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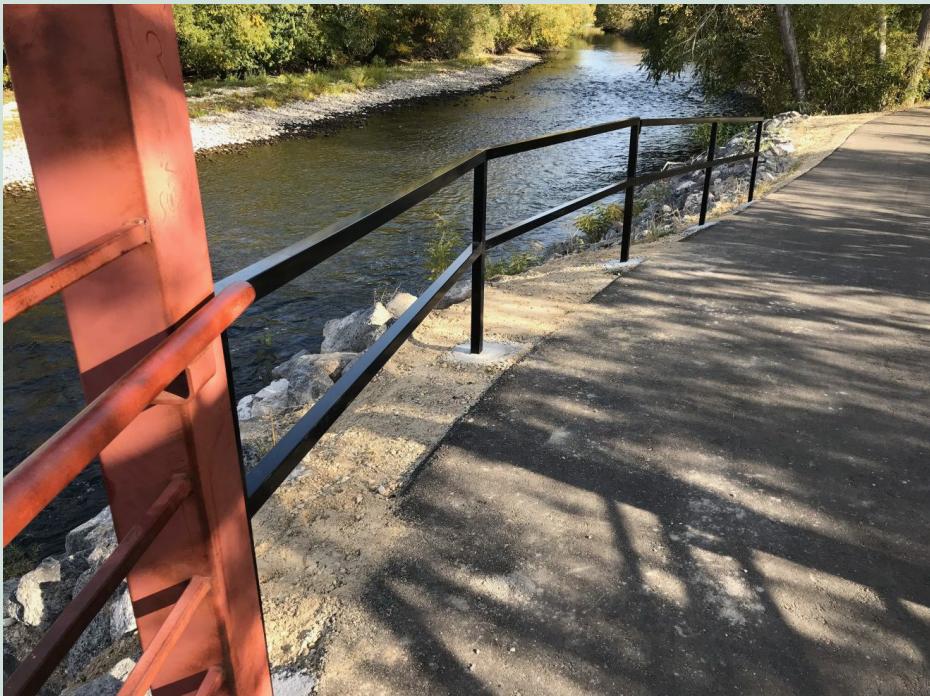


Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.

Stanley Horowitz

Final steps of Restoring the Plantation Island Bridge Are Completed

We asked for your help last year and you stepped up big time! Thanks to the generosity of you and your neighbors, the Plantation Island Greenbelt bridge and pathway were restored. Our final steps were to install a railing along the east side of the reestablished bridge. We looked at several ideas and decided that a steel railing would provide our safety needs.



And the best is always saved for last.....the McCarter family had a bench installed, honoring their father, Don McCarter. Don McCarter was one of the major donors that supported the restoration of the bridge and the Greenbelt pathways on Plantation Island. Sadly, Don passed before the project was completed. His daughter, Lauren, approached the Foundation, inquiring if she could have a bench installed and we were pleased to say, "**YES.**" Lauren has not only installed the bench but she, along with Eric Higgins, has also planted native plants and a tree next to the bench and the surrounding area. We are so pleased to have this addition to Plantation Island. **Thank you, Lauren, for honoring your father and sharing your gift with the Foundation.**

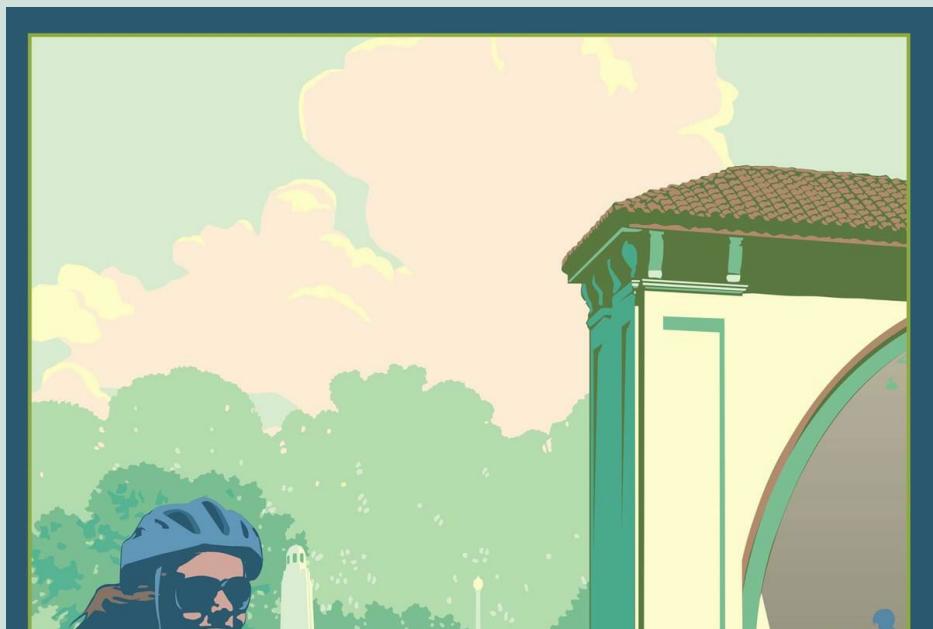




Lauren McCarter enjoying her father's bench and Eric Higgins planting native plants.



Celebrating the Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary





The Boise Greenbelt is turning 50 years old this year and to celebrate, the City of Boise hosted a three-day community celebration in September. The three-day party had a series of historical talks, exhibits, walking and biking tours, and a free outdoor concert.

The Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands was invited to partner with Ada County, City of Eagle, Garden City, and the City of Boise for this important event.

Mayor Bieter honored the Greenbelt's past and the leaders who continue to shape its future. The Foundation has been actively involved with the Greenbelt since 1986, assisting Ada County to continue the Greenbelt along the Barber Pool Conservation Area and on towards Lucky Peak Dam. IFPL's Plantation Island connects the Greenbelt from the north to the south side of the Boise River. IFPL Vice President, Sharon Hubler, and Board Member, Judy Peavey-Derr, were among the recipients to receive recognition from Mayor Bieter for their long-time dedication, working to make the Greenbelt a success.



Vice President Sharon Hubler, second from left; Board member Judy Peavey-Derr, third from the left



Fall colors along the Boise River Greenbelt



Advisory Council Brings Brain Trust to the Barber Pool

Brandy Wilson

The IFPL Board voted in 2018 to create the Barber Pool Advisory Council (BPAC) to help understand and enhance the resources of the wildlife area. BPAC members include landowners, neighbors, scientists, recreation managers, public engagement specialists, and city, county, and state agencies. Their mission is threefold:

- Environmental Enhancement
- Coordination and Access
- Education and Outreach.

For the Environmental Enhancement part of the mission, the BPAC is figuring out how we preserve and enhance the ecological function of the Barber Pool for the 300+ species who call it home. This work has started with a vegetation mapping project, which will update the 2002 Management Plan and give us a great idea for where we could get the most bang for the buck in habitat restoration projects.

For the other two parts of the mission--Coordination and Access and Education and Outreach--the BPAC is seeking to engage the public in the stewardship mission through opportunities to learn about the Barber Pool, as well as work with our neighbors on adjacent parks and open space projects.

We are working to protect one of the last bald eagle nesting sites in Boise.

IFPL cares for dozens of beautiful and essential properties in Idaho. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our work and the places we protect, including east Boise's Barber Pool. This unique urban wildlife refuge covers nearly 450 acres in one of the fastest growing areas in the nation and is home to hundreds of species of wildlife, including bald eagles. Find out more about our [work to safeguard this rare treasure](#).

The Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands Mission Statement

The Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands is a statewide public benefit privately-funded organization whose mission is to preserve and protect open space lands and unique natural, scenic settings for public benefit through various flexible conservation methods.

General Objectives

Assist in setting aside quality lands for future generations including acquisition and management of Idaho properties for public use and/or wildlife benefit.

We are working to protect the beautiful lands of Idaho. [Make a gift to IFPL today](#) and help us continue to care for many of the places you love!

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