



ReSource remakes discarded wood into functional furniture

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When Martin 'M.J.' Vacco was looking to outfit his new family-style pizza restaurant at the corner of Arapahoe Road and 95th Street in Lafayette, he headed a few miles down Arapahoe to the ReSource Yard.

"I was trying to find ideas, what I could use and reuse," Vacco said.

There he met Spencer Clark, who introduced him to a new program offered by the Center for ReSource Conservation. CRC started its Woodworks Program last year. Vacco was impressed.

By early May, Clark, who oversees the Woodworks Program, had constructed a countertop from old butcher block, turned reclaimed redwood siding into interior floor trim, made a children's bench and fashioned menu holders for the pizzeria.

On May 11, Martino's Pizzeria opened its doors. While the restaurant is in full swing -- the fast-casual restaurant boasts a menu of custom pizzas, starters, sandwiches and salads and seats roughly 60 patrons inside and on a spacious patio -- plans for the near future include tabletops made from recycled lumber and a park bench-style seat for customers waiting for to-go items.

"The concept is a family, neighborhood pizzeria that's cozy and warm," Vacco said. "And we turned to ReSource because we liked the idea of re-using resources. And to have custom wood done at a discount rate."

The CRC's Woodworks Program is in a pilot phase, according to Clark, a furniture-maker by trade who began overseeing the program last year after moving to Boulder from Minnesota.

"We'd like to have a line of production items made from material that we get in pretty consistently," Clark said of what's in store for the Woodworks Program if it catches on. "This spring we've made a bunch of Adirondack chairs and trellises. We get a lot of cedar and redwood in."

In addition, Clark has filled several custom orders, including the work with Martino's. He said the CRC Woodworks Program can be competitive with most retail outlets, at least for custom furniture, because it has low overhead costs, and 98 percent of the material is donated to CRC, the local reclaimed building materials organization located at 6400 Arapahoe Road.

"Custom woodworking can be pretty expensive," Clark said. "We just want (the CRC Woodworks Program) to be a sustainable program that can pay for itself, so we can make it pretty affordable."

Using furniture made from reclaimed materials keeps the materials and, potentially, other furniture out of the landfill. It can cut down on carbon emissions used in production and shipping of furniture -- often from overseas -- as well.

"Instead of buying something from China that won't even last very long ... buying good furniture is more environmentally friendly," Clark said. "You can get something from (a big-box retailer) and it won't last very long. Especially in a college town like Boulder, a lot of furniture gets used up pretty quickly and then gets thrown in the landfill. Whereas, quality hardwood furniture -- locally sourced or made from reclaimed materials -- that's well made, will last significantly longer."

That's what Vacco was looking for.

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"(Mass-produced furniture) lacks that authenticity," he said. "We wanted something that was built to last."

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