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Deserving Community to Celebrate Groundbreaking for New Park

Denver, August 7, 2009— On Thursday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m., Denver Parks and Recreation along with Councilman Michael Hancock will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for Parkfield Lake Park, located at the intersection of Chambers Road and 53th Avenue.

Parkfield is one of the most isolated and fastest growing communities in Denver, located in the far northeast corner of the city. This often underserved community currently lacks existing park facilities despite its growing population. The new park and amenities will serve over 50,000 residents from these northeast Denver communities and will complement the available indoor after-school programs available at Denver Parks and Recreation's Montbello Recreation Center, already built on the Parkfield Lake Park site. In addition, because of the new park size and the variety of play elements that will offered, it is hoped that the park will fill a huge void for this fast growing part of Denver. It is an amenity that will help bring communities closer together and bridge cultural differences.

Due to funding by the Better Denver Bonds program and Great Outdoors Colorado, Denver Parks and Recreation is able to begin construction of Phase 2 of Parkfield Lake Park, which includes trails, road and access improvements. Phase 3, funded by the Better Denver Bond program, will begin later this year and will include football, softball, baseball and soccer fields, picnic sites, additional trails, an amphitheater, basketball and tennis courts, a dog park and a modest playground.

The City of Denver's \$550 million voter-approved Better Denver Bond Program is working to 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. Over 280 projects are part of this effort and the improvements are scheduled for completion by 2012. Projects are being accelerated as possible, with many of them slated for completion by 2011. The Bond Program will pump millions of dollars into the economy and help to preserve and create jobs across the region.

For more information on Parkfield Lake Park, please contact Michelle Madrid-Montoya at 720-913-0691. Also, if you are interested in learning more about the Better Denver Bonds program, visit www.denvergov.org/betterdenver.

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