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The Citizens of Columbia
Mayor Darwin Hindman
Columbia City Council
City Manager Bill Watkins
Columbia Parks and Recreation Commission

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*A special thank you to the Parks Services staff for their efforts
in the development of this park.*



The Dedication of Louisville Park

June 14, 2008



Louisville Park is an 8-acre park tucked into the end of a cul-de-sac among residential development. The park consists of the usual neighborhood park amenities: a shelter, basketball half-court, trail, and playground. The park also features a pond and two rain gardens to help treat storm water run-off.

The site of Louisville Park was originally a home site with several mature trees. In order to save those trees, the City Council approved the purchase of a small lot adjacent to the park. This purchase facilitated the construction of the cul-de-sac at the west end of Manhasset Drive.

On the west boundary of the park, the Louisville Road extension was completed in 2007, making the park accessible from all surrounding neighborhoods.

Louisville Park is also the site of a demonstration rain garden and an exhibit planting for the Parks and Recreation Department's *Stop the spread!* campaign. The north rain garden has an educational sign promoting use of rain gardens to catch and treat storm water runoff. The *Stop the spread!* display shows the types of non-invasive native trees that can be planted instead of the invasive Callery pear trees.

The cost of developing Louisville Park was \$142,000, which included funding from the park sales tax.

The City of Columbia appreciates the support shown by the community for Louisville Park. Thank you for being here today to share in the dedication ceremony.

Columbia Parks and Recreation:
Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs

DEDICATION PROGRAM

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Welcome and Introductions ~ Mr. Mike Hood, Director, Columbia
Parks and Recreation Department

Remarks ~ Mr. Bill Watkins, Manager, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Mayor Darwin Hindman

Closing Remarks ~ Mr. Mike Hood

Ribbon Cutting

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