New Connection: *Glendale Mayor Mike Dunafon and Arapahoe County dignitaries helped celebrate opening of new bridge over Cherry Creek (at right) at Kentucky July 26.*

New Bridge Opens Over Cherry Creek At Kentucky Ave.

A new bicycle-pedestrian bridge opened over Cherry Creek at Kentucky Ave. on July 26 following a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Glendale Mayor Mike Dunafon, Glendale City Council members, Arapahoe County Commissioners, *Great Outdoors Colorado*, the *Greenway Foundation*, and several other groups. The bridge will serve area residents, employees, shoppers and recreational enthusiasts.

The bridge crosses Cherry Creek at the junction of Kentucky and Cherry Creek Drive South providing connectivity between Glendale, the *Cherry Creek Regional Trail* and *Four Mile Historic Park*. Years in the making, the project was spearheaded by the *Cherry Creek Basin Working Group* made up of more than 15 municipalities and organizations in Arapahoe, Denver and Douglas Counties to serve parks, trails and open space in the Cherry Creek Watershed. Glendale received $194,000 in Arapahoe County Open Space funds to support the project.

The bridge is part of ongoing work along the Cherry Creek South Corridor that includes new concrete sidewalk connections to the soft surface trail system at City of Brest Park, a new bike-pedestrian ramp connecting Cherry Creek South Drive to the trail system and installation of pedestrian safety refuge islands at crossings along Cherry Creek South Drive. Since 2004 Arapahoe County's open space program has built more than 51 miles of trails and conserved 31,000 acres of open space.