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## **Citizen leaders draw attention to wetlands**

*September 20<sup>th</sup> event to highlight the features of Lena Gulch and celebrate it with art*

Wheat Ridge, Colorado (*September 3, 2015*) – A group of grassroots leaders is using unique art and interesting information to draw attention to an overlooked ecological asset. The culmination of their effort is a wetlands festival on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 1-4 PM called Connect 2 Creek.

The purpose of the event is to celebrate Lena Gulch by connecting community around an ecological asset, inspiring stewardship through education, and creating a sense of place. Local artists from schools, businesses and nonprofits will be decorating a series of panels with the creek running through them to draw the different perspectives together. Artists featured at the Colorado Crush Street Art Festival held in RiNo will also participate on some of the panels.

The Connect 2 Creek festival will be centered on a portion of Lena Gulch accessed by the Clear Creek trail that is east of Kipling Street between 39th and 41st, including the tunnel. There will be chalk art for kids to add their creations. There will be educational material on the watershed and the important role it plays in the community.

The group of grassroots leaders came together through the Wheaties Academy, a leadership capacity building program sponsored by Wheat Ridge 2020. Through the program participants learn about a variety of placemaking and community building elements. Then as teams they identify a need in the community and work together to address it.

For more information visit [connect2creek.org](http://connect2creek.org).

### **About Wheat Ridge 2020**

Wheat Ridge 2020 is a community-based, non-profit development corporation advancing Wheat Ridge as a vibrant and sustainable community. Wheat Ridge 2020 is comprised of members who contribute to a movement of positive progress for Wheat Ridge. Both community and economic development work is done through activities and investments affecting the housing, businesses, policies and identity of Wheat Ridge. [www.WheatRidge2020.org](http://www.WheatRidge2020.org)

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