From Retreat Ideas **TO REALITY** 

A number of important Littleton community improvements have resulted from discussions at past retreats. These include:

#### LOWERED THE RAILROAD TRACKS Prepared Littleton for light rail

FORMED A HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY Historic Littleton

ESTABLISHED A CULTURAL ARTS CENTER Town Hall Arts Center

### RESTORED ORIGINAL MAIN STREET STOREFRONTS

Historic incentive program

MADE VACANT LOTS INTO PLAYGROUNDS Promise Park and other mini-parks

**PUT PICNIC TABLES ON THE SOUTH PLATTE** Reynolds Landing

### DEVELOPED LOW-COST INFANT/TODDLER CENTER

Village for Early Childhood Education

LITTLETON IMMIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER Located at Bemis Library and a nonprofit

ADDRESSED MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS Mental Health First Aid

LITTLETON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY Now offered at ACC





### **TOPICS OF PAST RETREATS**

**1976:** Transportation for the Future

- 1977: The Physical City & How We Relate to It
- **1978:** Taxpayers in Revolt
- **1979:** Our Teenagers: Expectations & Roles of Community Systems
- 1980: Coming of Age in Littleton
- **1981:** Littleton: A Special Place
- 1982: Annexation in Perspective
- 1983: What Now, What Next: Taking Charge of Our Future
- 1984: Courting Justice in Littleton
- **1985:** Shaping Littleton's Destiny: A Cooperative Effort
- 1986: Littleton & the Arts
- **1987:** Changing Needs: Youth & Seniors
- 1988: Crime, Education & Sense of Community
- **1989:** Economic Development
- 1990: Strengthening Littleton's Neighborhoods
- 1991: Keeping Littleton Special
- 1992: "Do-able" Deals
- 1993 1995: Littleton Unlimited
- 1997: Retreat to the Future
- 2001: Focus on Youth
- 2002: Creating a Caring Community
- **2004:** Welcoming & Involving New Americans
- **2006:** Into the Future: Change & Challenges
- 2008: Cherishing Our Past: Framing Our Future
- **2011:** New Realities & Choices in Education: What Lies Ahead for Littleton?
- **2014:** Building a Healthy Community
- 2015: Ready or Not: Here Comes the Silver Tsunami
- 2017 2019: Littleton Leadership Academy

# Littleton community retreat

# Living Sustainably:

PROTECTING OUR WATER WHILE ENJOYING OUR OPEN SPACES

### September 13 & 14, 2024

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September 13th | 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. The Douglas H. Buck Center 2004 W. Powers Ave. | Littleton, CO 80120

September 14th | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 9 am – Botanic Gardens at Chatfield 11:30 – Community Meal at Aspen Grove 1:30 – Bike Tour starting at South Platte Park

### Lifteton Community Refrect BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY SINCE 1975

The Littleton Community Retreat, led by community volunteers, was founded in 1975 by former City Manager Gale Christy and former editor of the Littleton Independent, Garret Ray. Their goal was to help educate citizens about issues of importance to the community. These citizens, they believed, would take ideas from the Retreat and share them widely in the broader community. Their vision succeeded as ideas generated at the Retreat have spurred outcomes both large and small.

## Don't miss the 2024 LITTLETON COMMUNITY RETREAT

Are you part of the majority of Americans worried about climate change? Would you like to learn what you can do? Come join us at the Littleton Community Retreat to learn from experts about how to protect our water and natural spaces.

- Learn how Denver Botanic Gardens works to protect soil and water
- Hear about Littleton's Environmental Action Plan
- Understand what happens to the water that is flushed down the drain to Littleton's wastewater treatment plant, South Platte Renew
- Listen as a panel of experts talk about protecting and enhancing open spaces in our community
- Enjoy a delicious community meal
- Bike along the South Platte River and learn about this important regional resource

This is one retreat you don't want to miss!



Living Sustainably **RETREAT TOPICS** 

### DIG IN!

Xeriscape experts will discuss changes we can make at our homes to protect water resources.

### TAKE ACTION!

Learn how the Littleton Environmental Stewardship Board's Environmental Action Plan can help you make our community more sustainable.

#### MAGIC!

Learn how the water wizards at South Platte Renew turn wastewater into clean water.

### PLAY!

Listen as a panel of experts about how our open spaces are managed, protected and enhanced.

### EAT!

Food trucks and Breckenridge Brewery will provide refreshments to all participants.

### **RIDE!**

Dust off your bike and ride along the river from South Platte Park to South Platte Renew. Accommodations may be provided for folks who don't ride.

Interested in Attending the **2024 RETREAT?** 

Registration fee of \$25 includes lunch and all materials. Deadline for registration is **Friday**, **September 6**. A limited number of scholarships are available on request. For more information, contact **Amy Conklin** at **303.525.5038**.



Scan the QR code or visit LittletonCommunityRetreat.org to register for the retreat.