

STEPHENS LAKE PARK WATERFALL

Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting
1:30 pm, Sunday, June 14, 2009

Welcome ~ Mike Hood, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Beatrice Smith and Bobby Gene Grant,
sister and brother of Mary Grant Nall

Ribbon Cutting

Unveiling of Dedication Plaque



About the Waterfall:

The Stephens Lake Park Waterfall was made possible by a gift from the Estate of Russell and Mary (Grant) Nall. It is about 300 feet long and comprised of a series of falls, flat sections, and four pools.

Another waterfall, about 35 feet in length was made possible through a gift from Ed Petersheim.

Both waterfalls pump water from the deep part of the lake to the top of the hill where it cascades down through the pools and boulders. The process oxygenates the water, as well as filters it through native plants, improving the water quality of the lake while providing a beautiful feature for park users to enjoy.

More than 800 tons of limestone boulders, 400 tons of Missouri River rock, 22,500 square feet of geofabric, and 16,500 square feet of rubber liner were used in the construction.

The waterfalls are part of the arboretum feature of the park master plan, which went through extensive public input and was approved by the City Council in 2002.

The waterfalls were designed by Columbia Parks and Recreation staff. They were constructed by Richardson Excavation and Park Services staff.