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Green Valley Ranch East Park Celebrates Finished Renovations

Denver, July 15, 2009— On Wednesday, July 22 at 9:00 a.m., Denver Parks and Recreation and Councilman Michael Hancock will participate in the ceremonial ribbon cutting of Green Valley Ranch East Park, located at the intersection of 45th Avenue and Jebel Street. The park has undergone an extensive renovation and improvements, including a new picnic shelter with grills, basketball courts, ball field, sand volleyball court, parking lot and a new irrigation system.

The recent construction reflects a longstanding promise to complete a master plan for the park. Phase 1 development of the park and pool was completed in the 1980's. Finishing off about 16 acres, the most recent improvements have doubled the development of the park and have created more options for community members looking to get outdoors this summer.

One of these new options includes an improved 1.5 acre dog park. Previously the park contained an unfenced off-leash area that was part of the original dog park pilot program launched around 2003. The newly renovated area is now fenced and includes its own shade structure, drinking fountains and benches.

The new park development was made possible through funding by the Capitol Improvement Program, a Seed Capital Grant and a contribution by the Better Denver Bond program. The City of Denver's \$550 million voter-approved Better Denver Bond program, started in 2007, works to improve, preserve, renovate and create amenities that touch citizen's lives- including roads, libraries, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, public safety, City buildings and cultural facilities. Money from the bond program was used to create the new shade structure and slide for the pool area at Green Valley Ranch East Park. Along with these amenities, the Better Denver Bonds program funded a complete renovation of the irrigation system for the entire park.

"We are really excited to see this phase of the park master plan completed," says City Councilman Michael Hancock. "From the basketball courts to the picnic areas, the newly renovated park has something for everyone. We hope that the improvements made to the equipment and facilities will encourage people to come out and enjoy this urban park."

For more information on Green Valley Ranch East, please contact the Denver Parks and Recreation Marketing Department at 720.913.0691. For more information on the Better Denver Bonds program and upcoming projects, call 720.913.0814.

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