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Partners host Open House April 18 on stream stabilization project at Cherry Creek Valley Eco Park

Residents invited to learn about upcoming improvements to the park, stream water quality, flood preparedness and more

Centennial, Colo. --- Residents are invited to attend an open house to learn about the upcoming stream stabilization project at Arapahoe County's Cherry Creek Valley Eco Park. The event is April 18 at the Red Hawk Ridge Elementary School, 16251 East Geddes Avenue in Aurora. Residents are invited to stop by any time between 6:30 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Urbanization and the resulting increase in storm runoff have taken a toll on the area's natural systems, leading to stream erosion, loss of vegetation and infrastructure damage. To manage these effects, Arapahoe County Open Spaces, Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority, Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and City of Centennial have partnered to reclaim a stable stream corridor and expand recreational and educational amenities in this beautiful ecological park.

During the open house residents can learn about the multitude of improvements taking place within the park and along the Cherry Creek Corridor. Topics include regional and project specific stream reclamation efforts, upcoming construction project impacts, new park amenities, watershed water quality, flood awareness and volunteer opportunities.

For more information about the Cherry Creek Valley Eco Park Stream Stabilization Project, visit <http://bit.ly/CCEPark> or call/e-mail Molly Trujillo, Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority, at 303-858-8844 or mtrujillo@semswa.org.

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DegradedCCStreamBed Caption: Urbanization and storm runoff into Cherry Creek has created significantly degraded banks. The incised channel has lowered water levels killing much of the vegetation. Project improvements will not only stabilize the channel but also restore the corridor's natural qualities, improve wildlife habitat, and enhance water quality.