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Park ribbon cutting honors dads on Father's Day

Arapahoe County and the Hills at Cherry Creek Metro District celebrate the grand re-opening of neighborhood park

Centennial, CO — Dads celebrated some extra special family time during the Hills at Cherry Creek Park grand re-opening on Father's Day in Centennial.

Thanks to \$154,000 in Arapahoe County open space grants received by the Hills at Cherry Creek Metro District, and \$200,000 in district funding families now enjoy a new playground, basketball half-court, putting green and more at the Hills at Cherry Creek Park, 5367 S. Havana Ct, Centennial.

"We are excited to partner with the District to enhance this neighborhood park," said Commissioner Jim Dyer, who represents District 2. "It not only entices families to get outdoors and play but also share quality time with each other. It's helping us reach our Open Space Vision - Healthy Lands, Healthy Communities, Healthy People."

Thanks to the voters who generously approved the Arapahoe County Open Space sales and use tax in 2003, the County has protected more than 15,500 acres of land that preserve natural habitats and wildlife corridors, protect sweeping vistas and provide outdoor recreation for residents of all ages.

For every \$1 spent in Arapahoe County, a quarter-of-a-penny is used to preserve urban and rural open space and natural areas; protect lands that preserve water quality; improve parks, sports fields, picnic facilities and trails; protect wildlife habitat and corridors; preserve agriculture and ranchlands; and enhance heritage areas.

The tax collection began Jan. 1, 2004 and is set to expire Dec. 31, 2013 unless citizens vote "yes" to continue the program during a future ballot question reauthorization.

To learn more about Arapahoe County Open Space, visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us and download the 2010 Community Guide "*Mapping Out a Greener Future*" and/or sign up to receive the [Arapahoe County Open Space e-newsletter](#).

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To download photos click on the link: ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Photos/Hills_CherryCreek/RibbonCutting2010: Arapahoe County and the Hills at Cherry Creek Metro District celebrate the grand re-opening of a neighborhood park.

BBallCourt: A young athlete practices his jump shot on the new basketball half-court thanks to an Arapahoe County Open Space grant received by The Hills at Cherry Creek Metro District.

PuttingGreen: You can play catch or practice your putting skills at Hills at Cherry Creek Park thanks to recent renovations by the Hills at Cherry Creek Metro District and Arapahoe County Open Space.

NewPlayground: Kids love the new playground and amenities created by the Hills at Cherry Creek Metro District in partnership with Arapahoe County Open Space grant funding.