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Re: Paving and Drainage Project

WELD COUNTY COMPLETES ESPAÑOLA SUBDIVISION PROJECT

WELD COUNTY, CO – Weld County Commissioners and the Department of Public Works celebrated the completion of the Española Subdivision paving/road project today, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.



The project originated in 2011 when the county first applied for a grant to address drainage and pavement issues for one of Weld County's historic neighborhoods located at the southwest corner of 25th Avenue and O Street.

In 2012, Weld County received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for \$275,000 to be used for road and drainage improvements in the subdivision. Weld County contributed a local match of \$470,188.

Española Subdivision was started in 1924 by the Great Western Sugar Company (platted in 1929) as a colony for its Hispanic laborers, commonly referred to today as Spanish Colony.

This county subdivision lies on the cusp of Greeley, which provides water, sewer, and fire services. Some of the homes in the subdivision remain on septic systems. As part of the improvement project, the Weld County Housing Authority provided funding on behalf of the Colorado Division of Housing to include a new sewer main, manholes and sewer cap stubs, allowing residents to connect to sewer services. Now that the improvements are completed, the Weld County Housing Authority, Division of Housing and Health Department will work with residents to complete those hook ups.

"We saw a need for these improvements in Española Subdivision and decided to do something about it," said County Commissioner Bill Garcia. "These improvements were necessary to improve the lives of our residents."

The project was a result of issues Weld County Public Works Department experienced in maintaining the roads in the neighborhood for a number of years; the project was an economical solution to the problem of road maintenance and drainage issues.

"The residents of Española Subdivision were extremely patient and helpful while the improvements were being made. We've received nothing but positive feedback from the community," said Public Works Director Jay McDonald. "Public Works appreciates everyone's help to make this project a reality."

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