

Memorandum

DATE: July 31, 2024

TO: DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

FROM: NICK GIAUQUE, PARKS PROGRAM MANAGER
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CC: STEVE SHOULTZ, CPRE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS, TRAILS & BUILDING GROUND

SUBJECT: PARKS PROGRAM UPDATE FOR JULY 2024

SUMMARY

This is an update of activities for the Parks Program team for July 2024.

Counter Update – as of 7/26/24:

| Location | 2023 total through June | 2024 total through June |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bayou Gulch Regional Park – Dog Park | 14,131 | 8,868 |
| Bingham Lake | 35,411 | 35,391 |
| Bluffs Regional Park | 62,022 | 67,790 |
| Cherry Creek Regional Trail – Pinery | 19,163 | 12,786 |
| East/West Regional Trail – Grigs Trailhead | 15,456 | 22,403 |
| East/West Regional Trail – Monarch Trailhead | N/A | 7,162 |
| East/West Regional Trail – Schweiger Ranch | 3,284 | 5,534 |
| East/West Regional Trail – Stepping Stone | N/A | 13,127 |
| Fairgrounds Regional Park – Dog Park | 30,324 | 25,351 |
| High Line Canal – West | 30,109 | 17,502 |
| Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Coyote Run Loop | 2,490 | 5,273 |
| Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Incline Trailhead | 30,667 | 34,680 |
| Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Newlin's Gold | N/A | 226 |
| Totals | 243,057 | 256,299 |

Volunteer Program Update:

Three volunteer events were hosted in July.

A tree planting event on July 13th, was attended by 12 volunteers who provided 18 hours of service. They planted eight trees at Pinery Park that will add shade and beauty to the east side of the park.



One volunteer provided two hours of service pruning gambel oak along the East/West Regional Trail on July 17th. This work improved sight lines along the trail, increasing the safety for all users.

Shoreline Cleanup at Bingham Lake on July 18th was attended by six volunteers who provided 12 hours of service and filled five bags of trash.

Volunteer Statistics for 2024:

| Month | # of Hosted Events | # of Volunteers | Hours of Service | Bags of Trash Collected | Trees Planted | Beds Maintained | Mullein Weeds Eradicated |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| March | 3 | 9 | 18 | 11 | - | - | |
| April | 3 | 52 | 104 | 14 | 500 | - | |
| May | 4 | 36 | 108 | 1 | 255 | 20 | |
| June | 5 | 17 | 33 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2,000 |
| July | 3 | 19 | 32 | 5 | 8 | | |
| Totals | 18 | 133 | 295 | 36 | 765 | 23 | 2,000 |

The volunteer program is offering the following events in August:

- 8/1 – Trail Underpass Painting at East/West Regional Trail
- 8/5 – Trail Corridor Pruning on the East/West Regional Trail
- 8/6 – Trail Underpass Painting at East/West Regional Trail
- 8/14 – Trail Underpass Painting at Cherry Creek Regional Trail
- 8/21 – Shoreline Cleanup at Bingham Lake
- 8/24 – Tree Planting at Bayou Gulch Regional Park