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GOCO Awards \$350,000 to the City of Woodland Park for the Re-Development of Memorial Park

WOODLAND PARK, CO – The Great Outdoors Colorado Board approved \$350,000 for the Memorial Park Re-Development Project on June 18, 2015.

Memorial Park is the original and oldest park in our City. This 3.32-acre park was dedicated to the City in 1938. This community park has a unique setting, showcasing panoramic views of Pikes Peak, framed by large stands of Blue Spruce and Ponderosa Pine with a pond, evoking memories of the City's rich history. The last significant improvements made to this park were in 1984. This project will completely renovate and update this 77 year old community park with new facilities and accessibility. New amenities include a large group picnic shelter, small group picnic shelters, gazebo, permanent restrooms, fishing dock, playground equipment, basketball court, benches, picnic tables, bike bollards, flag pole and drinking fountain. Concrete walkways will be placed throughout the park, with light bollards providing day and evening accessibility. This community park is centrally located in our City, just one block north of downtown and is heavily used by the entire community. The Re-Developed Memorial Park will attract new users and will be able to accommodate more users at one time. The community event shelter over the pond will host weddings and community activities. The additional open space will provide an area for passive and active recreation. Memorial Park will continue to be the ideal location for community special events such as the Fourth of July Celebration, Cruise Above the Clouds Car Show and Art Festivals.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created by voters in 1992, GOCO has funded more than 3,500 projects in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support. The grants are funded by GOCO's share of Colorado Lottery revenues, which are divided between GOCO, CPW, the Conservation Trust Fund and school construction. For more information, visit goco.org.

This grant, along with 37 others just awarded by GOCO, support Governor John Hickenlooper's Colorado Beautiful initiative by identifying and filling critical gaps in connectivity for trails and open spaces, and GOCO's new "Protect, Connect, Inspire" strategic plan, which focuses on land preservation, trails, and encouraging more youth to get outdoors.

GOCO is presently seeking applicants for its new Inspire Initiative, which offers between \$1 million to \$5 million in grants to selected communities to encourage kids to have more outdoor experiences. The program focuses on creating outdoor destinations like parks, improving access to outdoor location through new or improved trails, and expanding existing youth programs that introduce kids to the great outdoors. For more information on the initiative, visit goco.org/inspire.