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## **Partnership brings new park to Littleton along the South Platte** *Arapahoe County, City of Littleton and South Suburban Park & Recreation District partner to create Reynolds Landing*

**Littleton, CO** — On Saturday, residents of Arapahoe County celebrated the grand opening of a brand new park located at 6745 South Santa Fe Drive in Littleton.

Situated along the Mary Carter Greenway, Reynolds Landing, appropriately named after Dennis Reynolds for his years of outstanding public service to the south metropolitan community, brings a relaxing escape from the city and a much needed trailhead for pedestrians, bikers and kayakers needing to access the trail.

The celebration marked the culmination of an effort that took more than 13 years to identify, acquire and open to the public this spectacular piece of land. The City of Littleton negotiated the purchase in partnership with South Suburban, selling 10 acres to the District for \$1 million and the goal of creating a park.

Funding for the park was provided by Arapahoe County, the City of Littleton, South Suburban, and Great Outdoors Colorado. As part of the partnership, Arapahoe County awarded a \$250,000 grant and pledged \$95,000 under the South Platte Greenway Legacy Project for the development of the park and trails.

County funds are made possible by the generous citizens of Arapahoe County through the voter-approved Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax, which is dedicated to preserve open space and natural areas; protect lands that preserve water quality in rivers, lake and streams; provide, maintain and improve neighborhood parks, open space, sports fields, picnic facilities and multi-use trails; protect wildlife habitat and corridors; preserve agriculture and ranchlands; and enhance and maintain designated heritage areas.

In November 2003, Arapahoe County voters approved a countywide quarter-cent sales and use tax for the preservation of open space in Arapahoe County. Tax collection began Jan. 1, 2004 and 50 percent of the annual revenue is returned to incorporated cities and towns based upon population to enhance local parks, trails, recreation and open space.

Reynolds Landing represents the vision of the South Platte Working Group, a collaboration of 19 local governments and community agencies working to preserve open space and recreation amenities along the South Platte River corridor. Additional land acquisitions and improvements as part of the South Platte Greenway Legacy Project are in progress with more than \$25 million in cooperative funding, including a \$5.25 million matching grant from Great Outdoors Colorado and \$3 million from the Arapahoe County Open Space program.

To learn more about the Arapahoe County Open Space program, visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) or call 720-874-6500.

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**ReynoldsLandingWalk:** Residents joined Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman, Littleton Mayor Doug Clark and Honoree Dennis Reynolds on a walk to celebrate Littleton's newest park along the South Platte River, Reynolds Landing.

**ReynoldsLanding2009 & ReynoldsLandingEvent2009:** On Saturday, the local community celebrated the grand opening of Reynolds Landing, the newest park along the South Platte River thanks to a partnership between Arapahoe County, City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation District. From left: Sue and Dennis Reynolds, Littleton Mayor Doug Clark, Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation District Board Member Jerry Call.

**KidsAtReynoldsLanding:** Kids break away from the Reynolds Landing grand opening presentation to explore and enjoy this new park along the South Platte River. The park was made possible thanks to voter-approved Arapahoe County open space tax dollars, the City of Littleton, South Suburban Parks and Recreation District and Great Outdoors Colorado.