

## MONTROSE REC DISTRICT EXPANDS LOCATIONS

New facility set to open on north end of Montrose

**MONTROSE, COLORADO (March 1, 2022)** – The Montrose Recreation District (MRD) is excited to announce the expansion of its facilities to the north end of Montrose. The new facility will be located at the Colorado Outdoors Flex Buildings, and will include fitness, wellness, and activity studios within approximately 5,500 square feet of new space.

Construction is underway, with the new Montrose Recreation District location expected to open in Summer 2022. The new location will be adjacent to the recently announced, 70-spot child care center called *Bright Beginnings*.



The MRD is currently undergoing its long-awaited Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, to be completed later this spring. As a part of this on-going process, the community asked that the MRD consider smaller, satellite facilities to expand its reach and citizen access. The Colorado Outdoors project is offered with this extension in mind, and is designed to be a hub to enhance activities and to continue the dialogue toward future community needs.

“Opening this space is about new opportunities to serve the community now while the MRD continues to build the future,” said Mark Plantz, MRD Board Chair. “We are in the midst of our long-range, Comprehensive Master Plan, which will be completed within a few months. That, along with strong community engagement, will define how we plan and develop for the longer term to improve and increase access to the MRD parks and recreation activities to serve the community’s needs.”

This will be the third indoor location for MRD, joining the Field House and the Community Recreation Center (CRC). The Field House, located in midtown Montrose, includes a 100 foot by 60 foot artificial turf field, classroom, and an outdoor pool, and serves as Montrose home of *Weehawken Arts*.



On the south end of Montrose is the CRC, the 82,000 square foot premier activity space including a climbing wall, game room, 3 court gymnasium, child watch and indoor playground, reservable party rooms, racquetball courts, swimming pools with warm water, cool water, play areas and outdoor deck, track, playground, and its 5,000 square foot weight room/fitness center. It is also home to a Mountain View Therapy clinic.

Montrose City Manager Bill Bell, stated "The City is committed to partnering with the Montrose Recreation District to strengthen the health and well being of our community members. We are very pleased that more opportunity and access to their services will be available to the north side residents and visitors at this new facility."

MRD plans to use local architect Phil Motley to design the space at Colorado Outdoors. Initial plans for the new space call for studio fitness and workout space, small program areas, and front office space.

MRD will be one of several partners in the new development project, including the recently announced expansions of local businesses Montrose Anglers, Trattoria Di Sophia, and Maslow Academy of Applied Learning.

“We are very excited to have MRD,” said David Dragoo of Colorado Outdoors. “Their business fits in well with the community we are trying to build. They’ve been tremendous partners over the years.”

MRD, along with the City of Montrose, [previously led](#) the successful application for a \$2 million *Connect Trail* grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) in 2017. This grant supported the development of several miles of river trail which currently runs from the Recreation Center through the Colorado Outdoors project.

The 160-acre master-planned site has over 40-acres of open space and includes the *Connect Trail*, several wildlife corridors, and a newly upgraded river restoration project for river activities.

For information about MRD can be found at [montroserec.com](http://montroserec.com)

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**About Montrose Rec District:** The Montrose Recreation District's (MRD) purpose is to provide, manage and maintain quality recreational facilities, programs and services, which will enhance the learning, leisure and recreation opportunities that promote a healthy community. MRD serves the youth and adult population from season to season by offering year-round sports and recreation activities. They will open their third location to serve the population in North Montrose. Learn more at [montroserec.com](http://montroserec.com)

**About the City of Montrose:** The mission of the City of Montrose is to promote the Montrose Lifestyle by providing innovative and service-oriented leadership for a vibrant community. The City is a Home Rule Municipality that is the county seat and the most populous municipality of Montrose County, Colorado. The city population was 19,132 at the 2010 United States Census. Montrose is located in western Colorado in the upper Uncompahgre Valley and is an economic, labor, and transportation waypoint for the surrounding recreation industry. More information can be found at [cityofmontrose.org](http://cityofmontrose.org)

**About Colorado Outdoors:** Colorado Outdoors is a 164-acre economic development project along the Uncompahgre River corridor. The project's mission is to make Montrose a compelling destination for businesses and includes river restoration, abundant open space, walking trails, and several mixed-use construction projects. More information can be found at [ColoradoOutdoors.CO](http://ColoradoOutdoors.CO)