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The Greenway Foundation

30 Years Old- And Just Getting Started!

By Joe Shoemaker, Chairman and Jeff Shoemaker, Executive Director



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Joe and Jeff Shoemaker enjoy a visit at Confluence Park along the South Platte River.

30 short years ago, Mayor Bill McNichols appointed the Platte River Development Committee (PRDC), later becoming the Greenway Foundation, and put forward a seemingly impossible goal: to transform Denver's South Platte River from a forgotten dump into a source of pride for the citizens of the Mile High City. The response from the public to this lofty announcement was two fold: apathy and laughter.

In 1974, most public officials in Denver felt about the South Platte as did most of those living in major cities throughout the United States – that despite

being the overseers and caretakers of our urban waterways, these Rivers were looked upon only as utilitarian water courses and drainageways that would receive and dispose of city sewage, stormwater runoff from streets, parking lots and other paved areas, cooling water for utility plant generators and as an open "pipeline" for downstream agricultural irrigators.

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The volunteer-based PRDC, and its successor, The Greenway Foundation, consisting of nine diverse individuals with a common goal of wanting the South Platte River to become something more than the flowing sewer it had become, envisioned that the River could also serve as an environmental, recreational and cultural amenity for Denver's citizens – a place to boat, a site for riverside picnics, a location for new parks, open spaces, and multi-purpose trails, a background for concerts, a place to fish, and a magnet to encourage and attract the return of the numerous species of wildlife that had long since abandoned the River - all in all, a refuge within the midst of a noisy city where one could find a quiet place of ground, water and greenery that would once again be an asset vs. an eyesore for Denver.

Over the course of the last three decades, the PRDC/Greenway Foundation, in partnership with numerous public partners including the City and County of Denver, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, the Denver Water Department as well as countless private supporters from numerous local foundations, corporations and individuals raised over \$25 Million to create a variety of amenities along the South Platte River corridor within Denver including: a hike-bike path along the entire 10.5 miles of Denver's stretch of the River; the conversion of numerous former landfill dumpsites, junkyards and other waste sites into green and growing park spaces; the creation of drop structures with boatchutes so the River, even during low flow periods, could be boatable for canoes, rafts and kayaks; the removal of over 250 sources of direct pollution into the channel of the River; and the cleaning of its banks and surrounding areas.

In 1996 Mayor Wellington Webb declared the further enhancement of the South Platte River Greenway to be his top priority and confirmed this announcement with a collective commitment of over \$40 Million of additional park, open space and waterway enhancements to this nationally recognized urban jewel. He realized that our urban waterways are our heritage and needed to be fully recognized and embraced by the City.

With this combined investment of over \$65 Million in "Denver's Greatest Natural Resource", the Greenway Foundation joined forces with the Mayor's office and its representatives to help insure that there were permanent means of maintenance and protection for the River and its tributaries so that this investment would always be protected and preserved.

This goal was achieved through three significant endeavors:

- The South Platte River, Cherry Creek and the other tributaries to the River within Denver were designated as "official parks" which guaranteed the oversight and protection long since provided to the City's numerous other parks.

- A new and specially equipped maintenance district was established for the River, recognizing that the upkeep and care of the unique topography of a river channel, banks, riparian zones, natural areas, trails and parks required a different type of maintenance, in terms of both equipment and personnel, than a more "traditional" urban park.

- The Greenway Foundation launched an endowment campaign for the River, entitled "The Greenway Preservation Trust" (GPT), with an initial goal of \$5 Million. The earnings from the GPT were designated for the Foundation's Youth Education and Youth Employment programs, to provide free Cultural Events that attract people to the River and its countless amenities, and ongoing Enhancements to the River as well as its banks, trails and parks.

All three of these efforts are focused on making sure that the South Platte River Greenway is preserved, protected, and utilized now and into the future.

And this year, 2004, 30 years

after Mayor McNichols recognized the potential of "The Only River In Town", we celebrate the South Platte as an invaluable cultural, recreational and environmental asset for the citizens of Denver and beyond.

You are invited to "come down to the River" on a regular basis – travel along the actively used trail system; take a raft trip down the River and through one of the many boatchutes; spend time with family and friends in one of the delightful parks that line the River's banks, each with its own focus and flavor. And join the ranks of the thousands of Denverites who have come to understand the origin of how our City began and continues to depend on the unique and vibrant beauty that is our South Platte River.

“We celebrate the South Platte River as an invaluable cultural, recreational, and environmental asset for the citizens of Denver and beyond.”

Friend Of The River Award Dinner – 2003

By Barbara Gibson



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Joe Shoemaker, Chairman and Jeff Shoemaker, Executive Director congratulate F. Charles Froelicher, the recipient of the 2003 Friend of the River Award.

The 5th annual “Friend of the River” Award Dinner, presented as a benefit for the Greenway Preservation Trust, was held on November 6, 2003 to honor **F. Charles Froelicher**. This night of celebration is a tradition that recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the revitalization and continued preservation and protection of the South Platte River Greenway and its tributaries.

Thanks to the support and generosity of over 260 guests and donors, and with the continued support of our corporate sponsor, **Camp, Dresser and McKee**, this year’s Award Dinner raised over \$30,000 (after expenses) for the Greenway Preservation Trust. These funds will help support the various programs and projects of the Greenway Foundation described within this newsletter.

As always, the Foundation also recognized our S.P.R.E.E School of the Year for bringing the South Platte River Greenway “into” the classroom by integrating classroom and field trip activities into the various curriculum disciplines that are taught throughout the school year including science, history, visual arts, music, language arts and more. This year we were honored to recognize **Southmoor Elementary School** as our **2003 S.P.R.E.E School Award Winner**.



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Jeff Shoemaker (second from right) congratulates (l to r) Grace Hopley, Southmoor Elementary School's SPREE Sponsor Teacher and Anita Gallegos-Theriot, Southmoor's Principal for receiving the Greenway Foundation's 2003 SPREE School of the Year Award as well as Carl Crookham, longtime Director of the Foundation's SPREE Program who, due to his recent retirement, was recognized and thanked for over three decades of devotion to South Platte River educational programs.

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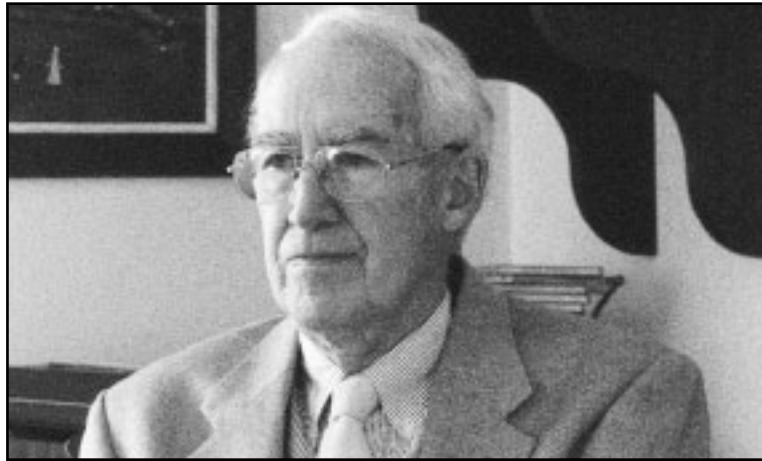


Photo courtesy of F. Charles Froelicher

F. Charles Froelicher- 2003 Friend of the River Award Winner.

Our 2003 Friend of the River Award Winner, Charles Froelicher, spent his early years in Philadelphia and Baltimore. At age fifteen, he came west to attend the Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs where his uncle Francis Mitchell Froelicher served as Headmaster. Francis Froelicher was a skilled mountaineer; fly fisherman, tennis player, ardent outdoorsman, and a classics scholar. He introduced Chuck to the mountains and rivers of Colorado. The hook was set.

In June of 1955, Chuck arrived in Denver to become the first Headmaster of Colorado Academy. Starting with 75 students from the old Colorado Military School, CA steadily grew over the next twenty years into a K through 12 co-educational country day school of 650 students. Today, some 850 students attend CA.

In 1958, because of his continuing love of the outdoors, Chuck learned about the Outward Bound Schools in Great Britain. Shortly thereafter, he persuaded Charlie Gates, Bill Coors and Aspen's Ruthie Brown to join him in founding the Colorado Outward Bound School – the first in the United States. Forty-six years and 128,000 students later, the four of them continue to serve as Life Trustees.

In 1975, Chuck resigned from his post at Colorado Academy and became the first Executive Director of the Gates Family Foundation. Following a serious study of possible missions for the Foundation, the trustees concluded that the preservation of prime urban, rural and mountain space was a matter of importance. Shortly thereafter, Chuck learned about the ambitious plan of Senator Joe Shoemaker and Mayor Bill McNichols to clean up the South Platte River and the valley through which it flowed.

By any measure, such a project, considering the sorry state of the river, passed the Foundation's "50 year test" – will this project make a difference in fifty years? Yes. Soon thereafter, the Gates Family Foundation commenced a long and constructive relationship with Joe, the Mayor, and the Greenway. The first 4-project grant of \$780,000 was the largest in the Foundation's history. It was a mixture of outright grants and challenges. In the end, the challenge produced over \$2,000,000 in matches. Over the next ten years, many other grants and challenge grants followed, each generating substantial funds from other sources.

On looking back over his twenty years with the Gates Family Foundation, Chuck Froelicher recently concluded that of all of the hundreds of projects with which he had been involved, the one that has had in his judgment, the most profound and lasting impact on the City and County of Denver, was probably the conversion of the South Platte River, and the valley through which it flowed, from an unsightly dangerous sewer into one of the most beautiful urban river and linear park systems in the nation.

The South Platte River is truly Denver's legacy. It is the site of the founding of the city as well as many of the first settlements in the Rocky Mountain region. An early source of pride for the area, the River became a wasteland of refuse, rejected by the growing metropolitan region. Through the determined efforts of the Greenway Foundation and its many supporters, the River has been reborn to become one of the premier recreation and natural areas along the Front Range. By investing in the Greenway Preservation Trust, our Greatest Natural Resource will continue to be preserved and protected for generations to come.

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Venice On The Creek

By Jolon Clark, Manager, Venice On The Creek

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a decade since the Greenway Foundation first floated a punt out onto the Cherry Creek. A few things have changed in the last 9 years.

This summer Venice on the Creek will open with the entire fleet of punts equipped for nighttime candle rides, a crew with an average of 3-4 years experience, and several brand new loft buildings lining the banks of the Cherry Creek. We are expanding our nighttime hours, adding music to enhance the rides, and reworking our historic tour. As the face of Denver (especially LoDo) changes, Venice on the Creek is changing too.

Last summer we added a candlelight ride for the first time. It was extraordinarily successful, and this summer we have equipped all of our boats with lanterns. We will also be adding some music to the night rides to truly capture the feel of Italy. The nighttime rides are our most intimate ride. With a candle-lit lantern on each side of the boat and one on the front leading the way, it is easy to forget where you are or how long you have been gliding along the water. We will also be offering an extended nighttime ride this summer for those who want to escape into an Italian paradise for a little bit longer. Bring your special someone and a romantic picnic for a one of a kind experience that you will never forget.

We are also expanding our group reservation program. With a minimum reservation of 2 boats, you and your friends can come down for a boat ride anytime of day on any day of the week except Monday when we are closed. We take groups of every kind and also offer private parties. With our group ride you can even decide where along our route you would like to be picked up and dropped off. You could start at Confluence Park, take a boat to Larimer Square for lunch, and then hop on the boats again to get back to your car. We work with each group to create a personalized boating experience.



Passengers enjoy a relaxing punt ride along Cherry Creek in LoDo.

As always, we are also open on weekends for reservations and walk-up rides. No matter how many people you have, you always get your own boat and guide. We start at Larimer Square and take a trip through the heart and history of Denver. You will see some of the original brick buildings of Denver, and some of the brand new loft homes lining the banks. You will hear stories of the birth of Denver, and the people who turned our city from a mining supply town to one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States. You will learn about the floods, fires, and people that have made Denver the city that it is today. Bring the family, a few friends, or just yourself for this journey through the heart of Denver.

While Venice on the Creek has grown, adapted, and changed over the last 9 years, some things remain the same. Sitting in a flat bottomed boat while floating up and down through one of five locks as our City's birth and growth unfolds right in front of you-Venice on the Creek is like no other experience around.

Venice On The Creek



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Cultural and Community Events-2003-04

By Barbara Gibson and Cindy Shoemaker, Special Events Coordinator



Photo courtesy of Barbara Gibson

Confluence Park, the birthplace of Denver, is a fun and unique venue for this family oriented concert series.

The summer of 2003 was another great success for the Greenway Foundation Confluence Concert series in July and the NIMBYfest Riversweep clean-up on the South Platte River in September. Great weather, sponsors and participants made both events some of the most successful yet. These great offerings to and for the public help the community experience and appreciate the value of this great recreation and natural resource in the heart of the Denver metropolitan area.

Confluence Concerts 2003

2003 was the 6th consecutive year for the Confluence Concerts. This signature event of the Greenway Foundation continues to attract a growing audience for warm summer evenings along the South Platte River and is fast becoming a summer tradition in Denver. The evenings provided great entertainment from the best in local music. This year we rocked and rolled along with:

- The Kool Kats
- Seventeenth Avenue All Stars
- Toast
- The Orangu-Tones

Radio station **KOOL 105** of Infinity Broadcasting continued their longstanding support of the event with pre-concert advertising and on air broadcasting for each of the concerts. Thank you to our corporate sponsors; **Heritage Bank, Anheuser Busch, Riverfront Park Community Foundation, Kentwood City Properties, Coke and Odwalla.** Many thanks to these local business sponsors who along with the **Mayor's Office of Art Culture and Film** and the **SCFD** help support these free community concerts.

Confluence Concerts offers everyone the chance to wind down from work or wind-up for the weekend along the banks of the South Platte River in one of Denver's premier park settings. Many make an evening of it with a punt ride on Cherry Creek, courtesy of Venice on the Creek!

These community concerts draw a unique blend of local resident, downtown commuters, music-lovers and a combination of casual trail users, including joggers, bikers, boaters as well as people traveling through on their way to the many other venues in the Central Platte Valley. We hope to continue and grow this signature event in the years to come, and if you haven't joined us yet, please do, and if you've been before, come back this summer.

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Photo courtesy of Barbara Gibson

The Confluence Concert Series will return this summer for its 7th season with our new Radio Sponsor, CD 104.3, which will entertain all with a "Smooth Jazz" format.

Confluence Concerts 2004

We are excited to announce our new radio sponsor, **CD 104.3** of Jefferson Pilot Communications, for the 2004 series who will partner with us to bring a "Smooth Jazz" format to the series for the first time. Thanks to the return of the corporate partners mentioned within this article, Confluence Concerts is, once again, the place to be Thursday evenings in July. Food and beverages will be on site for any and all hungry and thirsty concert goers.

We look forward to seeing you down on the River!

Please Join us on Thursdays in July 2004 where you will enjoy talents of:

- July 8th~ Pan Jumbies
- July 15th~ Dotsero
- July 22nd~ Nelson Rangell
- July 29th~ Groove Society

All concerts begin at 6:30p.m. and continue until 8:00p.m.

NIMBY Fest Riversweep 2003



Photo courtesy of Marc Alston

These tired and hungry NIMBY Fest Riversweep volunteers enjoy a well deserved "post cleanup" lunch at Fishback Park, courtesy of numerous local restaurant and beverage donors.

The weather for the 2003 NIMBYfest Riversweep cleanup couldn't have been better for the more than 250 people who turned out to pick up the trash and treasures along the South Platte River Greenway. It was the 11th year for this volunteer event and everyone still managed to find enough to fill up the huge dumpster with 48 cubic yards of river refuse. Included in the cleanup crew was a contingent of 100 cadets from the Air Force Academy who worked with Denver Parks to clear the noxious weeds from in and around the Confluence Park.

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Photo courtesy of Marc Alston

Jim Theye, a member of the Greenway Preservation Trust Committee, joins forces with the hundreds of volunteers at NIMBY Fest Riversweep.

Once again, we were helped by efforts by numerous organizations up and down the South Platte River. Events sponsors **1st Bank – University Hills Branch, Republic Financial Corp, Riverfront Park Community Foundation, the Mayor’s Office of Art Culture and Film** and the SCFD all pitched in to help support the volunteers in their efforts. Partnering with the Greenway Foundation are the **Parks Departments from Denver, Hands on Denver, and the Cities of Brighton, Thornton, and Englewood.** Participating and supporting organizations include the **EPA, Rocky Mountain Canoe Club, Metro Wastewater, BFI, River Reach Youth Initiative, REI, Children’s Museum, and Platte Valley Trolley.**

Part of the American Rivers’ National Rivers Cleanup Week, the Greenway Foundation is Denver’s host to this great stewardship event. Thanks to **Urban Drainage and Flood Control District** and **BFI** who helped haul away all the trash. Special thanks go to the food and beverage sponsors; **Pudge Brothers Pizza, Spaghetti Factory, Odwalla Beverage, Whole Foods grocery store, Krispy Kreme Donuts** and Starbucks.

The Greenway Foundation is proud to host these special events with the help from our many partners and the local community. These events support the Foundation’s mission to provide cultural, educational, and recreational programs and events along our Urban Waterways that promote the ongoing preservation and enhancement of our Greatest Natural Resource.

NIMBY Fest Riversweep 2004

Once again partnering with **Hands on Denver**, our 12th Annual NIMBY Fest will be held on **Saturday, September 18, 2004 beginning at 8:00a.m.** We will be going to a National level this year with the partnership of **National Public Lands~ “Take Pride in America Day.”** This is a nation wide event focusing on the clean up of our national public lands, including trails, parks, and rivers. We are excited to have our event involved in such a great cause. We are also grateful to have the return of many of the longstanding partners and sponsors mentioned within this article. Come join us for a great community filled day on our River!

For more information about volunteer opportunities and any information about the Greenway Foundation’s upcoming Special Events for 2004, visit our website at:

www.greenwayfoundation.org.

SPREE Is More Than Just A Field Trip

Learning to Love Our Forgotten Treasure By Jolon Clark, SPREE Director



Photo courtesy of Jolon Clark

Carl "Mr.C" Crookham talks to Southmoor Students about the South Platte River.

“ I can tell you love the South Platte River. I really love the South Platte River too. I had a great time. What do you like about the South Platte River? I like everything except for the trash from people's dumpsters. I think that somebody should go shut dumpsters' lids, because it's our community and we should help it out.”

This was the end of a letter written to Carl Crookham that arrived in my mailbox the first month I was working with the SPREE (South Platte River Environmental Education) program. Carl and I had taken this 4th grader's class to the River a few weeks before and we both agreed that this student was really able to capture what SPREE is all about.

I am a Denver native, and grew up in the Denver Public Schools. I first became interested in environmental education during high school when I participated in the guide program at the Balarat Outdoor Education Center. When I was offered the opportunity to work with the SPREE program, I was very excited. SPREE is like no other environmental education program I have ever seen because it offers students a chance to grow up with the South Platte River as a part of their education from kindergarten through high school. From age specific trips to the River for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, to learning to be leaders and teachers along the River in middle school and high school, SPREE helps students of all ages connect with the South Platte.



Photo courtesy of Jolon Clark

Nicole, a SPREE high school guide, takes a group of Southmoor students out to the confluence of the Cherry Creek and South Platte River.

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Photo courtesy of Jolon Clark

Jolon Clark, S.P.R.E.E.'s new Director entertains and educates S.P.R.E.E. School students about the historical and ecological significance of the South Platte River to Denver's past, present and future.

The student who wrote this letter has really adopted the South Platte River as a part of her community. What better way could there be to protect this precious amenity that runs through the heart of our city than to instill a sense of ownership, pride, and love in a generation of future voters, parents, and citizens. This is the power of the SPREE program. Not only are students learning about social studies, science, and ecology, but they are also developing a relationship with the natural world that they live in. This was not a feeling that this student came to from just one trip to the River, but from a series of adventures along the banks of the South Platte River that correlated with her schoolwork and developmental stage.

As the students progress through the program each year, they become more attached to the South Platte River. When I first started going on trips with Carl, I noticed that by 4th and 5th grade, the students from the SPREE schools who were on their 5th or 6th SPREE trip were teaching me about the River. Through their repeated trips to the River they had slowly become the guides. One student wrote to me after his trip: *"The day after you gave us our tour, I took my family to Confluence Park and taught them every thing you taught me."*

SPREE is more than just another field trip; it is a part of growing up for these students. When I finish a tour with a class, they are already talking about what trip they get to go on the next year and how much fun it will be. By integrating SPREE into each grade level and having each tour build upon the previous one, the South Platte River is becoming more than just a landmark of Denver; it is becoming a landmark of childhood for a generation of children. I can imagine no better way to protect our River, and no better hands in which to pass it on. I am thrilled to be a part of SPREE, and to call the South Platte River basin home.

Southmoor Students Still on a "Learning SPREE"

*By Grace Hopley – Southmoor Elementary School
SPREE Coordinator*

In the fall of 2000, Southmoor School had the great fortune to experience some wonderful field trips under the direction of Mr. Carl Crookham and his South Platte River Environmental Education staff. The third graders took part in a Frontier Park field trip. The lessons the students learned that day were of environmental, historical, literary and artistic nature, all in the course of 2 hours. Everyone was amazed at the multitude of learning that day! Later that year, Southmoor was invited to be a SPREE School. We all knew that we were lucky to be chosen to take part in a wonderful hands-on learning program, but nobody realized at the time how much SPREE would enrich the curriculum taught in school.

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Keeping an eye out for treasure, Steele students drain water out of their gold pans.

The year starting in the fall of 2001 was a benchmark year for the whole of Southmoor School. The intermediate students took part in a multi-school function downtown that was a water festival with hands-on learning tasks. The students spent a day touring around different stations with particular water inspired activities. Other students took South Platte River walking tours and gold panning lessons, Confluence Park experiences, early Denver trolley rides, historic Fairmount and Riverside Cemetery tours, to name just a few.

Southmoor students began to make connections between social studies, science, literacy and art that were being taught at school and seen on the many tours they took that year. Early Denver and American History was coming alive for all of the Southmoor kids.

Ever since the first year, Southmoor students have enjoyed the many field trips provided by SPREE and the fifth grade class this year has the distinction of being the first class to enjoy an annual trip or two every year since they started their elementary years at Southmoor. As they prepare to spread their wings and fly up to middle school, many of these kids will take the lessons learned at SPREE to their secondary level of education. Many of them also will get involved with student mentorships for older kids, as well as reconnecting with students from all over Denver who have shared unique experiences at the annual water festival. SPREE has provided an invaluable field experience for the student body of Southmoor Elementary School throughout the years, and everyone—students, teachers, and parents have been pleased to be a part of the SPREE program.



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Southmoor students enjoy lunch with their teacher on Shoemaker Plaza at Confluence Park.

Enhancements at Confluence Park Near Completion

By Mary Olson, The Architerra Group



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The expansion of Confluence Park onto the former Xcel Energy Substation will be completed by June of 2004.

On July 11, 2003, the Greenway Foundation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony at Confluence Park to kick-off the construction of the improvements at Confluence Park on the former site of Xcel Energy's substation facility.

After years of planning and design, in collaboration with the City and County of Denver, Xcel Energy and the Architerra Group, the project went to bid in late November of 2003 and the contract for constructing the park and open space improvements within this one acre site was awarded to Hallmark, Inc. Construction began December 15, 2003.

The views out to the River have already changed dramatically with the excavation and removal of nearly 10,000 cubic yards of earth. The project's focus is to open up the site and create a strong connection to the confluence of Cherry Creek and South Platte River. Improvements will include providing a "street presence" to Confluence Park for the first time in its 30 year history. Support for the park and open space portions of this new amenity are being funded by the City and County of Denver, Denver Water and the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.

An additional component to this exciting project is the Sculpture Plaza that serves as the "street entrance" to Confluence Park. The Greenway Foundation and the Architerra Group are pleased to announce the inclusion of Andy Dufford, and his company Artscapes as the art consultant for the project. The proposed plaza elements include seating, sculptures, shade structures and granite paving, all designed to reflect the significance of

the environmental, cultural and historical significance of the site to Denver past and potential. Andy's enthusiasm and artistic talent are great additions to the team! The Greenway Foundation is pursuing the needed funds to construct this portion of the project and a much appreciated challenge grant from the Gates Family Foundation has greatly assisted the Foundation in their efforts to begin securing the remaining funds needed to complete this portion of the project.

A dedication ceremony for the Park has been scheduled for Saturday, June 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. and the public is invited. The transformation of the site is a major milestone for the Greenway Foundation, as it will mark the realization of a longstanding goal of the Foundation to "complete" the original vision created for the birthplace of Denver by the Foundation over 30 years ago.

Hope to see you all on the 19th of June!

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The Greenway Preservation Trust is a permanent endowment to protect and enhance the South Platte River, implement recreational and riparian improvements, provide youth education and youth employment programs, and sponsor free family oriented special events. Our goal is to raise \$5 million for the corpus of the Trust by 2008.

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•VENICE ON THE CREEK CONCESSION OPENS
Saturday, June 5th
•Normal Hours of Operation-4:00 pm-Dusk (Sundays-1:00pm-6:00pm)
•Tuesday-Thursday-Rides by reservation only
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CONFLUENCE CONCERTS
•Confluence Park •July 8.....Pan Jumbies
•All concerts begin •July 15.....Dotsero
at 6:30pm and •July 22.....Nelson Rangell
conclude at 8:00pm •July 29th.....Groove Society

•VENICE ON THE CREEK CONCESSION CLOSSES
Sunday, August 29th

NIMBY FEST.....Sat., Sept. 18th
•Begins/Ends at Fishback Landing Park
•8:00am-12:00pm, Metro Riverfront Volunteer Banquet
afterwards at Fishback Landing (next to Colorado Ocean Journey).

FRIEND OF THE RIVER AWARD DINNER
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•Volunteers for our special events are always needed. If interested, call
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