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## **SAND CREEK GREENWAY CLEANUP A SUCCESS**

Denver – July 30, 2004 – Sand Creek Regional Greenway sparkles more brightly after the hard work of 45 volunteers on Saturday, August 14, in the project sponsored by REI, Hands On Denver, Forest City, and the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership.

Paul Bareis-Golumb, a resident at Stapleton, picked up trash, pulled shopping carts out of the creek, and scraped off sand from the recent rainstorm in the runway tunnels. After nearly four hours of hard work he declared, "Sand Creek Greenway is a hidden treasure and real asset for Stapleton residents – and for citizens from miles around. I am happy to spend my Saturday morning helping to make it a better place for everyone."

The volunteers collected nine shopping carts, dozens of bags of noxious weeds, twenty tires, and over fifty bags of trash. Graffiti removal was also a priority for the hard workers.

Happy Haynes from the Mayor's Office came by to help and stated, "With partners like REI, Hands On Denver, Forest City, and the volunteers from Stapleton and across the metro district, we can make a real difference for the Greenway."

"Wild outdoor areas that are accessible and usable by the public is what our customers look for," said Mark Guebert-Steward, REI Event Coordinator said. "They find it in the Sand Creek Greenway. It is great to see them come out to make it a better place for all users. We look forward to helping out next year."

The event was such a success that the organizers and sponsors want to hold it again next year. "It is amazing that 45 volunteers and 4 hours can make such a amazing difference in the quality of the greenway! Many thanks to all who volunteered!" said Kate Kramer, Executive Director of the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership.

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