along with other needed efforts to maximize the environmental and recreational value of the South Platte River and Cherry Creek.

This longstanding and much-needed community day is made possible through the generous sponsorship of **1st Bank – University Hills Branch, Riverfront Park Community Foundation** and **S2 Corporation**. In addition, numerous partner organizations work with the Foundation to make this great day a reality including: **Denver Parks and Recreation Dept., Hands-On Denver, REI Flagship Store, SCFD, United Site Services, Trout Unlimited, cityWILD, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District,** and the **Downtown Aquarium**.

As has been the tradition, participants in South Platte RiverSweep 2008, will be provided with numerous food and beverage options, at both the beginning and end of the event, thanks to the generosity of **Whole Foods, Qdoba, La Casita, Starbucks and Vitamin Cottage**.

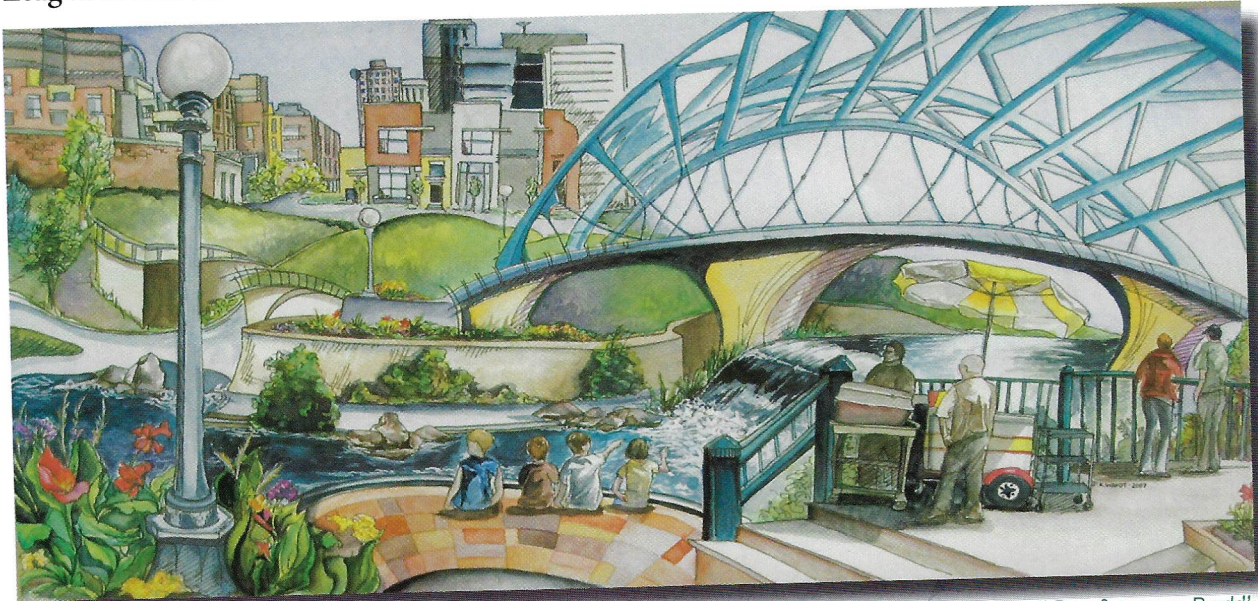
Please join us for the **2008 South Platte Riversweep** on **Saturday, September 20th** beginning at **8:00 a.m.** at Fishback Landing Park, located on the River just upstream of REI, across the River from Elitch Gardens. Bring your families, friends and co-workers to help us clean and improve our Urban Waterways!

For more information about the Greenway Foundation's upcoming Special Events for 2008, volunteer opportunities, or to download the South Platte Riversweep volunteer waiver form, visit our website at **www.greenwayfoundation.org**.

ART ON THE RIVER

A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF DENVER

By Cindy Sewell
Art Students League of Denver



Best of Show~ Kimberly Wendt-Bernal, "Confluence Park"

During the week of August 3, 2007, the **Art Students League of Denver** and the **Greenway Foundation** invited artists citywide—both children and adults—to paint, draw, or make prints of Confluence Park on the South Platte River.

Artists responded to the River, the people or the landscape, creating micro- and macro-representational, abstract and conceptual art.

The Art on the River 2007 juried exhibition opened on October 5th with a special awards party and was displayed through November 7th, 2007. Jurors for the exhibition were Ivar Zeile of plus+gallery and Michael Chavez of Foothills Art Center.

Young artists were a big part of Art on the River with an on-site camp at Confluence Park taught by Art Students League faculty member Judith Cassel-Mamet and a special program at Fairview

Elementary School taught by Art Students League faculty member Michael Gadlin.

Cash awards, funded by the Greenway Foundation, were awarded to the following:

- **Best of Show:** Kimberly Wendt-Bernal, "Confluence Park"
- **2nd Place:** David Castle, "Stevie in the Shade"
- **Creative License:** Jerry Dokken, "Prairie Schooner"

Art on the River 2008 looks to be just as successful with a call for entry focusing on a section of the South Platte River flowing near Elitch Gardens, the Children's Museum, and the Downtown Aquarium.

Important dates for 2008 are:
Call-for-Entry Invitations:
July 1-15

Artists' Registration:
July 30–August 1

Create Art on the River
August 2–10

Art on the River Exhibition
Opening & Awards:
Friday, September 19

Exhibition Dates:
September 19–October 29

Teens will get a chance to create Art on the River in an on-site summer camp. This camp will run June 23–27 from 8:30 am–12:30 pm, with two days spent on the South Platte River near the Downtown Aquarium and Children's Museum. Children attending this camp will be able to exhibit their "River Art" during the Art on the River show.

Call **303-778-6990** for more information on either youth or adult Art on the River programs.

CHATFIELD RESERVOIR REALLOCATION

A COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS STORY

By Marge Price and David Howlett-
Capitol Representatives



Photo Courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1999

Calendar year 2007 marked a real turning point in the Chatfield project. The investment made by The Greenway Foundation in time and money and political leadership contributed significantly to the progress achieved.

The big news of the year is that the first draft chapters of the Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS) on the reallocation project were circulated to the technical advisors in late December, signaling progress toward a complete draft document ready for public comment hopefully in late spring of this year.

Efforts to expand the storage space available for wet water in Chatfield Reservoir southwest of Denver have been underway since the mid-1980s. First step in the process was to obtain congressional authorization for the project, and that was achieved in the 1986 Water Resources Development

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Act. Section 808 of that law has since been amended so that environmental benefits of reallocating the storage space in Chatfield Reservoir can be one of the purposes of the project.

Now, the water users and the State of Colorado are asking the Congress to add one more sentence to that section. They want to be able to undertake the implementation of the recommendations of the EIS at the state and local level. It is not that they question the ability or the dedication of the Corps of Engineers. They simply want to design and plan and build the environmental mitigation sites (wetlands and habitat) and undertake the recreational modifications (moving boat and picnic and other facilities) at Chatfield State Park. They are happy to have the oversight of the Corps. After all, the dam and the reservoir are owned and operated by the Corps and will be after the reallocation. The park is there at the Corps' invitation and permission. The mitigation of the environmental impacts of reallocation is a federal as well as state and local goal. Current law does not forbid local implementation; it just does not specifically allow it. All of the participants in this process would be more comfortable with specific authorization in law. Therefore, the pursuit of this statutory

language has been added to the agenda of The Greenway Foundation, the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project and Capitol Representatives. U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard's office has indicated their interest in helping. Luckily there are two legislative proposals anticipated this year that could be vehicles for carrying this legislative change. Efforts are under way to pursue both of them.

An appropriations request for FY2009 is pending thanks to Rep. Diana DeGette and Senator Allard, with Sen. Ken Salazar's support. We also appreciate Rep. Tom Tancredo's and Rep. Ed Perlmutter's support of the FY2009 request in the House. Appropriations for FY2008 are being put to work (we received \$269,000 in the final omnibus appropriations bill that became law in December). The Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project and its member user groups are also working with the Corps of Engineers to try to come to an equitable agreement on the cost of storage. It would seem that a reservoir and dam constructed 40 years ago has long since been paid for and amortized. It would also seem that if it is able to store a few more feet of water and therefore make a river better and cities water supply more reliable and farms more productive it should do so at

a cost that represents the cost of that portion of the reservoir at the time it was built. The law says the charge has to be based on current value of the construction – in other words \$39 million. Water users and the State of Colorado are trying to work with the Corps of Engineers and the Congress to come to a compromise. Representative Perlmutter has indicated he is willing to try to help with this issue.

How does this technical news connect to the investment The Greenway Foundation has been making in the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project? Let us count the ways.

Throughout 2006, the Project worked with the entire Colorado Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to secure ongoing funding for the work on the EIS. By year's end, the funding was listed in the Senate Appropriations Committee Report, and members of the delegation were urging their leaders to sustain that allocation in final legislation. It was a scary time because the 109th Congress ended with no final appropriations bills completed. The government was running on a Continuing Resolution.



Photo Courtesy of Capitol Representatives

Dave Giger, Colorado State Parks, briefs supporters of the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project as they enjoy a tour of the reservoir as well as the many amenities within Chatfield State Park.

The first three months of the new 110th Congress in January and February and the first half of March 2007 were uncertain as well. In February, the Congress and the President agreed to forego FY2007 appropriations bills and operate the government for the entire fiscal year on the Continuing Resolution. No Corps of Engineers projects were listed by name; no dollar amounts for continuing efforts like the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project EIS/FR were included.

That meant that the White House and the federal agencies could decide where the money was to be spent. In the case of the Corps of Engineers that took the form of a project workplan. Nearly all of the Corps' budget is allocated by projects in a "normal" year, so

they had an outline in place. They were able to meet the 30-day deadline for producing their workplan and delivering it to the Office of Management and Budget. It included \$354,000 for continuation of the Chatfield EIS. It took one more month for the money (with spending authority) to reach the Corps District office in Omaha, but then it was put to use almost immediately. The stop work order on the EIS was lifted, the state's matching funds (dollar for dollar) were transferred to the Corps, and the budget and schedule were adjusted. Instead of predicting a completed EIS and Record of Decision in 2008, we're now looking at 2009.

While all these steps on the FY2007 funding were going on, the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project, led by Jeff

Shoemaker of The Greenway Foundation, was making another trip to Washington to push for FY2008 funding – with the increased costs for the EIS that added money was even more important. The good news here was that the "ask" could be adjusted a bit once the exact number of FY2007 funding was known.

On the very first trip the group made to Washington they were greeted warmly by the Colorado Congressional delegation – in large part because several members of the delegation served in the Colorado General Assembly with Rep. Jeff and/or Sen. Joe Shoemaker, and they and The Greenway Foundation were backing this project.

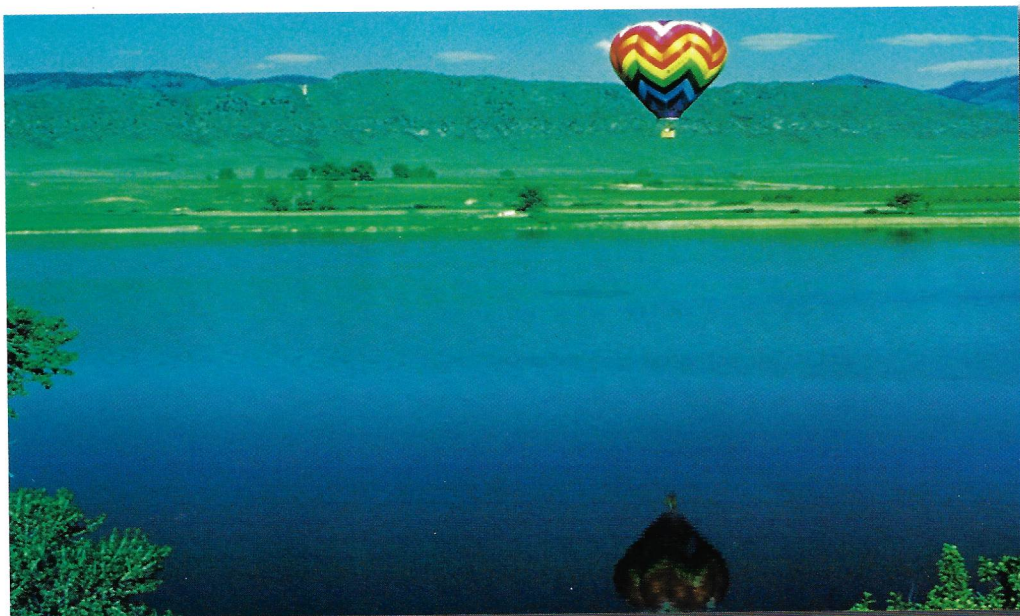


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Throughout 2007 the efforts continued – to work with the Corps of Engineers on technical issues, to work with the Congress on funding to complete the EIS and Feasibility Report, to begin the work of contracting with the Corps for the added storage space in the reservoir.

Meanwhile progress was made on two other local fronts. First, the Colorado General Assembly passed a second resolution SJR 07-019 in support of the project. It was sponsored by Rep. Frank McNulty and Sen. Ted Harvey, with many cosponsors.

Second, the legislature passed its annual water projects bill with an additional \$600,000 in it to assist with the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project.

Third, two of the Basin Roundtables set up by the state to work on water supply issues agreed to grant funds to the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project to assist the water users with their share of the EIS work. They allocated \$130,000. Jeff Shoemaker and Capitol Representatives got to know the roads to Greeley, Longmont, and Berthoud to the north and Highlands Ranch and Castle Pines on the south as we worked through the steps to securing the funds. Tracy Bouvette of Great Western Institute assisted The Greenway Foundation and the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project in the effort to identify and obtain this funding. It took months of work and patience. The grants were among the

very first approved by the roundtables and the process was complicated by having the money transferred first from one division of the state Department of Natural Resources to another – and then to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This exciting and challenging project continues to show progress and promise and, once realized, will be a model of how local, state, federal, private and non-profit interests can successfully collaborate and produce results that no single affected interest could accomplish. For more information about the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation project, contact the Greenway Foundation office at 303-455-7109.

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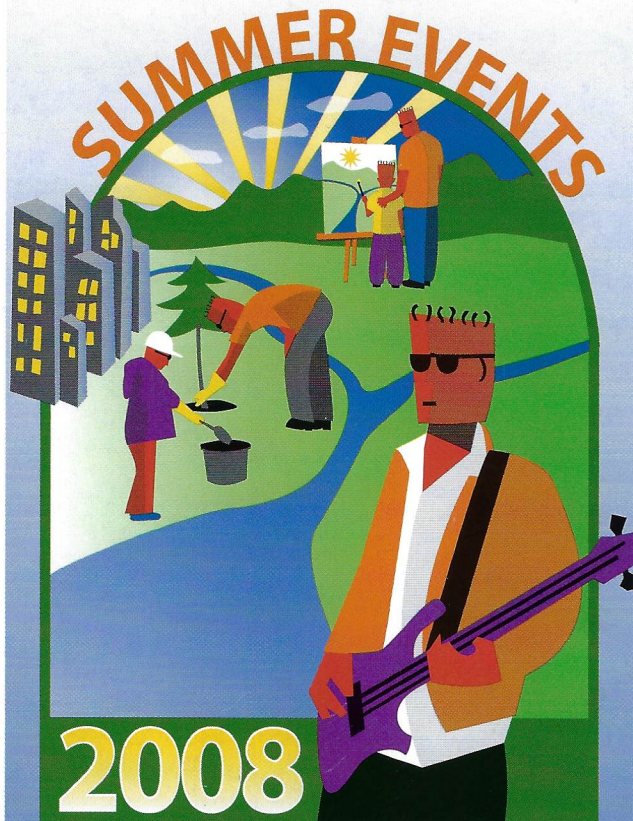
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