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## **REI, Denver Parks and Recreation, Sand Creek Regional Greenway partner to clean up Greenway**

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The Sand Creek Regional Greenway in Denver and part of Commerce City will be cleaned up by volunteers on Saturday, August 14th from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm through a partnership with famous outfitter REI and Denver Parks and Recreation. Fifty volunteers are expected to show for a morning of trail cleanup, graffiti painting and weed pulling. Volunteers will be supplied with all materials needed for the days work. There is still time to participate. Call 720-838-6360 or visit [sandcreekgreenway.org](http://sandcreekgreenway.org).

"Wild outdoor areas that are accessible and usable by the public is what our customers look for," said Mark Guebert-Steward, REI Event Coordinator said. "They find it in the Sand Creek Greenway. It is great to see them come out to make it a better place for all users."

"Volunteers are a tremendous help to the Greenway," said Joan Wilson, Director of Hands on Denver with the Denver Parks and Recreation. "They will be rewarded with the gift of a clean and beautiful Greenway in to use, as well as a gift to other trail users."

REI is providing event T-shirts and other thank you gifts to volunteers. REI has a long tradition of standing for land stewardship and commitment to our wild lands. Through their educational and volunteer programs, REI has expanded these values to countless customers.

Denver Parks and Recreation is providing the tools for the cleanup including gloves, paint and weeding supplies. Denver Parks and Recreation manages 397 urban parks and pathways, 29 recreation centers, 14,000 acres of Denver Mountain Parks, and 2,500 acres of Natural Areas. Through the work of Hands on Denver, volunteers have been working to improve the outdoor parks and open space recreation areas such as Sand Creek.

"We have been overwhelmed by the commitment REI and Denver Parks and



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Recreation have shown to Sand Creek and we look forward to our continued partnership," said Kate Kramer Executive Director of Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership. "This cleanup would not be possible without the generosity we have received from REI and Hands on Denver."

Sand Creek Regional Greenway is a nearly 14-mile public Greenway, connecting the High Line Canal in Aurora at Tower Road and Colfax Avenue, with the South Platte River Greenway in Commerce City. The soft-surface Sand Creek Regional Greenway trail completes a loop of 50 miles of off-street urban trails in the northeast metro Denver area. Sand Creek Regional Greenway is a cooperative project of the cities of Aurora, Commerce City and Denver and non-profit organizations Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership and Stapleton Development Corp.

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