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## **Arapahoe County Open Spaces seeks public input on access to South Platte** *South Platte Connections survey available online or at trail events this week*

**Littleton, CO** – The South Platte Working Group, a partnership between the Cities of Englewood, Littleton, and Sheridan, South Suburban Park and Recreation District, Arapahoe County, and others, recently launched the *South Platte Connections Study* to identify ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the South Platte River/Mary Carter Greenway Trail.

The South Platte Connections study includes a website where individuals can post comments, an online survey, on-trail events along the South Platte, and community open house events. The online survey and study information can be found at [www.southplatteconnections.com](http://www.southplatteconnections.com).

The study will focus on seven locations where access to the South Platte is difficult today, including:

- Dartmouth
- Hampden
- Oxford
- Federal
- Belleview
- Bowles
- Mineral

The study, which is funded by the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax, seeks to understand local needs and visions for accessing the South Platte and what improvements would be most beneficial. Citizens can provide input through the [online survey](#), by visiting with project team members at on-trail events, or by leaving comments on the [project website](#). The survey will close September 14.

Members of the project team will be staffing on-trail information tents along the South Platte on the Mary Carter Greenway Trail at the River Run Trailhead and Nixon's Coffee House at Hudson Gardens on Wed., Aug. 22, 6-8 a.m. and Sat., Aug 25 8-10 a.m. where citizens can take the survey, learn more about the study or ask questions of the project team staff.

Information about future community open house events will be posted on the project website at [www.southplatteconnections.com](http://www.southplatteconnections.com).

The South Platte Working Group is dedicated to increasing and enhancing the recreational value of the corridor; preserving natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality; encouraging opportunities for education and interpretive activities and contributing to the economic well-being of Arapahoe County. To learn more about the work of the South Platte Working Group, please visit <http://arapahoegov.com/469/South-Platte-Working-Group>.

For more information about the South Platte Connections Study or to receive updates, please visit [www.southplatteconnections.com](http://www.southplatteconnections.com).