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WELD COUNTY EMPLOYEES COME TOGETHER FOR HILL-N-PARK CLEAN UP DAY

WELD COUNTY, CO – On Saturday, May 7, 2016, Weld County employees from the Department of Planning Services, Department of Public Health and Department of Public Works joined Commissioner Julie Cozad at the Hill-N-Park Clean-up Day. Hill-N-Park is located in unincorporated Weld County.



From left: Weld County employees Tonya Johnson, Bethany Pascoe, Commissioner Julie Cozad, Kim Ogle, Katie Buggeln and Tom Parko help clean up the Hill-N-Park community.

Through multiple meetings during the past year, Commissioner Julie Cozad met with Hill-N-Park residents to discuss ways to better connect the community with services including transportation as well as plan a community clean-up day. Cozad worked closely with Gabri Vergara, Weld County Environmental Health Household Hazardous Waste Program Coordinator, and Bethany Pascoe, Weld County Zoning Compliance Officer II, to plan the event and organize the 50 volunteers.

“During our meetings, residents often mentioned the desire to have a community clean-up day,” said Commissioner Cozad. “Planning the event was something I knew we could do quickly and have a positive impact on the community.”



From left: Weld County Public Works employees Jordon Hopp, Curtis Hall and Roger Michal help collect and remove tires from the area.

In order to help make this event possible, members from the Westview Church of Christ in Greeley volunteered to help residents who could not gather or bring trash to the dumping site, CH2E tire recycling center in Hudson accepted the tires free of charge, Miguel Ojeda provided scrap iron removal services and the Hill-N-Park Senior Citizen Center offered their land to host the event. Employees with Synergy Resources Corporation, who also supplied lunch, helped clean up the subdivision as well as volunteers with the Youth Corp.

Volunteers and residents removed 25 roll-off dumpsters of trash or approximately 1,000 cubic yards of waste, four pick-up loads of household hazardous waste (nearly 4,500 pounds of waste), 1,000 tires and six trailer loads of scrap metal. Volunteers also created a pile of mulched wood that is 5 feet tall by 10 feet wide, which residents can use for landscaping.

When hosted by the county, these events are paid for through the Solid Waste Fund, which is funded by a surcharge collected by local landfills.

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