

## Where People and Nature Meet

KCSB HAS BEEN PARTNERS OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS SINCE 1997

OUR CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$45,000 ANNUALLY HAS NOT CHANGED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS

### Departments served

Parks and Recreation Trails contract: \$45,000

Parks and Recreation Parks: Variable

Stormwater: \$15,000 annual, funds were recently added to accommodate the amount of work needed.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

For the past 28 years we have taken pride in making sure our Special Events are as clean as possible before, during and after event time. We leave the venue in pristine condition. The Special Event Coordinator contracts us.

Our annual events are:

- **ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**
- TERRITORY DAYS
- PRIDEFEST
- OLYMPIC AND CITY CELEBRATIONS
- PIKES PEAK AIRSHOW
- LABOR DAY LIFT OFF
- ► FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS' MEMORIAL
- FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE

## Team KCSB at Pridefest 2023



# Team KCSB'S awesome twosome!



# Trainings in Florida 2009/2010



#### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

#### This certificate is awarded to

#### DEE CUNNINGHAM

Successful completion of our two day, National Program Development Seminar on best practices. November 4 & 5, 2010 COMMUNITY PARNTERSHIP FOR HOMELESS, MIAMI, FL

asper. K. Berown 11/05/10

## **2023 Statistics**

- # of Cleanups: 466
- ▶ # of Volunteers: 1,359
- # of Hours: 3,337
- # of Cubic Yards: 3,167
- # of Syringes: 4,084
- 106 30 yd dumpsters held
  848 TONS of debris



## Statics to date 2024

- # of Cleanups: 547
- ▶ # of Volunteers: 1751
- # of Hours: 3,942
- ▶ # of Cubic Yards: 3,720
- # of Syringes: 4,109
- ▶ 124, 30 yd dumpsters filled
- This is a total of 992 tons of trash

## Items that are taken for destruction, recycling and reuse

#### WE RETURN HUNDREDS OF:

#### ► TIRES

PROPANE TANKS

Shopping carts Residential trash cans

#### ► ELETRONICS

> SYRINGES

each year to the owners, who would have suffered loss to their businesses. Before and after cleaning a storm drain. All this debris would have gone into the creek if it had not been removed.

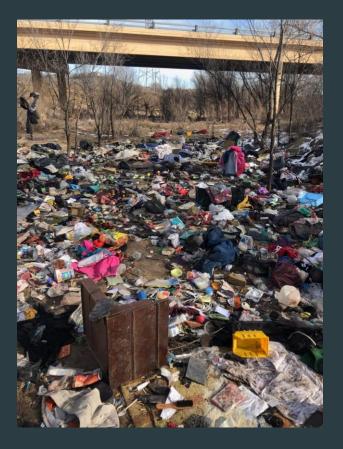


### Cleanup of illegal dumping used by the unhoused for camps along the Midland Trail.





## Before and after cleanup and restoration on the Greenway Trail.





## **CLEAN UP AND RESTORATION**

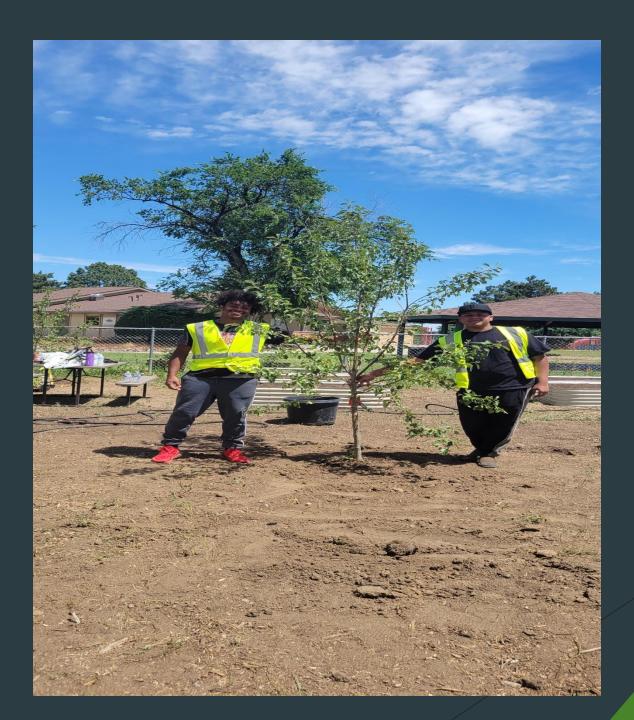
- KCSB not only removes the trash and debris from sites, we, also take care of necessary restoration.
- In the last slide after the trash was removed, we obtained native grass seed and reseeded the entire area that was left baron from camping.
- In 2009/2010 when the HOT team was established, and we were able to begin camp cleanups again, we reseeded the entire Greenway trail on the west side from ATB to Cimarron.

## **Community Gardens**

- Deerfield Hills Community Garden
- KCSB was awarded a beautification from Southwest Airlines.
- We chose Deerfield Hills garden. We installed 7 large exterior native perennial pollinator beds to accomplish our goal of increasing food production.
- > 2 apple trees were planted on the interior
- > 7 berry bushes were planted. Yolanda planted several!
- New raised planting beds were installed to increase availability of planting to all.
- We installed weed guard and rock in the non planting areas to suppress weed growth.
- We purchased two all weather picnic tables for folks to rest at.
- Pollinator plants were also planted in the interior to encourage good insects.

## Deerfield Hills Community Garden





## Community Gardens Continued

- Hillside Community Garden
- Earlier this year, Josh Gainey asked if we were able to help them with their garden.
- WE ARE REIMAGINING HILLSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN
- We have been in the rebuilding stage since then.
- We have a goal of a July 2025 grand reopening
- Our end result, will be a space for growing fruit and veg through community programs for all ages
- To provide a charming space for community members to have special events: weddings, birthday parties, etc.

## OUR CURRENT PARTNERS



- Pikes Peak Leadership
- Bryan Construction
- GE Johnson
- Rocky Top Resources
- **KCSB**

# Rebuild of planting beds and pergola









## VOLUNTEERS

- Court ordered volunteers from Municipal and County courts
- Business groups
- Community groups
- High School classes
- Church groups
- Individuals