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Community Members attend Dedication of The Littleton Community Trail

The official dedication of the Littleton Community Trail took place on Sun., March 8 as part of the City of Littleton's 125th Anniversary celebration. The trail complements an existing comprehensive trail system throughout the city and provides pedestrians and cyclists another off-street opportunity to navigate the City.

The Littleton Community Trail spans 2.6 miles and is primarily a 10' wide crusher fine trail. It connects Big Dry Creek Trail on the north to Lee Gulch Trail on the south, providing recreational cyclists and pedestrians easy access to Belleview Park, Cornerstone Park, Slaughterhouse Gulch Park, War Memorial Rose Garden and Lower Ridgewood Park.

In order to build the trail, right-of-way was acquired from the BNSF Railway Company and a private land owner. The trail features a 10' x 91' pre-fabricated steel bridge over Slaughterhouse Gulch, and a rest area in Slaughterhouse Gulch Park.

The project cost \$1,500,000 and was funded by City of Littleton, South Suburban Park and Recreation District, Arapahoe County Open Space, Great Outdoors Colorado, State Health Department Grant and the South Suburban Park Foundation.

Participating in the ribbon cutting was Nancy Doty, Arapahoe County Commissioner; Jerry Valdes, City Council Member, The City of Littleton; Dave Lorenz, Executive Director, South Suburban Parks and Recreation; John Ostermiller, SSPR Board President and SSPR Board Members Sue Rosser and Mike Anderson.

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The dedication was attended by nearly 100 people and a dozen or more people took advantage of Dave Lorenz' invitation to walk a stretch of the trail following the ribbon cutting. The day's festivities also included a City of Littleton sponsored free pancake breakfast and a carnival at South Suburban's Buck Recreation Center. The public could also use the recreation center's facilities for free from 10 am – 2 pm.

Sunday's trail dedication marked Dave Lorenz's last official unveiling of a District amenity. He's participated in dedications for virtually every District facility, trail, park, playground and more. Dave is proud to have been associated with so many unveilings of District amenities during his 48 years with the District. His retirement begins March 31.

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