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## Manitou Springs To Fill a Litter Letter and Expand Creek Week to Four Cleanup Sites

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – The City of Manitou Springs, partnering with the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District, is expanding its Creek Week Cleanup initiative to encompass four locations along Fountain Creek. This event, scheduled for October 7, 2023, from 9 a.m. to noon, aims to enhance the City's environmental stewardship efforts. The selected sites for the cleanup include Serpentine Drive, Soda Springs Park, Memorial Park, and Schryver Park, representing one of Manitou Springs' most extensive creek cleanup undertakings.

Volunteers will be an integral part of this endeavor, actively removing debris from the creek. What makes this year's initiative even more distinctive is the creation of a "Litter Letter." The discarded waste collected during the cleanup will be repurposed to form the letter "M," symbolizing Manitou Springs. This distinctive letter will join others to complete an artistic installation, serving as a temporary reminder of the significance of environmental preservation. The Litter Letter is part of "[The Pikes Peak Litter Letter Project](#)," sponsored by the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance, Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control & Greenway District, Creek Week, and the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region.

"This is an amazing opportunity to showcase how much our community cares about the waterways, and to (water)shed light on the importance of keeping trash and other pollutants out of the creek." stated Gillian Rossi, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Manitou Springs. She continued "The more volunteers we have, the more successful this cleanup will be."

To take part in this meaningful effort, those interested can register by visiting the provided link: [Signup Link](#)

Eric Karlson, Streets/Stormwater Supervisor for the City of Manitou Springs stated "keeping litter and trash out of Fountain Creek is a priority of ours." He continued "not only is our creek a staple of Manitou Springs' natural environment, it is a source of drinking water for many communities downstream from us."