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"Harmony Creek and Perche Creek are going to make this course really memorable... Hole #17 will be a par five that combines one of the highest tees on the course with several twists and turns of the Perche AND another hillside impinging on the approach - it will be a

breathtaking signature hole. And Hole #13, back on the Harmony, is going to be one of my all-time favorite par fours - I don't know if it'll be more challenging or beautiful. I do predict that, when it's done, there will be a good number of players naming Strawn as their favorite course anywhere."

- John Houck, www.houckdesign.com



Strawn Park and Harmony Bends Championship Disc Golf Course

Dedication and Grand Opening



June 23, 2016



The newest addition to Columbia's park system, Strawn Park, promises to be a great tourism attraction for the City. The park is home of the Harmony Bends Championship Disc Golf Course, intended to draw golfers and tournaments from across the country.

World-renowned disc golf course designer John Houck designed the course, which promises to be challenging with its trees, creeks and steep slopes. In addition to Harmony Bends, the 129-acre Strawn Park features a shelter and parking lot. In the future, Strawn will be an essential connection in the City's 30-mile trail loop as both the planned Perche Creek Trail and Harmony Creek Trail converge at the park.

The site of Strawn Park was formerly the Old Perche Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was transferred from the Public Works Department to the Parks and Recreation Department in 2009. The City purchased an adjacent 28-acre parcel to complete the park.

The commitment of the Disc Golf Club was instrumental in the new park and golf course becoming a reality. A total of 45 Club members volunteered on two separate days to help build the course.

Parks and Recreation partnered with the Hickman High School woodshop class to build 18 benches for the course. Parks and Rec Forestry staff made the boards out of repurposed wood from dead/dying/diseased trees removed from the park system. The woodworking students constructed the benches as a class project.

Funding for Strawn came from the 2010 Park Sales Tax in the amount of \$125,000 and a \$30,000 donation from the Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund. The next phase of construction at Strawn includes another 18-hole disc golf course. The 2015 Park Sales Tax will fund this project.

We appreciate the support by our partners, as well as all Columbia citizens, making projects such as this one possible.

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Opening ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Gabe Wilkerson, Columbia Disc Golf Club

Remarks ~ Kim Trabue, Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board

Remarks ~ John Houck, Course Designer, Houck Design

Remarks ~ Ward 2 Councilman Michael Trapp

Conclusion ~ Mike Griggs

Disc "First Toss"

Disc Golf Demonstration ~ Disc Golf Pro George Smith

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