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Dear Adams County Commissioners,

I am tendering my resignation, as well as retiring, from my position as Adams County Parks and Community Resource Director effective February 4, 2008.

During the recent TV interview, I realized that I misjudged the perception that was created by my working at home and flexing my time schedule. I apologize for this. I did not seek authority to do this to the extent that I did. I do not disagree with the information presented showing where I was and when – but I do disagree with the inference that work was not getting done.

Adams County has a bright future and I hope my resignation will let the County leadership focus on many exciting and important projects that are underway.

I am proud of my 24 year service to Adams County and what has been accomplished to preserve important agricultural lands and open space, expand our trails system, and develop new parks. I thank the County Commissioners and County residents for the opportunity to work in Adams County.

I have been especially successful in is obtaining grants, bringing in over \$11 million dollars from outside sources. The most recent GOCO Grant of \$5.25 million was something that I have been working on for 3 years. This grant and a 2000 GOCO Legacy grant for \$2 million will preserve over 800 acres of land along the South Platte River. The popular Elaine T. Valente Open Space Park, my favorite project, was funded entirely by grants.

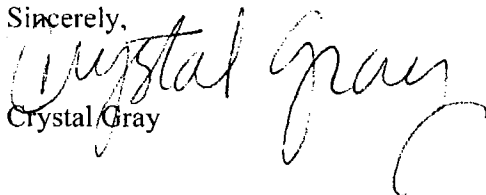
When I started, the Regional Park lakes were surrounded by barbed wire fences. It is now a truly wonderful area with lakes, trails, remodeled buildings and home for the best County Fair in the state.

During my tenure as Parks Director, we built 6 miles of trails on the S. Platte and Clear Creek. We connected the S. Platte River trails to the Denver Greenway, as well as taking them north to 104<sup>th</sup> Ave. We completed the Clear Creek Trail in Adams County.

The 269 Acre Heckendorf Ranch at Barr Lake was purchased as well as an additional 1050 acres of Open Space around the county. I worked with residents to put the voter approved Open Space Sales tax on the ballot. It will fund projects for the next 20 years.

There are truly some beautiful areas in the county, especially along historic Riverdale Road, that are now preserved. I am glad that I got to work on these projects, supported by a great staff and department heads who always said "yes" when asked to help.

Sincerely,

  
Crystal Gray