

Paonia River Park



A STUDY IN
SIMPLICITY

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**North Fork of the
Gunnison River**





Water wells from the Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS); 100 meter Digital Elevation Model courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey

EXPLANATION

- ★ Water Division Office
- Water Division 4 boundary
- Quaternary alluvium
- Gunnison River basin
- Wells of record in DWR permit database



Gravel mining at River Park in 1997



Paonia River Park

Project Site

Delta Sand & Gravel

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+ Restoration – Flow inhibitors Sediment depositories



Debris and sediment captured & some growth

Sediment upstream, gravel downstream & no growth

+ Restoration During and after runoff



South side channel May 2013



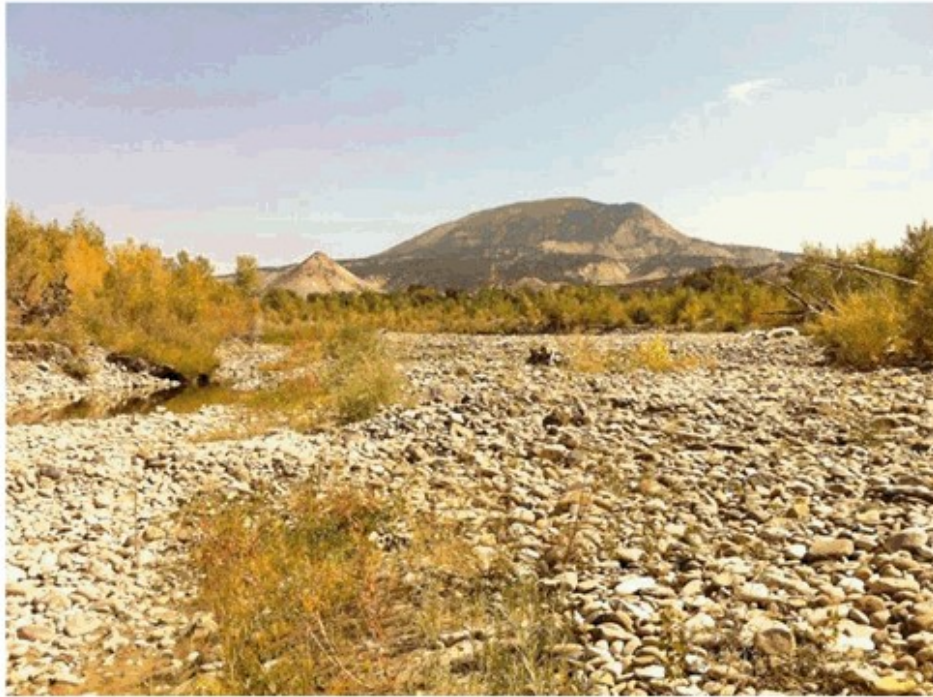
South side channel August 2013



New pool above rock weir

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Before & after restoration



Overview of the River Park



Park Users

- * Neighbors
- * Dog Walkers
- * Boaters
- * Anglers
- * Local School Groups



Features

- * River Health
- * Restored channel and floodplain
- * Healthy aquatic habitat
- * Wildlife viewing



Recreation

- * Riverside walking trail
- * Boat ramp
- * Fishing spots
- * Swimming



Living Laboratory

- * Rock amphitheater classroom
- * Field Trip Destination
- * Water quality monitoring site for local Vision School

Public Art

- * Entryway arch
- * Viewing platform
- * Fish bone bike rack

Community Gathering

- * Picnics and parties
- * Volunteer Work Days

Plans

- * Master Plan (2004)
- * Exploration Report (2009)
- * Floodplain Restoration Plan (2012)

Projects in the works

- * Trails planning
- * Landscaping
- * Trail improvements
- * Innovative Planter Box Pilot
- * Habitat restoration
- * Fish habitat enhancement



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River overlook viewing platform



Entryway Archway









A woman in a blue long-sleeved shirt and light-colored trousers stands on the ground, looking towards the truck. She is wearing sandals.

A silver sedan is parked in the background, partially obscured by the truck and trees.

A red pickup truck is the central focus, its bed overflowing with a large pile of light-colored wood chips. The truck has "4WD" printed on the rear bumper and fender. The license plate area contains the text "085-ENO".

A child in a purple t-shirt and pink shorts stands on the wood chips, holding a long-handled shovel vertically.

A child in a white tank top and green patterned pants stands on the wood chips, holding a long-handled shovel vertically.

A child in a black t-shirt and white shorts stands on the wood chips, wearing an orange baseball cap.

A small child in a red shirt is visible in the background, standing near some large rocks.





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