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Press Release

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Lafayette Open Space Day Volunteers Repair Rock Creek Trail

Lafayette segment of Rock Creek Regional Trail is now open

LAFAYETTE, CO October 25, 2013 –Thanks to the efforts of over 100 volunteers Rock Creek Trail is now open from Pinnacle Court off Exempla Circle to just north of Horizon Avenue. Boulder County is planning to reopen the Eastern Link trail segment on Two Creeks Open Space by 5pm Friday, October 25 connecting the communities of Lafayette and Broomfield once again.

The Open Space Day volunteers made short work of rebuilding Rock Creek Trail. “Our volunteers are amazing,” praised Jeff Moline, the City’s Open Space Superintendent. “They made such quick work of the half-mile repair to the Rock Creek Trail that a large number of folks got to work on smoothing out trail materials and clearing out debris along the Coal Creek Trail near 120th Street.”

Along with the volunteers, devoted members of the Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee deserve recognition as well as City staff who also generously contributed efforts to Open Space Day. “With the thoughtful and hard-working volunteers we have in and near Lafayette, our Open Space program is top notch”, says Moline. “I also want to give special recognition to Matt Espinoza, our Open Space Maintenance Technician, for all his diligent and exceptional work in preparing for Saturday’s successful event.”

Re-opening Rock Creek Trail provides beneficial connections to our community. As for the Coal Creek Trail, staff is hopeful that segments of the trail in Lafayette can be reopened in the next several months following repairs. Unfortunately, areas with bridge and underpass damage will take additional

time and resources to repair. The reality of the restoration work on Coal Creek Trail promises to be a lengthy endeavor.

For information about future trail volunteer opportunities please register online to receive email notifications at www.cityoflafayette.com/trailvolunteer.

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For more information on the Open Space Advisory Committee visit the City's website at <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/index.aspx?nid=387>.

See a Lafayette regional trail flood damage assessment listing at <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/index.aspx?NID=161>.

For more general information about Lafayette's Open Space program visit <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace>.

To see photos from Open Space Day on the Lafayette Open Space Facebook page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.647263171972388.1073741829.112505058781538&type=1&l=3ee57658b6>

About Lafayette's Open Space Program

Lafayette owns just under 1300 acres of open space. Open space is acquired and maintained thanks to two separate open space taxes. The POST tax was approved in 1991 for 0.25% and the Legacy tax for 0.25% was approved to run from 2005-2014. Open Space land preserves and restores natural areas, including the plants and animals that live there; protects water resources and wildlife habitats; provides a place for light recreational use such as walking, photography, or nature studies; retains land for agricultural use; shapes the development of the City; limits urban noise and congestion; and, safeguards the land for its contribution to your quality of life and the value of your home. For more information about the Open Space program visit <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/openspace> or Like our [City of Lafayette Open Space Facebook Page](#).

About the flood damage to the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail System

In an ongoing collaborative effort over the past 20+ years, regional governments have partnered to create the Coal Creek and Rock Creek trail systems. Participation from City of Lafayette, City of Louisville, Boulder County, City and County of Broomfield, Town of Erie and Town of Superior has allowed two highly enjoyable trail systems to highlight significant open space parcels and connect the communities in eastern and southern Boulder County. Unfortunately, the September 2013 flooding left this system with significant damage to large segments, particularly to Coal Creek Trail through Lafayette, Louisville and unincorporated Boulder County. Repairing pedestrian bridges and two underpasses as well as replacing trail materials in Lafayette will require careful planning and construction. Therefore, key partners are working together diligently to prioritize repair and funding strategies so that the important community links can be reopened. To learn more, visit <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/trails> or <http://www.bouldercounty.org/os/parks>.