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Grindstone Creek Trail

Dedication and Ribbon Cutting

April 28, 2016

The completion of the beautiful Grindstone Creek Trail is the result of almost five years of public input meetings, planning and construction. The 1.75-mile concrete trail routes from Grindstone Nature Area east under Old Highway 63 through the Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area and follows the Grindstone Creek to the confluence of the north and south forks.

The Grindstone Creek Trail angles north to Maguire Boulevard, connecting thousands of employees and students in that area to the trail system. On the other end, the Grindstone Creek Trail is an essential link to the Hinkson Creek Trail, which makes up part of the southern proposed 30-mile trail loop around Columbia.

The surrounding creek and rock bluffs make the trail one of the most scenic in the Columbia Trail System. Low water bridges are a key feature of the Grindstone Creek Trail, allowing trail users to get closer to nature and the chance to observe the fish, frogs and turtles that make the creek their home.



The Grindstone Creek Trail was the major trail development project on the 2010 Park Sales Tax ballot list. The project cost was \$1.61 million, funded by the Park Sales Tax and a \$40,000 contribution from the Mo. Department of Conservation. We are pleased to complete this project and honor our commitment to voters who supported the renewal of the Park Sales Tax.

Future plans include the development of the proposed north fork of the Grindstone Creek Trail that would lead all the way to Battle High School, providing a connection for the school to the Columbia Trail System. The north fork of the trail is part of the approved 2013 Trails Plan and is unfunded at this time.

We appreciate the continued support by Columbia citizens for parks and trails, making projects such as this one possible.

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Dedication and ribbon cutting

5:45 p.m., April 28, 2016

Reception instrumental music provided by members of the Calvin Street Band

Opening ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Mayor Pro Tem Clyde Ruffin, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Ward 6 Councilwoman Betsy Peters, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Ann Koenig, Missouri Department of Conservation

Partner Recognition ~ Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin and Mike Griggs

Conclusion ~ Mike Griggs

Ribbon Cutting

Trail Walk* (piano music provided by Bradley Snyder)

** Last shuttle will depart Grindstone Nature Area lot at 7:15 pm.*

City Council

Brian Treece, Mayor

Clyde Ruffin

Michael Trapp

Karl Skala

Ian Thomas

Laura Nauser

Betsy Peters

Mike Matthes, City Manager

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Mike Griggs, Parks and Recreation Director

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Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Bill Pauls, Dan Devine,

Meredith Donaldson, Linda Hutton, Ted Farnen