

Colorado Watershed Assembly Annual Report 2011

A Guide to Community Watershed Groups and Projects in Colorado



Message from the Director

Sustainability – It’s a word we use often these days when referring to the enduring characteristics and goals of the many projects organizations propose to improve the health of our watersheds. Maybe too much, but with the current status of our economy it is as relevant as ever. We are continually being asked to do more with less and the need to build consensus and partnerships has never been greater. This is what local citizen watershed groups do best. Their ability to reach out to neighbors with differing backgrounds on issues universal to the well-being of the community is vital to educating the public and implementing projects that improve the watershed for the benefit of all. Without these diplomatic stewards many projects could never be accomplished. Agencies, consultants, legislators and volunteer organizations often rely on these grassroots groups to coordinate with, and navigate through, the maze of special interests and personal priorities that make up the fabric of our lives today.



The Colorado Watershed Assembly is dedicated to the support of these local organizations. Our programs and services are designed to engage citizens and identify opportunities that further their missions. Our River Watch program educates several hundred middle and high school students each year on the importance of water quality monitoring. Our volunteer program has influenced the lives of over 70,000 Colorado students since the program began in 1989 and is currently the largest generator of water quality data in the State. This year we processed a record 7,980 metal samples, 1,053 nutrient samples and 28 macroinvertebrate samples from 551 active stations statewide. We are taking on 10 new teams this year and demand for water quality data has never been higher.

The Colorado Data Sharing Network makes water quality data from River Watch and other sources available to the public and our free weekly e-newsletter informs hundreds of subscribers of funding opportunities, events, training programs, conferences, jobs and relevant news. The Measureable Results Program independently documents the milestones, successes and failures of stream restoration projects and our new survey equipment allows us to precisely monitor more projects with new partners. The annual “Sustaining Colorado Watersheds” conference networks citizen groups with other organizations and agencies to build collaborative projects with partners they didn’t know existed. The Assembly advocates for the interests of local groups at the state and federal level and works with them individually to build stakeholder coalitions, develop watershed plans and implement enhancement projects.

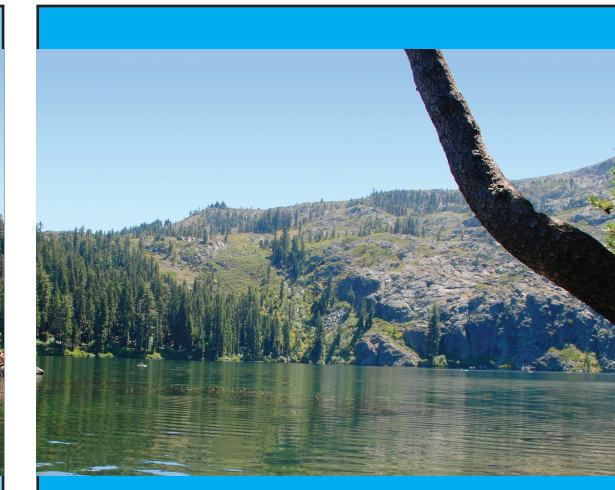
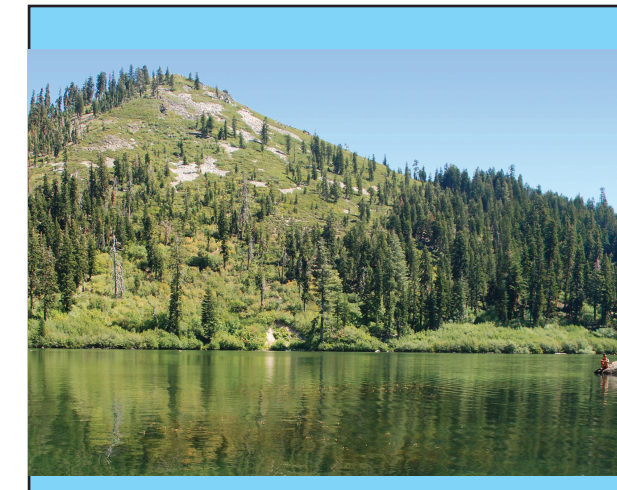
The Colorado Watershed Assembly is proud to be a part of the statewide sustainable effort to bring awareness and improvement to the environmental health of the Headwaters State. We encourage you find your own way to engage in local community efforts to protect our most valuable resource – our water.

Executive Director

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COLORADO WATERSHED ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS



The Inflow Network

The Inflow Network is a free electronic information network designed to engage water interested groups and citizens in state water policy and provide up-to-date information. Our ultimate goal is to create an environment for stakeholders to collaborate in "real-time."



The Inflow Network offers the following:

- The weekly Inflow Newsletter contains:
 - current conference training opportunities
 - new funding sources
 - job postings
 - important announcements

- The Basin Announcements targets residents, within a Roundtable Basin, with meeting notices other and other basin-specific announcements.



To join the network, visit [www.coloradowater.org/Signup For Newsletter](http://www.coloradowater.org/SignupForNewsletter)



COLORADO RIVER WATCH



WE STARTED WITH SIX SCHOOLS ON THE YAMPA AND GREW TO COVER ALL WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO AND 350 SCHOOLS. SINCE 1989 WE HAVE INVOLVED OVER 70,000 INDIVIDUALS IN COLORADO, PROVIDED DATA ON 3,000 STATIONS COVERING OVER 300 RIVERS. WE HAVE ALSO GROWN TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS, WATERSHED GROUPS AND OTHER ENTITIES, BESIDES SCHOOLS, IN OUR PROGRAM. WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL HABITAT PARAMETERS. SOME STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED COLLEGE CREDIT FOR THEIR RIVER WATCH SKILLS, OTHERS HAVE ACQUIRED WATER-RELATED EMPLOYMENT FROM THEIR INTEREST AND WORK IN RIVER WATCH, AND MOST HAVE CARRIED THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND PASSION FOR THE RIVER ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVER THEY GO.



OUR MISSION IS TO WORK WITH VOLUNTARY STEWARDS TO MONITOR WATER QUALITY AND OTHER INDICATORS OF WATERSHED HEALTH AND USE THIS HIGH QUALITY DATA TO EDUCATE CITIZENS AND INFORM DECISION MAKERS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF COLORADO'S WATERS

Recent River Watch Data Use: *Providing scientifically sound data to decision makers*

- Colorado Division of Wildlife regularly uses the data to protect the health of fisheries, which in turn influences Colorado recreation and tourism.
- The Water Quality Control Commission uses RW data as a primary source for settling and reviewing standards.
 - In 2009, new temperature standards were introduced in the Northern Platte, Republican, and Arikaree River Basins using RW data.
 - The Commission has been reviewing and adopting numeric criteria for macroinvertebrate community health; creating a reference river database (comparing healthy to impaired); and developing nutrient standards for nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Multiple grassroots-level watershed groups utilize RW data.

River Watch Goals:

- To provide a hands-on experience for individuals to understand the value and function of the river ecosystem
- To collect quality aquatic ecosystem data over space and time to be use for the Clean Water Act and other water quality decision-making processes

Real People Doing Real Science for a Real Purpose



If you are interested in helping River Watch in this effort, some of the typical costs are:

- \$3000 will provide a new RW team with all their needs for the first year.
- \$1800 will set up a new station for an existing group.
- \$1000 will cover all costs for an existing group (supplies, lab costs, etc.).
- \$300 will provide a team with monitoring supplies for one year.
- \$200 will send a new volunteer to a RW training.
- \$100 will cover the costs associated with one site visit.



Providing opportunities for watershed monitoring, conservation, and education

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Photo courtesy off Adam Borkowski

Watershed Planning Services

For more information on the Watershed Planning Services, please contact Jeff Crane at jeffcrane@coloradowater.org or visit the website at <http://coloradowater.org/Watershed Planning Services>

As an engaged partner with the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Management Area of the Water Quality Control Division, the Assembly now offers watershed planning services to local non-profit watershed groups to assist in the development and implementation of EPA certified watershed plans.

The goal of the project is to work in partnership with the state's NPS program to prioritize watersheds and lead efforts to develop and implement watershed plans that address the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 9 Required Elements for all Section 319-funded plans.

Services include:

- Identification and compilation of local resources and stakeholders
- Location of funding opportunities
- Preparation assistance in contracting with the state
- The development of projects designed to reduce nonpoint source pollution
- Meeting facilitation



About the Colorado Data Sharing Network (CDSN)

Colorado Data Sharing Network -

is a collaborative project started by the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC) in 2004. It was formed to solve many of the historic barriers to effective sharing of water quality data in Colorado. CDSN products and services seek to satisfy reporting requirements for Colorado NPS (Non-Point Source) project sponsors. The CDSN project addresses the top priorities echoed throughout the collective watershed management, assessment and monitoring community in Colorado including the Colorado Water Quality Control Division, local governments, private entities and non-profit organizations. The Colorado Data Sharing Network project continues to provide the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council a collective and resourceful voice for monitoring issues in the future.

Learn More at the CDSN Web Site -

Interactive Water Quality Map, data queries & data downloads, AWQMS tutorials, AWQMS test drive, SWAP fact sheets, upcoming trainings:

www.ColoradoWaterData.org

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Ambient Water Quality

Monitoring System (AWQMS) -

AWQMS is a web-based water quality data management system that includes support for batch import and export, data management, reporting, graphing, and optional data submission to the National Data Warehouse.

AWQMS meets National STORET/WQX requirements, however users can opt to NOT upload to the National Data Warehouse STORET/WQX. Data in our regional database contains all National STORET data and other Colorado data. CDSN has loaded legacy data sets from a subset of past Non Point Source (NPS) projects, all present and future NPS projects and selected non NPS Projects. Any entity can load data at any time to the system by following the guidance and user support CDSN provides. AWQMS is a holistic data management system that also supports an interactive web-based map, shares meta-data, and meets Colorado's NPS Grant Program requirements.

CDSN Products & Services -

- **AWQMS Database** and supporting materials (for water quality, biological, and stream habitat data) — is the new, more powerful, and increasingly user-friendly, WQX-compatible toolkit used to submit and retrieve data from the CDSN project database;
- **Interactive Google-map & data download utility** to find & download CDSN, USGS, and National STORET/WQX water quality data—in one place!
- **Data SWAPS & trainings** in your watershed;
- **Data Calls** in coordination with Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE);
- **Mentoring** - Watershed Project Design & Quality Assurance Assistance; Data Formatting & Upload Assistance (by Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council);
- CDSN also offers **trainings, tutoring, webinars, and custom data formatting and upload/download training.**

MEASURABLE RESULTS PROGRAM

The Measurable Results Program (MRP) seeks to scientifically document the effects of restoration efforts on Colorado's rivers while helping to enhance the overall quality and quantity of stream restoration monitoring data around the State. The Program was launched in 2010 as a collaborative effort between the Colorado Watershed Assembly, the Department of Public Health and Environment's Nonpoint Source Program, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Watershed Restoration Program.



In the past year the MRP has worked to develop a toolbox of monitoring procedures and parameters that can be applied to systematically and quantitatively measure the changes to the chemical, biological, and physical attributes of river systems as a result of restoration practices.

Periodical resurveys of established sites will document the environmental impact benefits of the restoration activities over time. The types of data generated through the MRP are diverse and while tailored to project goals on a case by case basis the data that is generated is expected to be useful to watershed professionals across the state.

Projects are frequently evaluated on 4 levels:

1. Chemical
2. Biological
3. Physical
4. Remote sensing

The documentation of these qualities will help the program report on those results and identify and prioritize the most cost effective measures to achieve stream system improvements.



Example projects being monitored by the MRP in 2011:

- Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project
- Alamosa River Restoration Project in Capulin
- Eagle River Restoration Project in Edwards
- Arkansas River at Hecla Junction in Salida
- Coal Creek Restoration Project in Crested Butte
- Town of Alma Sediment Reduction Project

For more information, visit: www.coloradowater.org/Measurable Results Program

Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund

- ✓ Part of the CO Check-off Program
- ✓ Support the Healthy Rivers Fund on your State income tax return!



Since 2003, approximately **105,000 citizens** donated **over \$816,000** from their tax returns to fund **over 50 local water enhancement projects in Colorado**. In the CheckOff Colorado section of your state income tax form, please contribute a portion of your refund to help protect and conserve our most fragile and important resource - **OUR WATER**.

Support the Healthy Rivers Fund on your next Colorado State income tax return!

- ✓ Cleaner Water
- ✓ Healthier Wildlife & Restored Habitat
- ✓ Improved Recreation & Accessibility

<http://www.coloradowater.org/Healthy Rivers Fund>



Annual Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference

An Annual Event Since 1999!



Join the Colorado Watershed Assembly and its partner organizations, the Colorado Foundation for Water Education, and the Colorado Riparian Association for their annual conference!

This year's conference theme:
The First Drop Lands Here

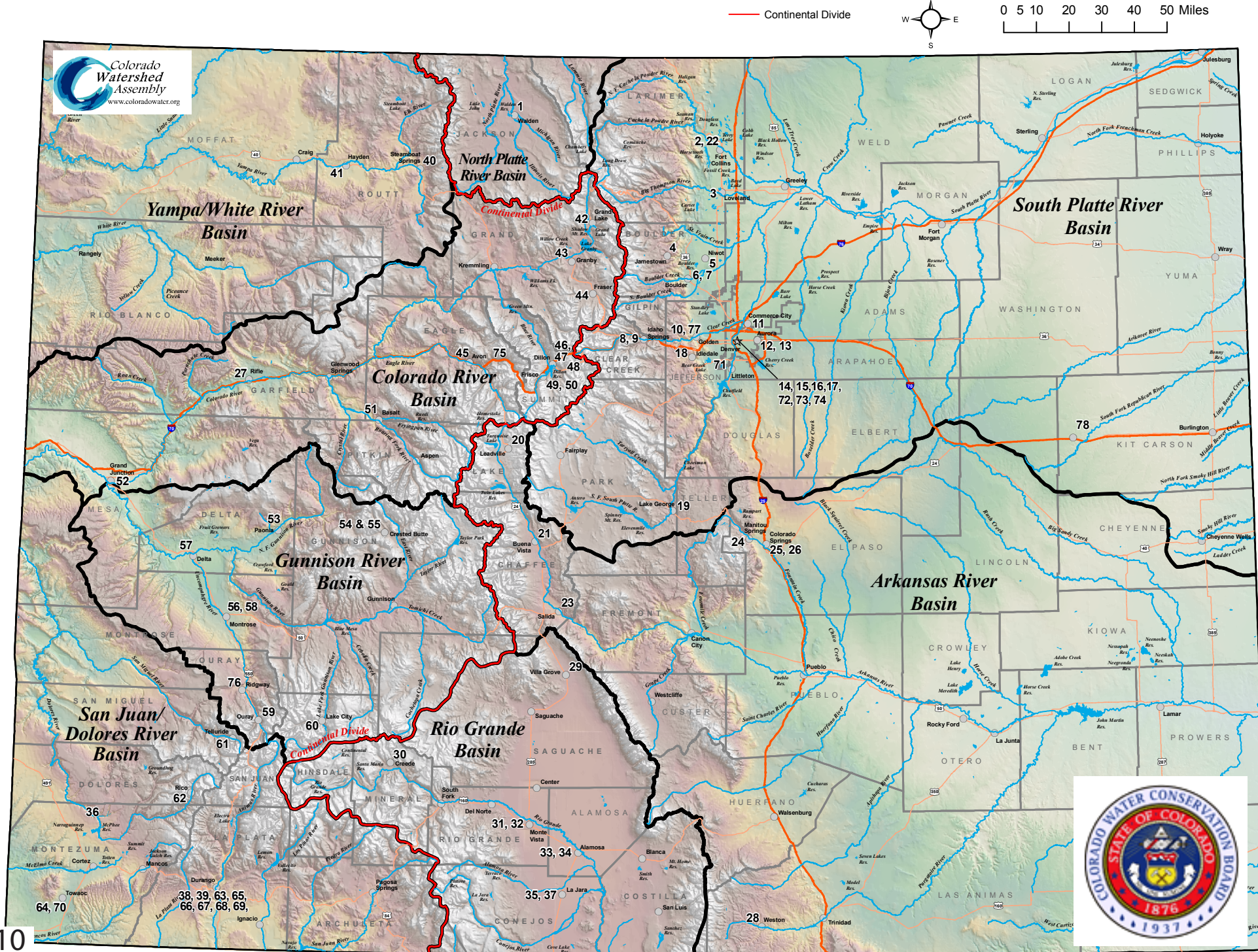
Previous years' themes include:
2010 - *Learning from the Past to Protect the Future*
2009 - *Thriving in Challenging Times*
2008 - *Striking a Balance for the Future*



Each Conference is Planned Around:

- Informing participants about new issues and innovative projects.
- Networking citizen groups with agencies, consultants and legislators to expand cooperation and collaboration.
- Including various opportunities to participate in workshops, lectures, networking opportunities and so much more!

2011 COLORADO COMMUNITY WATERSHED GROUPS



1. Owl Mountain Partnership
2. Friends of the Poudre
3. Big Thompson Watershed Forum
4. James Creek Watershed Initiative
5. Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group
6. Boulder Creek Watershed Initiative
7. Keep It Clean Partnership
8. Clear Creek Watershed Foundation
9. Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
10. South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation
11. Sand Creek Regional Greenway
12. Bear Creek Watershed Authority
13. Chatfield Watershed Authority
14. Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir Watershed Ass.
15. Big Dry Creek Watershed Association
16. Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners
17. Westerly Creek Connection
18. Friends of the Bear Creek
19. Coalition for the Upper South Platte
20. Lake Fork Watershed Working Group
21. Upper Arkansas River Restoration Project
22. Save the Poudre
23. Greater Arkansas River Nature Association
24. Fountain Creek Restoration Project
25. Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District
26. Rocky Mountain Field Institute
27. Middle Colorado River Watershed Partnership
28. Culebra Range Community Coalition
29. Kerber Creek Restoration Project
30. Willow Creek Reclamation Committee
31. Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust
32. San Luis Valley Wetlands Focus Area Committee
33. Rio Grand Headwaters Restoration Project
34. San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council
35. Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Project
36. Dolores River Dialogue
37. Alamosa Riverkeeper
38. San Juan RC & D Council
39. River Protection Group
40. Friends of the Yampa
41. The Morgan Bottom Watershed on the Yampa River
42. Three Lakes Watershed Association
43. Grand County Watershed Information Network
44. Friends of the Fraser
45. Eagle River Watershed Council
46. The Greenlands Reserve
47. Friends of the Lower Blue River
48. Snake River Watershed Task Force
49. Our Future Summit
50. Blue River Watershed Group
51. Roaring Fork Conservancy
52. Mesa County Water Association
53. North Fork River Improvement Association
54. Coal Creek Watershed Coalition
55. High Country Citizens' Alliance
56. Uncompahgre Partnership
57. Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Forces
58. Friends of the River Uncompahgre
59. Ridgway/Ouray Community Coalition
60. Lake Fork Valley Conservancy
61. San Miguel Watershed Coalition
62. East Fork Dolores (Town of Rico)
63. Friends of Wolf Creek
64. Dolores River Source Water Protection Group
65. Animas River Stakeholders Group
66. Animas Riverkeeper
67. Animas Watershed Partnership
68. Pine River Watershed Group
69. San Juan Citizens' Alliance
70. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
71. North Fork of the South Platte River Foundation
72. Groundwork Denver
73. Protect Our Urban Environment (PURE)
74. The Greenway Foundation
75. Gore Creek Restoration Committee
76. Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership
77. The Environmental Group (TEG)
78. Republican River Watershed Group
79. Arkansas River Coalition (in Wichita, KS)

MAJOR WATERSHED BASINS REPRESENTED BY ROUNDTABLES

- The following basins are designated by the state of Colorado*:
- *Arkansas Basin*: Home to two large cities - Colorado Springs and Pueblo - the Arkansas Basin has seen a great deal of growth over the past few years.
 - *Colorado Basin*: The Colorado Mainstream Basin encompasses approximately 9,830 square miles and includes Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs.
 - *Gunnison Basin*: The Gunnison Basin stretches over 8,000 square miles of western Colorado and includes the cities of Montrose, Delta and Gunnison.
 - *Metro Basin*: The Metro Roundtable is the only roundtable not designated out of a natural hydrological river basin. The Metro region's unique needs and water uses necessitated its designation apart from the South Platte River Basin (within which it lies).
 - *North Platte Basin*: The North Platte Basin is located in north central Colorado in Jackson County and a small portion of Larimer County, covering roughly 2,050 square miles.
 - *Rio Grande Basin*: The Rio Grande Basin encompasses approximately 8,000 square miles, including the San Luis Valley.
 - *South Platte Basin*: The South Platte Basin Roundtable covers approximately 22,000 square miles in northeast Colorado.
 - *Southwest Basin*: The Southwest Basin covers approximately 10,169 square miles in southwest Colorado. Its major rivers include the San Juan River, Animas River, Dolores River and San Miguel River.
 - *Yampa/White Basin*: The Yampa/White Basin covers roughly 10,500 square miles in northwest Colorado and south-central Wyoming.

* Information from the Colorado Water Conservation Board at <http://cwcb.state.co.us> 11

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Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Project

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Basin: Rio Grande River Basin

The Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Project's goal is to create a naturally functioning stream system while providing environmental, cultural, and economic benefits for the river community as a whole. The project uses natural materials and works with natural stream dynamics to stabilize the river channel damaged by past human activities. The project also focuses on training landowners to replicate stream restoration.

Animas River Stakeholder Group

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Basin: Southwest Basin

The Animas River Stakeholders Group works to improve water quality and habitats in the Animas River by reducing metal concentrations and acidity resulting from historic mining practices. They completed an extensive remediation plan and have since completed 50 remediation projects. The Group has actively pushed for liability protection of Good Samaritans who remediate draining mine sites.

Website: www.waterinfo.org/regional-water-projects/animas-river-stakeholders

Animas Watershed Partnership (AWP)

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Basin: Southwest Basin

The Animas Watershed Project protects and improves water quality for a 100 mile long river system traversing Colorado, New Mexico, and Southern Ute Indian lands. Currently, the AWP is focusing on expanding its stakeholder base and implementing a demonstration project along the Animas River in Colorado to compliment the project completed in New Mexico.

Bear Creek Watershed Association

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Basin: Metro Area

The Bear Creek Watershed Association identifies, defines, collectively develops, maintains and implements a local environmental and water quality monitoring, management plan and watershed-based program for the Bear Creek Watershed that meets reservoir and watershed applicable water quality standards and beneficial use classifications as adopted by the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission.

Website: www.bearcreekwatershed.org

Alamosa Riverkeeper

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Basin: Rio Grande River Basin

The Alamosa Riverkeeper strives for a clean and functional river system which benefits the economic, ecological and recreational needs of the community. The Riverkeeper works to increase in-stream flows, thus, improving the fisheries and recreational potential of the Alamosa.

Animas Riverkeeper

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Basin: Southwest Basin

The mission of the Animas Riverkeeper is to protect and preserve the sociological, ecological, and biological integrity of the Animas River and its watershed.

Website: www.animasriverkeeper.org

Arkansas River Coalition

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Basin: Arkansas River Basin

Our mission is to protect, restore and improve the entire Arkansas River Watershed and to enhance the well-being of all life it sustains. That includes sustainable water quantity, improving water quality and increasing the access to and connection with the River and all its tributaries from the Rocky Mountain high country to the Mississippi.

Barr Lake & Milton Reservoir Watershed Assoc.

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Basin: Metro Basin

The Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir Watershed Association (BMW) was created in response to water quality problems including elevated pH and excessive algal growth resulting from nutrient loading. The group recently submitted a pH TMDL to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division for review. The CDPHE posted the pH TMDL for public review along with a DO TMDL Addendum. BMW submitted comments on both documents and is currently waiting for the CDPHE to respond to comments. When comments on the TMDL documents are resolved and finalized, they will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

Website: www.barr-milton.org

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Big Dry Creek Watershed Association

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The Big Dry Creek Watershed Association conducts an extensive in-stream monitoring program which includes water chemistry, flow, habitat, fish, and benthic macroinvertebrate sampling. In 2011, the Association has been working to update their 2002 Watershed Management Plan. E. coli related issues are a key area of interest to the Association.

Website: www.bigdrycreek.org

Blue River Watershed Group (BWRG)

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Basin: Colorado River Basin

The Blue River Watershed Group is a non-profit organization that serves residents and visitors in Summit County, Colorado. The Blue River Watershed Group works to restore and protect the health of the Blue River watershed through cooperative community education, outreach, and stewardship. Volunteer opportunities are available for projects and events throughout the year.

Website: www.blueriverwatershed.org

Chatfield Watershed Authority

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Basin: Metro Area

The mission of the Chatfield Watershed Authority, formed in 1984, is a nonprofit watershed association that conducts activities to promote watershed health in the Chatfield Watershed, including water quality, outreach, monitoring, implementing point and nonpoint source control strategies and regulatory requirements associated with Control Regulation 73. Controlling nonpoint source, particularly nutrients, is critical to preserving water quality in the Chatfield watershed and reservoir. Our mission is to promote protection of water quality in the Chatfield Watershed for drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and other beneficial uses.

Big Thompson Watershed Forum

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Basin: South Platte River Basin

The Big Thompson Watershed Forum protects and improves water quality through collaborative monitoring, assessment, education, and restoration projects. The Forum created Cooperative and Volunteer Monitoring Programs to target water quality and related ecological concerns. The Forum's program goals include: increasing community awareness of water quality issues and watershed stewardship; comparing and analyzing sampling data with existing water quality standards; and determining the statistical significance of any identified spatial and/or temporal water quality trends on a watershed scale.

Website: www.btwatershed.org

Boulder Creek Watershed Initiative (BCWI)

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Basin: South Platte River Basin

BCWI protects and enhances the health of the Boulder Creek watershed through community based stewardship, education, information and action. BCWI has produced 102 educational Watershed Forums at the Boulder Public Library on local, regional, national and global environmental issues. In 2008, BCWI has formed 4 water quality monitoring Stream Teams to measure the health of Boulder Creek and its tributaries.

Website: www.basin.org/bcwi

Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners

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Basin: Metro Basin

The Stewardship Partners promote active stewardship in the Cherry Creek basin through a voluntary alliance among key land use agencies with ties to the Cherry Creek and South Platte River. Events ranging from the Partners' Annual Conference to the annual Run for the Watershed provide opportunities to be engaged with a broadly collaborative effort to deliver a practical water quality message to residents of the Cherry Creek Watershed. The Cherry Creek Basin Water Stewardship and Education Initiative is the framework for outreach which includes an annual Teacher Training Workshop, sponsored field trips and classroom visits. Special events and regularly scheduled activities provide year-round opportunities to 'take it outside' and practice hands-on conservation in our prairie ecosystem.

Website: www.cherry-creek.org

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Clear Creek Watershed Foundation

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The Clear Creek Watershed Foundation focuses on improving water quality through sustainable watershed management. As a Good Samaritan entity, the Foundation facilitates the remediation of the many orphan/inactive mine and mill sites in the area not listed as priority Superfund sites; current remediation efforts include projects in Gilson Gulch and Trail Creek. Additional projects include a renewable energy initiative, wildfire protection planning, a resource recovery center, wetlands and stream habitat restoration projects, and the Clear Creek Watershed Festival.

Website: www.clearcreekwater.org

Coalition for the Upper South Platte

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Basin: South Platte River Basin
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The Coalition is focused on implementing projects in the 2,600 square-mile Upper South Platte Watershed. Our projects include forest health and fire rehabilitation, river restoration, trail work, energy conservation, mine reclamation, and environmental education--almost anything that fulfills our mission to protect the water quality & ecological health of the Upper South Platte Watershed through the cooperative efforts of stakeholders with emphasis on community values of economic sustainability.

Website: www.uppersouthplatte.net

Dolores River Dialogue

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The DRD is a coalition of diverse interests, whose purpose is to explore management opportunities, build support for and take action to improve the ecological conditions downstream of McPhee Reservoir while honoring water rights, protecting agricultural and municipal water supplies, and the continued enjoyment of rafting and fishing.

Website: ocs.fortlewis.edu/drd

Coal Creek Watershed Coalition

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The Coal Creek Watershed Coalition works to restore terrestrial and aquatic environments that have been impaired due to metals and other contaminants. The Coalition has been in existence since 2003 and has expanded its mission to the adjacent Slate River Watershed to create a watershed plan.

Website: www.coalcreek.org

Culebra Range Community Coalition

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Basin: Arkansas River Basin
Phone: 719-846-8380

The Culebra Range Community Coalition works to reduce risk of unnatural fire from a century of fire suppression and facilitate small diameter timber based businesses in the Purgatoire River Watershed. The Coalition works to increase the harvesting efficiency and complete utilization of small diameter timber.

The Coalition also actively conducts watershed education and outreach.

Website: www.culebrarange.org

Dolores River Source Water Protection Group

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Basin: Southwest Basin
Phone: 970-564-5432

Dolores River Source Water Protection Group is assessing source water issues upstream of McPhee Reservoir. The group is planning to begin source water protection implementation activities in the near future with money raised locally through the Dolores River Festival, State of Colorado Source Water funding and other local efforts. An assessment report will be completed within the next year, also. This group is unique among source water protection organizations because it includes 5 different water providers within the Dolores River watershed working together on one plan- the City of Cortez, Town of Dolores, Montezuma Water Company, the Town of Dove Creek, and the Town of Rico.

The Environmental Group (TEG)

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Our MISSION is to protect and improve the environment; to promote open space and land conservation and to provide current information to the community regarding the environment in which we live. TEG was founded in 1990 and has been active in the three counties of Coal Creek Canyon ever since. We are currently focused on the potential impacts of the proposed Moffat firming project which would triple the size of nearby Gross Reservoir.

Website: www.tegcoalcreekcanyon.org

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Eagle River Watershed Council

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The Eagle River Watershed Council advocates for the health and conservation of the Upper Colorado and Eagle River basins through research, education, and projects. We provide a forum where everyone can gain a greater understanding of the Eagle River environment. A few of our 17 current projects include a 1.6 mile restoration of the urban and grazing-impacted Eagle River in Edwards, monitoring of the Eagle River below the Eagle Mine Super Fund site, partnering with CDOT to mitigate traction sand migration from W. Vail Pass into Black Gore Creek, and partnering with the USFS to eradicate user-created impacts to rivers near their campgrounds. We are currently updating Eagle County's 15 year old Watershed Plan and have recently created a Water Quality Monitoring & Assessment Program for the Eagle River and Gore Creek. We expect to move to the Colorado River with an Inventory & Assessment and water quality studies later this year.

Website: www.erwc.org

Fountain Creek Restoration Project

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Basin: Arkansas Basin

The Restoration Project completed in the Spring 2011 the last of four aquatic and bank restoration projects in five public parks in Manitou Springs. The projects resulted in over \$400,000 in habitat, streambed and bank stabilization improvements. In addition, over the past four years, it is estimated that well over \$250,000 in volunteer time has been devoted to improving Fountain Creek as it runs through Manitou Springs. These efforts continue with annual clean up days. The committee is beginning to implement a monitoring programming in cooperation with Colorado College. This effort includes fish counting and evaluation of the habitat conditions.

Website: www.restorefountaincreek.org

Friends of Bear Creek

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The Friends of Bear Creek was formed to protect and improve stream and riparian habitat from the growing problem of urbanization. In 2005, the Friends played a leading role in a river restoration project near Kittredge.

Friends of the Lower Blue River

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Friends of the Lower Blue River is a volunteer group of Summit County Residents, property owners and other interested parties who share a concern for maintaining the rural character, quality of life and the environment of the Lower Blue River Valley. The group functions as a constructive forum on issues important to the Valley through education, communication and member participation. Current FOLBR projects include: fire protection, water quality & quantity, and protecting open space.

Website: www.folbr.org

East Fork Dolores (Town of Rico)

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The Town of Rico is working with a large landowner and residents of the town to survey the Dolores River corridor and protect riparian and river front property. The ultimate goal is to establish a green-belt park through town. A coalition of stakeholders also strives to develop continuing partnerships, strategies and funding to work towards ensuring that ground and surface water in and around Rico's watershed area meets water quality standards comparable to other healthy natural mountain streams and watershed areas. The Town has initiated participating in the River Watch program, which allows public to participate in water testing and monitoring of their areas. The Town is particularly interested in monitoring the Dolores River and watershed inflow stream.

Website: www.ricocolorado.org

Fountain Creek Watershed Flood C & GD

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The Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District (District) was created in June 2009 under Senate Bill (SB) 09-141, established under Title 32 of the Colorado Revised Statute (CRS). The District is authorized to manage, administer, and fund the capital improvements necessary in the Fountain Creek Watershed to mitigate flooding, erosion and sedimentation; address water quality issues; improve drainage; fund the protection of open space; and develop public recreational opportunities including open space. The District has land use authority in the 100-year floodplain between El Paso and Pueblo counties (south of the City of Fountain and north of the City of Pueblo). Outside of this area, the district can provide input to public bodies on land use applications that may have direct or indirect impacts to the watershed.

Website: www.fountain-crk.org

Friends of the Fraser

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The Friends of the Fraser River works to restore in-stream flows, where a minimum of 65% of the water is diverted for storage and use by Front Range cities. In the near future, we will be focusing on public education and outreach concerning the Moffat firming project and the Windy Gap firming project. Both of these projects are proposing to divert 20% more of the Fraser River and the Upper Colorado River from the West Slope.

Website: www.friendsofthefraserriver.org

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Friends of the Poudre

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The Friends of the Poudre monitors instream flows and water quality levels, while protecting the remaining free-flow and enhancing the river's riparian habitat and recreational amenities.

Website: www.friendsofthepoudre.org

Friends of Wolf Creek

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Wolf Creek Pass in southwestern Colorado forms the pristine headwaters of the Rio Grande and San Juan Rivers. The untouched beauty of Wolf Creek Pass has made it a tempting target for real estate developers. Rocky Mountain Wild's Friends of Wolf Creek campaign has succeeded in keeping the pass wild by mobilizing local citizens, business owners, hunters and anglers, backcountry recreationists, and wildlife experts to protect this ecological treasure.

Website: www.friends of wolfcreek.org

The Greenway Foundation

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The Mission of the Greenway Foundation is to advance the South Platte River and the surrounding tributaries as a unique environmental, recreational, cultural, scientific and historical amenity that uniquely links our City's past and its future. This mission will be accomplished by creating ongoing environmental and riparian enhancements; holding property, when needed, in conservation easements; utilizing the River as an outdoor and historical learning resource, hosting free cultural events promoting the relationship between the River and music, art and theatre, providing youth employment opportunities, and by promoting good stewardship through hands-on educational programs.

Website: www.greenwayfoundation.org

Grand County Water Information Network

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The Grand County Water Information Network (GCWIN) is a county-wide effort to coordinate water quality monitoring, information, and educational programs in Grand County. The 501(c)(3) Non-profit Network works collaboratively with entities both on the East and West Slopes to coordinate and manage water quality monitoring efforts for a better understanding of water quality concerns and issues in Grand County. WILbUR (Water Information Library Unified Resource) which is our new database, our monitoring and education programs are some of the information that can be found on our website.

Website: co.grand.co.us/waterquality/waterdata

Friends of the River Uncompahgre (FORU)

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The Friends of the River Uncompahgre works in conjunction with the cities and counties along the Uncompahgre River to create strong community partnerships with a common goal of restoration, enhancement and protection of the riparian corridor. Friends of the River Uncompahgre is currently working with the city and county of Montrose to establish a 100' riparian buffer to protect water quality and preserve the greenway.

Website: www.foruncompahgre.org

Friends of the Yampa

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Phone: 970-879-6249 Green River Basin

Friends of the Yampa strives to protect and enhance the environmental and recreational integrity of the Yampa River, its basin, and its tributaries through stewardship, advocacy, partnerships, and education. FOY is a 501(c)3 and has been working on river related projects and policy efforts in the Yampa River basin since its inception in 1983.

Website: www.friendsoftheyampa.com

The Greenlands Reserve

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Dillon, CO 80435
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The Greenlands Reserve is a statewide land trust accepting conservation easements and working to foster natural resource protection through education and the organizing of collaborative projects. They are currently partnering with the town of Dillon on a Blue River source water protection plan and the Straight Creek restoration project.

Website: www.greenlandreserve.org

Greater Arkansas River Nature Association

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The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association provides and promotes educational activities, volunteer projects and community involvement to conserve the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the Arkansas River. The Association actively promotes the Collegiate Peaks Scenic and Historic Byway and presents educational programs to the community explaining "Heritage" and Heritage Area Planning.

Website: www.garna.org

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Gore Creek Restoration Committee

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Formed in 2009, members of the GCRC, represented by local fly-fisherman, members of Trout Unlimited and the Eagle River Watershed Council, Fly-Fishing Outfitters, Town of Vail citizens and staff, began a volunteer effort to perform a survey of the Gore Creek to identify clear, suggested measures for improvement, including stream bank restoration projects and education needed to reduce the human impact on the Creek health. With the help of the Healthy Rivers Fund, a major stream restoration and re-vegetation project is underway at Stephens Park, a highly used and heavily impacted bank that serves as a take-out for kayakers, and access for fisherman, rafters, dogs, and people. The bank will be stabilized with native riparian vegetation through volunteer plantings, flagstone access provided, and an eddy pool and boulder work will improve flow conditions. In addition, the Creek survey has been completed, culvert survey is underway, and identified sand and oil separators have been emptied. The committee will track progress and continue to identify needed projects.

Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Force

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The Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Force is a group of private, local, state, and federal interests committed to reducing selenium in our affected waterways, while maintaining the economic viability, quality of life, and agricultural heritage of the Lower Gunnison Basin and Grand Valley of Western Colorado.

Website: www.seleniumtaskforce.org/

James Creek Watershed Initiative

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The James Creek Watershed Initiative provides a holistic approach to community based watershed protection by sponsoring public forums for education and discussion and organizing volunteer groups for stream clean-ups and restoration. The Initiative advocates the importance of forest management, water quality issues and building partnerships with stakeholders.

Website: www.comfound.org/cultureofgiving/nonprofits/james-creek-watershed-initiative

Keep it Clean Partnership

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The primary goal of the Keep it Clean Partnership is to implement a regional stormwater management program, not only to comply with the federal Phase II stormwater regulations, but to also address broader water quality watershed issues. The Partners developed a Keep it Clean Plan, which outlines six minimum control measures to address the impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and stream health.

Website: www.keepitcleanpartnership.org

Groundwork Denver

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The mission of Groundwork Denver (GWD) is to bring about the sustained improvement of the physical environment and promote health and well-being through community-based partnerships and action. Our goals include: To create collaborations among community and non-profit organizations, local government, businesses, and residents to improve the physical environment, while enhancing neighborhood assets and fostering community involvement and leadership. To foster environmental justice by providing expertise and education on environmental health issues, providing opportunities for residents to develop environmental leadership and job skills and improving the physical environment in low-income communities. Groundwork Denver advocates for clean urban waterways by educating the public about watershed issues, working with volunteers to improve riparian habitat, and engaging stakeholders in comprehensive watershed planning.

Website: www.groundworkdenver.org

High Country Citizens' Alliance

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The mission of High County Citizens' Alliance (HCCA) is to champion the protection, conservation and preservation of the natural ecosystems within the Upper Gunnison River Basin. • Improving instream flow protection • Improving water resource planning by including environmental and recreational values and needs. • Monitor, assess and restore riparian/watershed health

Website: www.hccaonline.org

Kerber Creek Restoration Project

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The Kerber Creek Watershed was formerly on the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. Impairment was primarily due to heavy metal toxicity leaching from streamside mine tailings, and many sections of the stream had little riparian vegetation present. The land owners are partners in this project and have formed the Bonanza Stakeholders Group. Projects began in 2008 and are expected to end in 2012. Thus far, over 70 acres of streamside tailings have been remediated, over 10,000 volunteer hours have been donated, and over \$1.4 million has been raised.

Website: www.kerbercreek.org

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Lake Fork Watershed Working Group

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Historic mining activity severely impaired the waters of the lower Lake Fork of the Arkansas River. The Lake Fork Watershed Working Group is proactively identifying contamination sources and designing and implementing remedies that reduce contamination to the receiving systems. The Group meets on a quarterly basis where projects are discussed and planned.

Website: www.coloradomtn.edu/LFWWG

Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group

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The Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group strives to assess, protect, and restore the quality of the Lefthand Creek watershed, and to serve as a hub of communication about watershed issues through the fostering of stakeholder collaboration. The group facilitates the remediation of abandoned mines and will soon be tackling their first on the ground clean-up project. The group has a volunteer water quality monitoring program that helps to determine priorities for clean-ups and also attempts to monitor completed clean-up effectiveness.

Website: www.lwog.org

Middle Colorado River Watershed Partnership

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Basin: Colorado River Basin

The Middle Colorado River Watershed Partnership (MCRWP) represents a strong collective voice to protect and enhance the health of the Middle Colorado River watershed. The MCRWP has agreed to work together to identify short and long-term opportunities for collaboration and to reach out to all stakeholders in the community. Fall 2009, the Partnership will begin working on a watershed assessment for the Middle Colorado River.

Website: sites.google.com/site/midcoriverpartnership/home

Morgan Bottom Watershed on the Yampa River

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Basin: Yampa, White and Green Basin

The Morgan Bottom Watershed on the Yampa is a collective association of landowners and stakeholders along the Yampa River near Hayden that have recently formed a coalition to address accelerated bank erosion and the nonpoint sources of pollution associated with it. Their initial focus is to develop a watershed plan that will address community concerns along the river and build stakeholder involvement through education and outreach.

Lake Fork Valley Conservancy

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Basin: Gunnison River Basin

The Lake Fork Valley Conservancy was formed in 2010 with the joining together of the Lake Fork Land Trust and the Lake Fork Watershed Stakeholders. The Lake Fork Valley Conservancy is a nonprofit organization focusing on preserving and enhancing the present for the future. We seek to protect the most beautiful and fragile of the undeveloped land in the Lake Fork watershed, including wildlife habitat, view corridors, riparian areas and wetlands, as well as preserving the local ranching tradition and providing access to public land. In addition to preserving the undeveloped land in our watershed, our group focuses on the planning and implementation of restoration initiatives on land and waterways that have been impacted by development and historic mining practices. Currently we are spearheading an ambitious river restoration project through the town of Lake City, and we are inventorying mine waste sites in our upper watershed and organizing their cleanup. This in addition to other activities such as inventorying invasive weeds and facilitating land trades and conservation easements.

Website: www.lfvc.org

Mesa County Water Association

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The Mission of the Water Center at Colorado Mesa University is to perform and facilitate interdisciplinary and collaborative research, education, outreach, and dialogue to provide citizens, scholars, and policy makers with the information they need to address the water issues facing the region. The Water Center will foster communication and collaboration among the college, agencies, local governments, industry and non-profits with water expertise and stakeholder interest among the many water-relevant disciplines. The geographic focus of the Water Center will be the Colorado River and its tributaries in Western Colorado and the Upper Colorado Basin.

Website: www.coloradomesa.edu/WaterCenter/

North Fork of the South Platte River Foundation

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Basin: South Platte Basin

The North Fork/South Platte River Foundation is a grassroots group of stakeholders who are striving to improve and maintain the management of the river's riparian habitat, channel habitat, water quality, and instream flows through the collaboration of local organizations, mine reclamation, and community education. Results of improved management benefit wildlife, recreationists, and local economies.

Website: www.northforkfoundation.com

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North Fork River Improvement Assoc.

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The NFRIA-WSERC Conservation Center works to build an aware and active community that protects, preserves and enhances our natural, human and economic resources. We work to protect the rivers, public lands and way of life in Delta County, Colorado.

Website: theconservationcenter.org

Owl Mountain Partnership

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The Owl Mountain Partnership is currently participating in the development of three new wells for the benefit of livestock and wildlife, three new springs on public and private lands, 60 acres of re-seeding, two vegetation treatments totaling 300 acres, 2 ½ miles of new permanent fence and materials for an additional two miles of fence that are cost share projects. The Partnership continues to contribute to the Silver Spur Grazing Management Plan.

Website: www.owlmountain.partnership.org

Protect Our Urban Enviroment (PURE)

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Protect our Urban River Environment is a group of organizations whose members love the South Platte. They use the river often and are tired of seeing trash floating downstream, stuck on shore or sitting where they'd like to walk, run, bike or boat on any given day. PURE also cares about the River's high levels of e.coli which often exceeds allowable standards.

Webiste: www.greenwayfoundation.org/enhancements/pure.html

Ridgway Ouray Community Council (ROCC)

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The Ridgway Ouray Community Coalition is a Ouray county organization whose mission includes building, nourishing, and protecting a healthy spirit of community. ROCC is dedicated to a broad range of quality of life issues and projects in Ouray County which includes promoting sustainable environmental practices within the region, and promoting socially responsible and economically practical land use policy while maintaining respect for citizens property rights.

Website: www.roccnet.org

Our Future Summit

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Our Future Summit is a community organization formed by the citizens of Summit County under the sponsorship of The Greenlands Reserve. Our mission is to identify concrete ways to improve life in our County by including a wide range of citizens and decision makers. We hold public roundtables monthly, to understand and promote forest health, watershed protection, forest stewardship and sustainability in Summit County.

Webiste: www.ourfuturesummit.org

Pine River Watershed Group

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The Pine River Watershed Group, a volunteer organization, coordinates the collection and compilation of water quality and quantity data in the upper Pine River Watershed and Vallecito Reservoir. The group monitors O2, PH, conductivity, turbidity, iron, manganese, temperature, ammonia, phosphorus, TDS, nitrate, nitrate levels using USGS and EPA protocols. The Pine River Watershed Group has been in continuous operation since 1999 and depends totally on charitable donations and volunteer hours to cover the cost and man hours. This work has been recognized by the USDA/NRCS, EPA and the President of the United States Volunteer Programs.

Republican River Watershed Association

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The mission of the Republican River Watershed Association is to keep sustainable agriculture in the watershed, recognizing the stewards are vital to taking care of the land.

Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust

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The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust is the local land trust of the San Luis Valley. Our mission is to conserve our land, water and way of life in Colorado's San Luis Valley. The Land Trust works to conserve strategic and critical private land in the Valley, including a special program, the Rio Grande Initiative, to conserve 25,000 acres along the Rio Grande river corridor.

Website: www.riograndelandtrust.org

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Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project

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The Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) was formed to implement the recommendations of a study completed in 2001. The 2001 Study, prompted by local stakeholders, analyzed the condition of a 91-mile reach of the Rio Grande and provided recommendations for improvement. Since its establishment, the RGHRP has administered streambank stabilization and riparian restoration projects on 46 sites through collaboration with local, state, and federal entities. The projects have yielded improved water quality, reduced streambank erosion, increased sediment transport capacity, increased quality of riparian areas and habitat, and proper functioning floodplains.

Website: <http://riograndehadwaters.org>

Roaring Fork Conservancy

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Roaring Fork Conservancy (RFC) focuses on water quantity, water quality, and habitat preservation issues in the Roaring Fork Watershed. On March 22, 2011 the Basalt Town Council unanimously approved the River Center and gave its support for this exciting facility. The River Education and Research Center will include hands-on exhibits, an interactive kids' play area, a laboratory, research station, and an educational classroom and will provide a permanent home for Roaring Fork Conservancy. Also in March, Roaring Fork Conservancy and Ruedi Water & Power Authority released the Draft Roaring Fork Watershed Plan. The work of five graduate students from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) was critical to this effort. As their year-long master's project they undertook research to evaluate and recommend potential implementation and education strategies for the Plan. In June, Roaring Fork Conservancy and Thompson Divide Coalition completed the Thompson Divide Baseline Water Quality Study. The primary focus of this study was to collect scientifically valid, legally defensible, data prior to potential oil and gas development in that area.

Website: www.roaringfork.org

San Juan Citizens' Alliance

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Basin: Southwest Basin

San Juan Citizens' Alliance is a grass roots organization dedicated to social, economic and environmental justice in the San Juan Basin. We organize San Juan Basin residents to protect our water and air, our public lands, our rural character, and our unique quality of life while embracing the diversity of our region's people, economy and ecology. The San Juan Citizens' Alliance works to preserve high quality water and adequate stream flows in the Four Corners Region of Colorado and New Mexico. The Alliance works through local stakeholder groups, the rulemaking of the Water Quality Control Commission, as well as through public opinion and the courts to protect water quality and preserve free-flowing rivers.

Website: www.sanjuancitizens.org

River Protection Workgroup (SW Colorado)

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The River Protection Workgroup is a project that is forming local workgroups on five (5) selected river/stream segments (Animas River, Piedra River, Hermosa Creek, Upper San Juan - East and West Forks and Vallecito Creek/Pine River). The purpose is to engage local stakeholders from many sectors in defining strategies for the protection of important values -- human, social, ecological and economic. In some cases, the local workgroups take a watershed approach. Once the workgroups conclude in 2012, a "Regional Discussion" will occur to define broad, regional strategies for protection of values while allowing suitable water development to continue. All the meeting minutes, workgroups' reports, etc. are on the Web site along with a process model handout, information sheets on each river/stream, maps, etc. The workgroups are advisory in nature, are open to anyone, and the rivers/streams studied were found to be suitable (or in some cases eligible) for Wild and Scenic River status by the San Juan Public Lands Center in its 2007 Draft Land Management Plan (USFS/BLM).

Rocky Mountain Field Institute

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The Rocky Mountain Field Institute is a nonprofit organization based in Colorado Springs, Colorado whose mission is to integrate environmental stewardship, education, and research through the exemplary restoration of key natural areas. Since 1989, RMFI has accomplished its mission through key environmental projects developed in partnership with federal, state, and municipal land management agencies throughout the Southern Rocky Mountains and Colorado Plateau.

Website: <http://www.rmfi.org>

San Juan RC & D

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San Juan RC&D is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes sustainable communities and improves the quality of life through economic development and the conservation of natural resources. We provide project sponsorship, technical assistance and administration to over 15 projects in the 5 counties that make up SW Colorado.

Website: www.sanjuanrcd.org

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San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council

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The San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council protects and restores the Upper Rio Grande bioregion, balancing ecological values and human needs. Among numerous projects, the Council is working to educate citizens about the consequences of oil and gas development, large scale solar projects, and travel management planning on public lands. The Council is also working closely with the EPA to assess environmental health risks in the San Luis Valley.

Website: www.slvec.org

San Miguel Watershed Coalition

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Basin: Southwest Basin

The Coalition advances the ecological health and promotes the economic vitality of the watershed through collaboration. In 2006, the Coalition produced a Watershed Report Card, which evaluated the health of water, aquatic life, wildlife, vegetation, soils, and climate. The Report Card will serve as a baseline for watershed health, which citizens can work to improve.

Website: www.sanmiguelwatershed.org

Save the Poudre: Poudre's Waterkeeper

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Save the Poudre: Poudre Waterkeeper's (STP) mission is to protect and restore the Cache la Poudre River of northern Colorado. The river is threatened by several proposed dam and reservoir projects in addition to already being severely depleted. STP is also working to educate the public about the health of the Poudre River and to create a significant "instream flow" program for the river.

Website: savethepoudre.org

South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation

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The South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation is an organization with a broad-based membership and watershed focus. SPCURE maintains a well coordinated monitoring program and develops water quality modeling tools needed to make sound scientific decisions. SPCURE is concerned with low-flow water quality issues, as well as non-point source issues affecting the Urban South Platte Watershed.

Website: www.spcure.org

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The Wetlands Committee serves as a forum for federal and state agencies, local and regional districts, non-profit conservation groups and interested citizens working collaboratively to protect and restore wetlands in the San Luis Valley. This group also serves as the non-consumptive needs committee for the Rio Grande Basin Round Table.

Sand Creek Regional Greenway

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Sand Creek Regional Greenway is a 14-mile public greenway that connects the High Line Canal and Colfax Avenue in Aurora with the South Platte River Greenway through the cities of Aurora, Denver, and Commerce City. Plans are under way to extend the greenway another 16 miles from Colfax Avenue to the Aurora Reservoir. When the greenway is complete, there will be 30+ miles of off-road trails, eight major parks, restored habitat and river corridor protection, connections to other major trails, and environmental, cultural, industrial, and educational interpretation all along the greenway.

Website: www.sandcreekgreenway.org

Snake River Watershed Task Force

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The Snake River and its Peru Creek tributary are identified as impaired water bodies due to high concentrations of zinc, cadmium, copper, lead and manganese. The Snake River Basin Task Force is a voluntary collaborative effort to gather more information regarding sources of water quality problems and to identify opportunities to improve water quality in the watershed.

Website: snakerivertaskforce.org

Three Lakes Watershed Association

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Landowners surrounding Grand Lake, Lake Granby, and Shadow Mountain Reservoir established the Three Lakes Watershed Association to monitor water quality in the lakes affected by the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. The Association works in conjunction with public and private stakeholders to monitor lake health, including algae and plant growth, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen content.

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Uncompahgre Partnership

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The Uncompahgre Partnership (formerly known as the Uncompahgre Plateau Project) is a collaborative partnership between the Public Lands Partnership (PLP), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW), and US Forest Service (USFS), Western Area Power Administration and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. The goal of the UP is to develop a collaborative approach to improve the ecosystem health and natural functions of the landscape, using best available science, community input and adaptive management.

Website: www.upartnership.org

Upper Arkansas River Restoration Project

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The Project was initiated to assess and remediate historic fluvial mine tailings in the "11-mile reach" of the Arkansas River from the confluence of California Gulch to Kobe. The Project is entering the remediation and renovation stage using over \$26 million from mining company settlements. The Project has also been influential on the group of federal trustees and mining companies formed to assess natural resource damages and determine alternative restoration activities.

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

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The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Water Quality Program is a Clean Water Act funded program that monitors and assesses water quality on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation and implements projects and programs to mitigate water pollution. Ute Mountain Ute Reservation Waters in Colorado include the Mancos, McElmo and lower San Juan watersheds.

Website: www.utemountainuteenvironmental.org

Willow Creek Reclamation Committee

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Our mission is to improve water quality and habitat, reduce flood risks, reclaim areas impacted by mining, and preserve historic structures in the Willow Creek watershed in ways that are practical, cost effective, and beneficial to the economic sustainability of the Creede community. We are currently working on a watershed plan and a large project involving remediation of a large floodplain at the confluence with the Rio Grande River.

Website: www.willowcreede.org

Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership

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The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership unites citizens and organizations that are protecting, restoring, and educating others about the river and surrounding land. Our partners offer a wealth of experience, expertise and resources that we facilitate into working projects.

Website: uncompahgrewatershed.org

Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association

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In 1993, upper Clear Creek entities and downstream users developed a plan to coordinate water quality issues relating to nutrients in Clear Creek, resulting in the development of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association. Our membership includes municipalities, counties, dischargers and related entities located in the upper Clear Creek watershed in Clear Creek, Gilpin and Jefferson counties. UCCWA is the designated 208 management agency responsible for testing, monitoring, overseeing and reporting water quality and water resource issues throughout the upper portion of the Clear Creek Watershed.

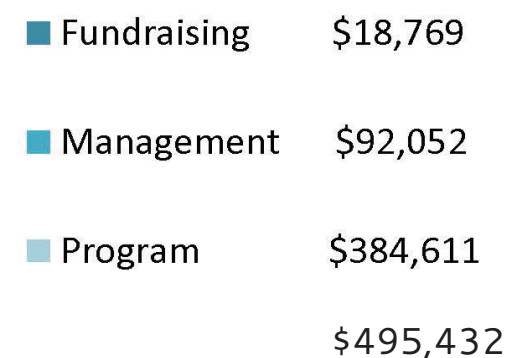
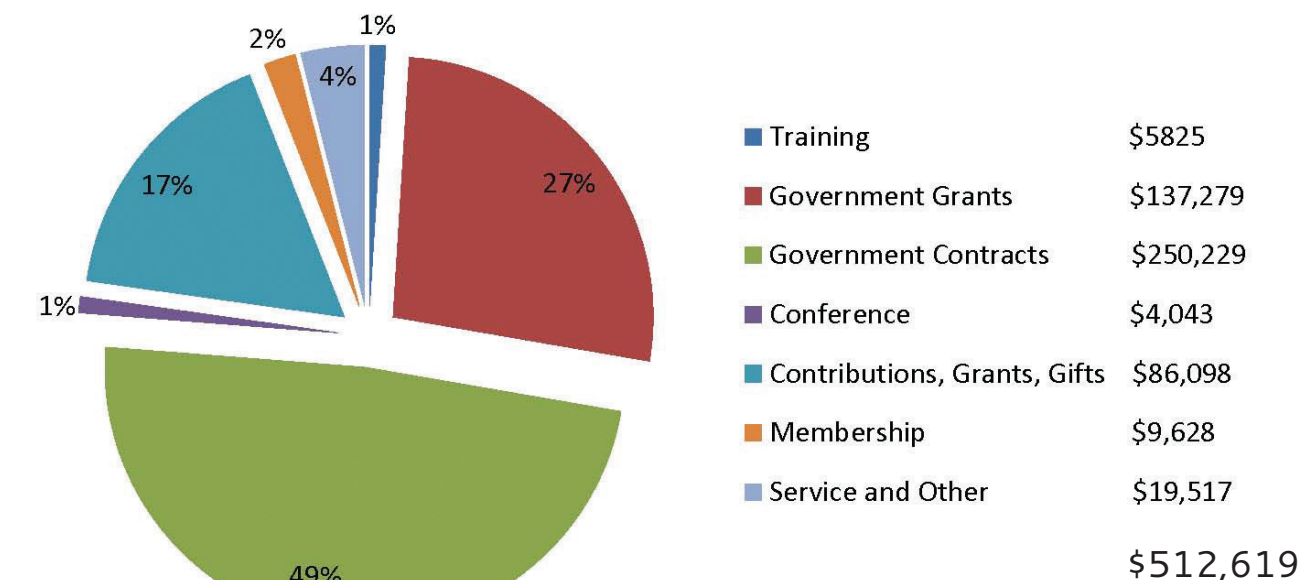
Westerly Creek Connection (WCC)

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In June 2011 the Denver City Council approved the Westerly Creek Greenway Master Plan prepared by WCC. Aurora is not anticipating formal adoption of the plan, but many of the concepts from the plan, especially stream daylighting where feasible, have the support of the City Council and staff. Making extensive use of landscape architecture Vision Sketches, WCC explored possibilities for restoration in the nine-block reach between 11th Avenue and Montview Boulevard. Working with the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District, Aurora & Denver, WCC prepared a Greenway Master Plan that will achieve goals of flood protection, recreation & aesthetics, community connectivity, and economic redevelopment. Now WCC is pursuing funding to enhance the Greenway Master Plan so that it explicitly integrates water quality as an objective of the greenway improvements (with enhancements as needed), to ensure compliance with non-point source procedures and standards

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