

# CHERRY CREEK VALLEY ECOLOGICAL PARK



## ON-GOING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

- Intergrated Weed Management
- Reseeding/ reestablishing native grass areas
- Maintenance to existing amenities



## PROJECTS COMPLETED TO DATE

- Cross-buck fence along southern perimeter
- Expanded irrigation of seeded areas
- Weed management progress continued
- Red Hawk Ridge Trail constructed to provide a connection from the park to the elementary school
- The trail to the well was widened to minimize the impact of maintenance vehicles and to also revegetate the well easement
- Removal of Russian Olive trees
- Donation Rock and plaque to recongnize donations by patrons to the park
- Educational guides for teachers and students



## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 2007

- Council Gathering Ring
- Creekside Outdoor Classroom
- Wood plank fence along west side of perimeter to define the property line
- Entry monuments at the parking lot and the pedestrian bridge will be installed to indicate and define the primary entrances into the park
- Broncos Parkway Trailhead
- Irrigated evergreen and deciduous tree buffer plantings along southern perimeter of park
- Cherry Creek Regional Trail expansion



## PROPOSED FUTURE PROJECTS

- Landform Amphitheater
- Creek Side Access Point
- Sensory Garden with Braille Walk
- Additional Picnic Areas
- Native Plantings

## EXISTING PARK AMENITIES

- Gazebo
- Restrooms
- Floating Dock
- Wetlands boardwalk
- Educational Signage
- Native Plantings
- Picnic Areas







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## VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

Volunteer efforts and community involvement are very important to the development of the park. Without volunteer's time and work efforts, the progress seen today would not have been possible.

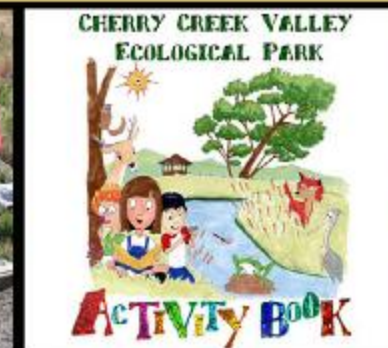
Native tree plantings, wildflower plantings and clean-ups were some of the volunteer efforts that occurred this year to continue the beautification and restoration of Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park.



## HISTORY

The Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park is a 25 acre park developed within a 75 acre parcel park which is located along Cherry Creek. The park has encountered many human disturbances throughout the years including gravel mining, tree farming, sod farming and rubble & debris disposal.

In 1988, Arapahoe County, in conjunction with Parker Jordan Metropolitan District, acquired the land in hopes of developing it into a riparian landscape. The vision for the land was an educational nature park that would serve the residents of the surrounding community and bestow a conservation ethic for the treatment of land.



## BRIEF OVERVIEW

Arapahoe County and the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District held a design competition among the Landscape Architecture students at Colorado State University for a conceptual design. Dave Sheldon, a fifth-year Landscape Architect student, submitted the winning design that typified the vision of the stewards.

The implementation of the design was undertaken by Valerian, LLC, and the first phase of the park construction was completed in the spring of 2001.





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## POINTS OF INTEREST

1. CHERRY CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL
3. PROPOSED LOCATION FOR CREEK SIDE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
4. PROPOSED GATHERING COUNCIL RING
5. RED HAWK RIDGE TRAIL CONNECTION
9. PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN ENTRY MONUMENTATION
10. PROPOSED PLANTING BUFFER
11. CROSS BUCK STYLE FENCE ON SOUTHERN PROPERTY LINE
12. VIEWING AREA WITH BENCHES AND EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE
13. POND
14. FLOAT DOCK
15. BOARDWALK
16. GAZEBO
18. CRUSHER FINES TRAIL
19. PROPOSED PARK ENTRY MONUMENTS
20. GRAVEL PARKING LOT
21. SIGNAGE (TYP.)
22. PROPOSED WOOD PLANK FENCE ALONG WESTERN PROPERTY LINE
23. RESTROOMS
25. CREEK SIDE ACCESS POINT
26. KIOSK WITH CHERRY CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL MAP
27. BRIDGE CROSSING
28. HAPPY CANYON TRAIL

## PROPOSED POINTS OF INTEREST

2. PROPOSED HABITAT PLANTING
6. PROPOSED PICNIC LOCATION
7. PROPOSED CHERRY CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL EXPANSION
8. PROPOSED BRONCOS PARKWAY TRAIL HEAD
17. PROPOSED LOCATION FOR LANDFORM AMPHITHEATER
24. PROPOSED FUTURE PARK EXPANSION AREA



ENTRY MONUMENT  
PERSPECTIVE  
nts



CREEK SIDE BOARDWALK  
PERSPECTIVE  
nts



GATHERING COUNCIL RING  
PERSPECTIVE  
nts



CREEK SIDE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM  
PLAN VIEW  
nts



CREEK SIDE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM  
SECTION  
nts



PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE  
PERSPECTIVE  
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