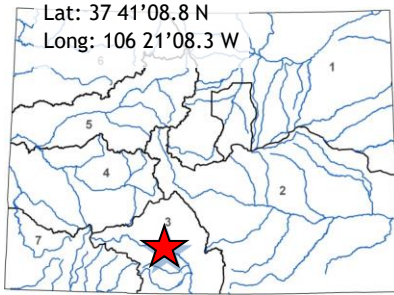




Water Plan Grant Application



| L O C A T I O N | |
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| County/Countries: | Rio Grande |
| Drainage Basin: | Rio Grande |

| D E T A I L S | |
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| Total Project Cost: | \$733,250 |
| Water Plan Grant Request: | \$140,000 |
| Funding Recommendation: | \$140,000 |
| Other CWCB Funding: | \$50,000 |
| Other Funding Amount: | \$534,600 |
| Applicant Match: | \$8,650 |
| Project Type(s): | Construction |
| Project Category(Categories): | Environmental & Rec |
| Measurable Result: | 1600 LF stream, 1 acre habitat, 1 boat ramp, 1 play wave, 6 habitat structures |

The Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation, a non-profit organization, is the fiscal agent for the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP). The mission of RGHRP is to “restore and conserve the historical functions and vitality of the Rio Grande in Colorado for improved water quality, agricultural water use, riparian habitat, wildlife and aquatic species habitat, recreation, and community safety, while meeting the Rio Grande Compact.” Since formed, the RGHRP has improved the condition of the Rio Grande by partnering with over 60 landowners and multiple ditch companies. The Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation has twelve previous/current CWCB grants or loans.

The Del Norte Riverfront Project is a community-led effort to improve public access, create recreation infrastructure, and restore riparian habitat along the Rio Grande in the Town of Del Norte, Colorado. The project will encompass the following components:

- 1.) The improvement of 1,600 feet of riparian habitat on the town’s property
- 2.) The reconnection of one acre of floodplain
- 3.) The installation of six aquatic habitat structures adjacent to the park
- 4.) The construction of a new boat ramp, access road, and parking area
- 5.) The construction of a new multi-use boating playwave with fish passage

Other funding amounts will contribute to this project including: San Luis Valley Conservation Connection Initiative 2016 (\$40,000), San Luis Valley Conservation Connection Initiative 2017 (\$19,900), Gates Family Foundation (\$75,000) Laura Jane Musser Fund (\$35,000), Rio Grande County (\$20,000), and the Great Outdoors Colorado LPOR Grant (\$344,700). Other CWCB funding includes the CWCB Severance Tax Grant (\$50,000). The Water Plan Grant would pay for 19.1% of the project.

The overall purpose of the Del Norte Riverfront Project is to foster connectivity between the communities and visitors of the San Luis Valley and the Rio Grande. The completed project will enhance the river ecosystem and make the river accessible to all by creating a welcoming, safe space for community members, boaters, and anglers. This will be done through the construction of formal river access, recreation infrastructure, streambank stabilization, and riparian restoration at the town park.



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Instructions

To receive funding for a Water Plan Grant, applicant must demonstrate how the project, activity, or process (collectively referred to as "project") funded by the CWCB will help meet the measurable objectives and critical actions in the Water Plan. Grant guidelines are available on the CWCB website.

If you have questions, please contact CWCB at (303) 866-3441 or email the following staff to assist you with applications in the following areas:

Water Storage Projects
Conservation, Land Use Planning
Engagement & Innovation Activities
Agricultural Projects
Environmental & Recreation
Projects

Anna.Mauss@state.co.us
Kevin.Reidy@state.co.us
Ben.Wade@state.co.us
Alexander.Funk@state.co.us
Chris.Sturm@state.co.us

FINAL SUBMISSION: Submit all application materials in one email to

waterplan.grants@state.co.us

in the original file formats [Application (word); Statement of Work (word); Budget/Schedule (excel)]. Please do not combine documents. In the subject line, please include the funding category and name of the project.

Water Project Summary

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| Name of Applicant | Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation |
| Name of Water Project | Del Norte Riverfront Project |
| CWP Grant Request Amount | \$140,000 |
| CWCB Severance Tax Grant | \$ 50,000 |
| San Luis Valley Conservation Connection Initiative 2016 | \$ 40,000 |
| San Luis Valley Conservation Connection Initiative 2017 | \$ 19,900 |
| Gates Family Foundation | \$ 75,000 |
| Laura Jane Musser Fund | \$ 35,000 |
| Rio Grande County | \$ 20,000 |
| Applicant Funding Contribution (CRGRF) | \$ 8,650 |
| Great Outdoors Colorado LPOR Grant (fall 2018 application) | \$344,700 |
| Total Project Cost | \$ 733,250 |



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| Name of Grantee(s) | Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation |
| Mailing Address | 623 Fourth Street, Alamosa, CO 81101 |
| FEIN | 75-3169057 |
| Organization Contact | Emma Reesor |
| Position/Title | Executive Director |
| Email | emma@riograndeheadwaters.org |
| Phone | 719-589-2230 |
| Grant Management Contact | <i>Same as Organization Contact</i> |
| Position/Title | |
| Email | |
| Phone | |
| Name of Applicant (if different than grantee) | <i>Same as Grantee</i> |
| Mailing Address | |
| Position/Title | |
| Email | |
| Phone | |
| Description of Grantee/Applicant | |
| Provide a brief description of the grantee's organization (100 words or less). | |
| <p>The Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation, a non-profit organization, is the fiscal agent for the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP). The mission of the RGHRP is "to restore and conserve the historical functions and vitality of the Rio Grande in Colorado for improved water quality, agricultural water use, riparian habitat, wildlife and aquatic species habitat, recreation, and community safety, while meeting the Rio Grande Compact." The RGHRP was formed to implement the recommendations of the 2001 Study. Since formed, the RGHRP has improved the condition of the Rio Grande by partnering with over 60 landowners and multiple ditch companies.</p> | |



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| Type of Eligible Entity (check one) | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public (Government): Municipalities, enterprises, counties, and State of Colorado agencies. Federal agencies are encouraged to work with local entities. Federal agencies are eligible, but only if they can make a compelling case for why a local partner cannot be the grant recipient. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public (Districts): Authorities, Title 32/special districts (conservancy, conservation, and irrigation districts), and water activity enterprises. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Incorporated: Mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, corporations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Individuals, Partnerships, and Sole Proprietors: Private parties may be eligible for funding. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Non-governmental organizations (NGO): Organization that is not part of the government and is non-profit in nature. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Covered Entity: As defined in Section 37-60-126 Colorado Revised Statutes . |

| Type of Water Project (check all that apply) | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Identified Projects and Processes (IPP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |

| Category of Water Project (check the primary category that applies and include relevant tasks) | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Water Storage - Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial aquifer recharge, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed capacity and Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap.. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation and Land Use Planning - Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Engagement & Innovation - Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Agricultural - Projects that provide technical assistance and improve agricultural efficiency. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s):</i> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental & Recreation - Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation. <i>Applicable Exhibit A Task(s): We are requesting funding for Task 3</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | Explain: |

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| Location of Water Project | |
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| Please provide the general county and coordinates of the proposed project below in decimal degrees. The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit C, a site map if applicable. | |
| County/Countries | Rio Grande County |
| Latitude | 37°41'08.8"N |
| Longitude | 106°21'08.3"W |

| Water Project Overview |
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| <p>Please provide a summary of the proposed water project (200 words or less). Include a description of the project and what the CWP Grant funding will be used for specifically (e.g., studies, permitting process, construction). Provide a description of the water supply source to be utilized or the water body affected by the project, where applicable. Include details such as acres under irrigation, types of crops irrigated, number of residential and commercial taps, length of ditch improvements, length of pipe installed, and area of habitat improvements, where applicable. If this project addresses multiple purposes or spans multiple basins, please explain.</p> <p>The Applicant shall also provide, in Exhibit A, a detailed Statement of Work, Budget, Other Funding Sources/Amounts and Schedule.</p> <p>The Del Norte Riverfront Project is a community-led effort to improve public access, create recreation infrastructure, and restore riparian habitat along the Rio Grande in the Town of Del Norte, Colorado. When complete, the Project will result in enhanced riparian and aquatic habitat, water quality, park infrastructure, and river recreation access throughout the park. The Project will encompass the following components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The improvement of 1,600 feet of riparian habitat on the Town's property 2. The reconnection of one acre of floodplain 3. The installation of six aquatic habitat structures adjacent to the park 4. The construction of a new boat ramp, access road, and parking area 5. The construction of a new multi-use boating playwave with fish passage <p>Future Project elements, including trails, picnic pavilion, amphitheater, and educational signage, are currently in development as a part of the long-term vision for the Town of Del Norte. Project partners are requesting funding to construct the playwave and improve riparian and aquatic habitat through the current phase of the Project.</p> <p>The overall purpose of the Del Norte Riverfront Project is to foster connectivity between the communities and visitors of the San Luis Valley and its most important natural resource, the Rio Grande. The completed Project will enhance the river ecosystem and make the river accessible to all by creating a welcoming, safe space for community members, boaters, and anglers.</p> |



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| Measurable Results | | |
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| To catalog measurable results achieved with the CWP Grant funds, please provide any of the following values as applicable: | | |
| | New Storage Created (acre-feet) | |
| | New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive | |
| | Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet) | |
| 1,600 | Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet) | |
| | Efficiency Savings (indicate acre-feet/year OR dollars/year) | |
| 1 | Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres) | |
| | Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms | |
| | Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning | |
| | Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity | |
| 6 | Other | Explain: Installation of 6 aquatic habitat structures |
| 1 | Other | Explain: Construction of a new boat ramp, access road, and parking area |
| 1 | Other | Explain: Construction of a new multi-use boating playwave |

| Water Project Justification |
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| Provide a description of how this water project supports the goals of Colorado's Water Plan , the most recent Statewide Water Supply Initiative , and the applicable Roundtable Basin Implementation Plan and Education Action Plan . The Applicant is required to reference specific needs, goals, themes, or Identified Projects and Processes (IPPs), including citations (e.g. document, chapters, sections, or page numbers). |
| The proposed water project shall be evaluated based upon how well the proposal conforms to Colorado's Water Plan Framework for State of Colorado Support for a Water Project (CWP, Section 9.4, pp. 9-43 to 9-44:) |



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The Del Norte Riverfront Project is a structural project that seeks to connect the community of Del Norte and visitors to the San Luis Valley to the Rio Grande through the construction of formal river access, recreation infrastructure, streambank stabilization, and riparian restoration at the town park. Through these efforts, the Project will address environmental, recreational, and educational needs facing the Rio Grande Basin.

The Project will meet the following Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan Goals (Rio Grande BIP, Chapter 3):

1. Protect, preserve, and/or restore the sustainability of the Rio Grande Basin watersheds by focusing on watershed health and ecosystem function.
6. Support the development of projects and methods that have multiple benefits for agricultural, municipal and industrial, and environmental and recreational water needs.
11. Protect, preserve, and enhance terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitats throughout the Basin.
12. Conserve, restore, and maintain wetlands and riparian areas for the benefit of a healthy watershed.
14. Maintain and enhance water-dependent recreational activities.

In addition to meeting many Rio Grande Basin Goals, the Project also meets several Colorado Water Plan Goals and directly addresses Critical Objective F.

The economy in the San Luis Valley is dominated by agriculture, with approximately \$325 million of agricultural products sold each year (Rio Grande BIP Executive Summary, 8). However, the Town of Del Norte is home to a budding tourism industry, with recently-opened mountain biking and hiking trails. The Rio Grande, a potential asset for fishing and boating, is largely disconnected from the Town despite its close geographic proximity. Supporting and diversifying local economies is key to the Colorado Water Plan (6-157, 10-3); the Project will improve the local economy by providing access to the river through hardened access points, a boat ramp, and a boating playwave. Additionally, fish habitat structures will be installed to improve fishing at the Project site.

The Project is a result of broad, community-led collaboration. First started when the Del Norte Trails Master Plan (Related Studies) laid out details for improvements to the riverfront park, the Project has gained immense community support, and has been shaped through the Plan and input from the public at community events. Recently, support for the Project has also been demonstrated through the awarding of Del Norte Chamber of Commerce's "Most Exciting Project" by public vote. The Project is a partnership between the following local organizations and businesses:

- Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project
- The Town of Del Norte
- Rio Grande County
- Upper Rio Grande Economic Development
- Del Norte Trails Organization
- Trout Unlimited
- Riverbend Engineering
- Windsor Hotel
- Three Barrel Brewing
- The University of Colorado

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has also supported the Project through consultations about fish passage and environmental impacts, which have influenced Project designs. Each partner brings diverse experience and passion to the Project, ensuring that the Project addresses the needs of both the local community and ecology.

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These relationships have resulted in a multipurpose Project, with environmental, recreational, and educational components and direct benefits to the Rio Grande and the Town of Del Norte. Habitat restoration and streambank stabilization on the Town's property and the installation of fish habitat structures will improve riparian and aquatic habitat for many forms of wildlife. Improved wildlife habitat will also create more opportunities for birders and anglers to enjoy the town park. Streambank stabilization will prevent erosion and improve water quality, benefitting water users downstream. The construction of the boat ramp, picnic area, access points, and playwave will create new opportunities for recreation for boaters and families looking to enjoy the river. Lastly, partners will engage and educate the local community through public events, meetings, and volunteer activities related to the Project. The multifaceted, multi-beneficial character of this Project includes many of the actions in Critical Objective F (Colorado Water Plan, 10-12) and meets Environmental Goals 3, 4, and 5 (Colorado Water Plan, 6-157), improving and protecting recreational interests and the environment.

Related Studies

Please provide a list of any related studies, including if the water project is complementary to or assists in the implementation of other CWCB programs.

The 2001 Study: The 2001 Study was prompted by local stakeholders when they realized the function of the Rio Grande was deteriorating. The 2001 Study analyzed the condition of the riparian area and structures along a 91-mile reach of the Rio Grande from the town of South Fork to the Alamosa – Conejos County line (Exhibit C). The 2001 Study was sponsored by the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District and funded with a \$250,000 grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The study evaluated the condition of the river's functions as they related to:

- The condition of riparian habitat and fisheries;
- Accessibility of the river to existing irrigation structures and their condition and performance;
- The protection of lives and property;
- The protection of channel and flood plain from flood damage;
- The maintenance of river channel and over bank capacity;
- The ability to meet Rio Grande Compact requirements.

The 2001 Study found the primary cause of degradation to be sedimentation, and identified measures that could be implemented to holistically improve the river's functions. Along the project reach, there are several areas of degraded riparian habitat, disconnected floodplain due to alluvial berms, and poor aquatic habitat. The Project will employ riparian restoration and streambank stabilization, to improve wildlife habitat and water quality at the project site.

Del Norte Trails Master Plan: The Del Norte Trails Master Plan was a grassroots effort adopted in 2008 to outline objectives and values for trail management and expansion in and around Del Norte. The Plan highlights five key areas for trail expansion, including along the riverfront at the Project site, and identifies important projects, creating sub-plans for each area.

With regard to the riverfront site, the Plan details four main objectives (Del Norte Trails Master Plan, 11):

1. Enhance the existing Rio Grande Riverwalk Boardwalk and Fishing Pier Trailhead, including the installation of informational signs;



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2. Extend and enhance the existing concrete (ADA) Rio Grande Riverwalk Trail, including providing areas for additional fishing, kayak put-in and take-out, and building a whitewater park;
3. Enhance the existing Town Parks;
4. Pursue rail-with-trail possibilities along the existing Railroad right-of-way.

The Del Norte Riverfront Project will use this community-generated plan as a baseline for Project goals, addressing objectives 1-3 by building the boat ramp and playwave and in later phases improving the parks with an amphitheater, nature play area, educational signs, and picnic area.

Previous CWCB Grants, Loans or Other Funding

List all previous or current CWCB grants (including WSRF) awarded to both the Applicant and Grantee. Include: 1) Applicant name; 2) Water activity name; 3) Approving RT(s); 4) CWCB board meeting date; 5) Contract number or purchase order; 6) Percentage of other CWCB funding for your overall project.

| Applicant Name | Water Activity Name | Approving RT | CWCB Board meeting date | Contract number |
|----------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| CRGRF | Del Norte Riverfront Project – Phase 1 | n/a | n/a | POGG1 PDAA 201800000980 |
| CRGRF | Rio Grande, Conejos River and Saguache Creek SMP | n/a | n/a | POGG1 PDAA 201800000791 |
| CRGRF | Five Ditches Project | Rio Grande | September 2017 | CTGG1 2018-971 |
| CRGRF | Rio Grande State Wildlife Area Design Project | Rio Grande | May 2017 | POGG1 2017-0001 |
| CRGRF | Upper Rio Grande Assessment | Rio Grande | May 2016 | POGG1 2017-268 |
| CRGRF | Plaza Project: Phase 3 – Prairie Ditch | Rio Grande | February 2014 | CTGG12015-295 |
| CRGRF | Plaza Project: Phase 2 – McDonald Ditch | Rio Grande | September 2013 | C150492 |
| CRGRF | Plaza Project: Phase 1 – Plaza Plan | Rio Grande | | |
| CRGRF | 2009 Rio Grande Riparian Stabilization Project – Phase 4 | Rio Grande | | C150486 |
| CRGRF | 2008 Rio Grande Riparian Stabilization Project – Phase 3 and Alamosa County Riparian Revegetation Project | Rio Grande | | |
| CRGRF | Lower Rio Grande Assessment | CO Healthy Rivers Fund | | POGG1 PDAA 2015000000000000 0260 |
| CRGRF | Rio Grande Project – Cooperative with Southwest Conservation Corps | CO Healthy Rivers Fund | | |

Taxpayer Bill of Rights



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The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) may limit the amount of grant money an entity can receive. Please describe any relevant TABOR issues that may affect your application.

The Applicant, The Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation, is not subject to TABOR limitations, as it is a Colorado nonprofit organization operating under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

| Submittal Checklist | |
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| | I acknowledge the Grantee will be able to contract with CWCB using the Standard Contract . |
| Exhibit A | |
| X | Statement of Work ⁽¹⁾ |
| X | Budget & Schedule ⁽¹⁾ |
| X | Engineer's statement of probable cost (projects over \$100,000) |
| X | Letters of Matching and/or Pending 3 rd Party Commitments ⁽¹⁾ |
| Exhibit C | |
| X | Map (if applicable) ⁽¹⁾ |
| X | Photos/Drawings/Reports |
| X | Letters of Support (Optional) |
| X | Certificate of Insurance (General, Auto, & Workers' Comp.) ⁽²⁾ |
| X | Certificate of Good Standing with Colorado Secretary of State ⁽²⁾ |
| X | W-9 ⁽²⁾ |
| | Independent Contractor Form ⁽²⁾ (If applicant is individual, not company/organization) |
| Engagement & Innovation Grant Applicants ONLY | |
| | Engagement & Innovation Supplemental Application ⁽¹⁾ |

(1) Required with application.

(2) Required for contracting. While optional at the time of this application, submission can expedite contracting upon CWCB Board approval.



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Water Plan Grant - Exhibit A

Statement Of Work

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| Date: | 7/31/2018 |
| Name of Grantee: | Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation |
| Name of Water Project: | Del Norte Riverfront Project |
| Funding Source: | Water Plan Grant - Environmental and Recreation Project |

Water Project Overview:

The Del Norte Riverfront Project is a community-led effort to improve public access, create recreation infrastructure, and restore riparian habitat along the Rio Grande in the Town of Del Norte, Colorado. When complete, the Project will result in enhanced riparian and aquatic habitat, water quality, park infrastructure, and river recreation access throughout the park. The Project will encompass the following components:

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Future Project elements, including trails, picnic pavilion, amphitheater, and educational signage, are currently in development as a part of the long-term vision for the Town of Del Norte. Project partners are requesting funding to construct the playwave and improve riparian and aquatic habitat through the current phase of the Project.

The overall purpose of the Del Norte Riverfront Project is to foster connectivity between the communities and visitors of the San Luis Valley with its most important natural resource, the Rio Grande. The completed Project will enhance the river ecosystem and make the river accessible to all by creating a welcoming, safe space for community members, boaters, and anglers.



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Project Objectives:

The objectives of the Del Norte Riverfront Project are to:

1. Connect the residents of and visitors to the Town of Del Norte to the Rio Grande through the construction of hardened access points, a boat ramp, an access road and parking lot;
2. Improve local recreation opportunities through the construction of a multi-use boating playwave;
3. Improve aquatic habitat through the installation of six aquatic habitat structures;
4. Improve riparian condition by stabilizing 1,600 feet of streambank in the Project area;
5. Improve floodplain function and wetland habitat by reconnecting one acre of floodplain to the river;
6. Enhance water quality by reducing erosion and sediment input;
7. Promote public involvement in river improvement and recreation activities through public education and outreach.

Tasks

Task 1 – Project Design and Permitting

Description of Task:

Complete designs and permitting for the Project elements, which include a rock boat ramp, a grouted rock boating playwave, aquatic habitat structures, streambank stabilization, and riparian revegetation.

Method/Procedure:

Riverbend Engineering, LLC completed the survey, preliminary designs, and final designs for the boat ramp, playwave, habitat structures, and streambank restoration and revegetation. Russell Surveyors was hired to complete a landowner survey of the project area. A wetland delineation and cultural resource survey were completed by Ecosphere Environmental Services for the US Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit. Riverbend Engineering worked with project partners and the Town of Del Norte to complete all required permits with the US Army Corps of Engineers and town. Throughout the design and permit process, Riverbend Engineering worked with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to determine the appropriate design specifications for the playwave and aquatic habitat features. The playwave design includes fish passage for small bodied fish, such as the Rio Grande Chub, as requested by CPW.

Deliverable:

Final designs for the boat ramp, boating playwave, aquatic habitat structures, streambank stabilization, and riparian revegetation (Exhibit C). The three required permits include, US Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit, a State of Colorado 401 Water Quality Permit, and the Town of Del Norte Permit for Floodplain Development.

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| Tasks | |
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| Task 2 – Construction of Boat Ramp, Parking Lot, and Access Road | |
| Description of Task: | |
| Construct the rock boat ramp, parking lot and gravel access road. | |
| Method/Procedure: | |
| The Town of Del Norte and CRGRF will hire contractors to build the boat ramp, parking lot, and access road through a competitive bid process. The contractor will construct the rock boat ramp by grading and shaping the site, placing large rocks with an excavator, and placing smaller rock rip rap for the ramp base. The parking lot and gravel access road will be built adjacent to the boat ramp. Designs for these elements can be found in Exhibit C. | |
| Deliverable: | |
| A new boat ramp, parking lot, and access road resulting in improved access to the Rio Grande. | |
| Task 3 – Construction of Playwave and Habitat Features | |
| Description of Task: | |
| Construct a grouted rock playwave, six aquatic habitat structures, and restore 1,600 feet of streambank and one acre of floodplain through streambank stabilization and riparian revegetation. | |
| Method/Procedure: | |



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| Tasks |
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| <p>The Town of Del Norte and CRGRF will hire contractors to build the grouted rock playwave, aquatic habitat structures, streambank stabilization, and riparian revegetation. Construction of the boating playwave will involve dewatering the river for construction and regrading the riverbed before placing large rocks, smaller rock rip rap, and grouting the structure with concrete. A fish passage channel will be built into the playwave, allowing for the passage of small bodied fish. A rock grade control structure will be installed downstream of the playwave structure. Construction of the aquatic habitat and streambank stabilization structures will involve channel shaping both up and downstream, as well as the installation of rock habitat clusters, rock deflectors, and native material root wads. Following construction, riparian and wetland revegetation will include planting willow transplants. Additional revegetation will be completed by Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project staff and community volunteers.</p> <p>Designs for these components can be seen in Exhibit C.</p> |
| <p>Deliverable:</p> <p>Improved river access, recreation opportunities, and aquatic habitat. Increased riparian vegetation and improved water quality resulting from streambank stabilization measures.</p> |
| <p>Task 4 – Monitoring</p> |
| <p>Description of Task:</p> <p>Monitor the project site before and during construction. Monitor the site for two years following construction using the RGHRP Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP).</p> |
| <p>Method/Procedure:</p> <p>Riverbend Engineering, LLC will provide construction monitoring, oversight, and management to ensure all Project elements meet desired specifications. They will also complete an annual check to assess the condition and function of the playwave.</p> <p>Monitoring will consist of several assessments that include documenting streambank locations with cross sections, photographic documentation, visual stream assessments, and structure assessment. Pre-construction, post-construction, and long-term surveys will map locations and features of the streambanks, habitat features, boat ramp, and playwave over time. Photographic documentation will be used to track conditions of the riparian and shoreline plant communities, bank stabilization, and overall visual condition of the Project area. The United States Department of Agriculture's Stream Visual Assessment Protocol II (SVAP II) will be used to assess the sites. This monitoring strategy is used in other RGHRP projects. The RGHRP will be responsible for monitoring.</p> |
| <p>Deliverable:</p> |



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| Tasks |
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| Annual Reports which summarize monitoring data, condition of the sites, and long-term trends comparing current data to prior data in order to demonstrate the relative stability of the streambanks and to evaluate the degree of habitat improvements. |
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| Task 5 – Community Engagement and Education |
| Description of Task: |
| Conduct public outreach and engagement to raise awareness of Project activities. Encourage public engagement in future park improvements. |
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| Method/Procedure: |
| Develop visual aids and written materials showing the proposed work. Engage community members through community meetings and events. Present updates at community meetings such as the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce, Del Norte Town Board Meeting, and other community meetings. Give status reports through newsletters and local business partners. |
| |
| Deliverable: |
| A community that is better informed of and more aware of river-related issues, especially regarding the Del Norte Riverfront Project. Public input on the Project and future Project phases. |

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| Tasks | |
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| Task 6 – Project Management and Administration | |
| Description of Task: | |
| Complete Project oversight, management, and partner coordination. Complete all necessary contracts, status reports, and internal and external documents. Ensure tasks are completed within approved costs and timelines. | |
| Method/Procedure: | |
| The RGHRP will administer and manage the Del Norte Riverfront Project. This includes completing contracts with Project funders, landowners, and contractors; managing budgets and reimbursement requests; and completing periodic reports. Additionally, the RGHRP will perform Project oversight, making certain Project design and implementation is timely and accurate. | |
| Deliverable: | |
| All appropriate contracts, external and internal reports, and on-site Project activities completed within planned period and anticipated costs. | |

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Budget and Schedule

This Statement of Work shall be accompanied by a combined Budget and Schedule that reflects the Tasks identified in the Statement of Work and shall be submitted to CWCB in excel format.

Reporting Requirements

Progress Reports: The applicant shall provide the CWCB a progress report every 6 months, beginning from the date of issuance of a purchase order, or the execution of a contract. The progress report shall describe the status of the tasks identified in the statement of work, including a description of any major issues that have occurred and any corrective action taken to address these issues.

Final Report: At completion of the project, the applicant shall provide the CWCB a Final Report on the applicant's letterhead that:

- Summarizes the project and how the project was completed.
- Describes any obstacles encountered, and how these obstacles were overcome.
- Confirms that all matching commitments have been fulfilled.
- Includes photographs, summaries of meetings and engineering reports/designs.

The CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

Last Updated: Jan 16, 2018

Payment

Payment will be made based on actual expenditures and must include invoices for all work completed. The request for payment must include a description of the work accomplished by task, an estimate of the percent completion for individual tasks and the entire Project in relation to the percentage of budget spent, identification of any major issues, and proposed or implemented corrective actions.

Project costs not covered by those or other grants, and are therefore the responsibility of the grantee, will be eligible for CWCB funds at the following percentages of project costs:

| Type of Activity | Percent of Project Costs | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Recommended Grant Funding Request | Max Grant Funding Request (All CWCB Sources) | Minimum Funding Match (Non-CWCB Sources) |
| Engineering & Construction | 20% | 50% | 50% |
| Feasibility Study | 50% | 50% | 50% |
| Reducing Agricultural Dry Up | 50% | 80% | 20% |
| Conservation/Efficiency Methods | 50% | 80% | 20% |
| Educational Efforts | 50% | 80% | 20% |
| Environmental Conservation | 50% | 80% | 20% |
| Watershed Improvements | 50% | 80% | 20% |
| Stream Improvements | 50% | 80% | 20% |
| Land Use Planning | 20% | 50% | 50% |
| Recreational Projects | 20% | 80% | 20% |

Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this contract are not reimbursable. The last 10% of the entire grant will be paid out when the final deliverable has been received. All products, data and information developed as a result of this contract must be provided to CWCB in hard copy and electronic format as part of the project documentation.

Performance Measures

Performance measures for this contract shall include the following:

(a) Performance standards and evaluation: Grantee will produce detailed deliverables for each task as specified. Grantee shall maintain receipts for all project expenses and documentation of the minimum in-kind contributions (if applicable) per the budget in Exhibit B. Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, the CWCB will pay out the last 10% of the budget when the Final Report is completed to the satisfaction of CWCB staff. Once the Final Report has been accepted, and final payment has been issued, the purchase order or grant will be closed without any further payment.

(b) Accountability: Per Water Plan Grant Guidelines full documentation of project progress must be submitted with each invoice for reimbursement. Grantee must confirm that all grant conditions have been complied with on each invoice. In addition, per Water Plan Grant Guidelines, Progress Reports must be submitted at least once every 6 months. A Final Report must be submitted and approved before final project payment.

(c) Monitoring Requirements: Grantee is responsible for ongoing monitoring of project progress per Exhibit A. Progress shall be detailed in each invoice and in each Progress Report, as detailed above. Additional inspections or field consultations will be arranged as may be necessary.

(d) Noncompliance Resolution: Payment will be withheld if grantee is not current on all grant conditions. Flagrant disregard for grant conditions will result in a stop work order and cancellation of the Grant Agreement.

Exhibit A: Letters of Matching Commitments

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SAN LUIS VALLEY CONSERVATION & CONNECTION INITIATIVE

A Community Re-Granting Program of

COLORADO OPEN LANDS LOR  IN PARTNERSHIP



RIO GRANDE
HEADWATERS LAND TRUST



WESTERN RIVERS
CONSERVANCY

June 28, 2016

Emma Regier, Coordinator
Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
623 Fourth St
Alamosa, CO 81101

Re: Grant Request for "The Del Norte Riverfront Project"

Dear Emma,

On behalf of the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative, it is our pleasure to inform you that a grant has been awarded to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation in the amount of \$40,000.

Please note that this is a single grant award for the project outlined in your grant application. We ask that you sign and submit the Grant Agreement found on your online application dashboard within 14 days of this letter. **We can then disburse funds to you, according to the terms of and schedule outlined in the grant agreement.** We will send grant funds to the address noted above. **If the funds should be sent to a different address, please notify us immediately.** By endorsing and depositing the check, you confirm your organization's intent to use these funds for the purpose designated in your grant application and updated via email on June 17, 2016, namely, The Del Norte Riverfront Project. Additionally, you affirm that no goods or services have been provided in exchange for the grant award.

The Initiative requires that you submit an interim grant report by **November 15, 2016**. We also require you to complete a final grant report by **July 31, 2017**. These reports can be found on your online dashboard. Please login to complete and submit your reports in a timely manner.

Finally, the Initiative will soon be doing press outreach on grants awarded in 2016. Please email a short project summary to atattam@westernrivers.org so we may include it in press materials. In addition, we will appreciate your recognition of the "San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative" in any of your outreach, press and communications regarding your project.

All of us at the Initiative are excited to partner with the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation and look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

The Grantmaking Committee of the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative:

Sarah Parmar, Colorado Open Lands

Jake Caldwell, LOR Foundation

Rio de la Vista, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust

Dieter Erdmann, Western Rivers Conservancy

PS: Please note: The Initiative anticipates the grant submission deadline will be earlier in 2017. Keep an eye on the application site: <http://www.westernrivers.org/slvcci> and on your email for the updated deadline.

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WESTERN RIVERS
CONSERVANCY

April 14, 2017

Emma Reesor
Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
623 Fourth St
Alamosa, CO 81101

Re: Grant Request for Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project 2017 Project Development

Dear Emma,

On behalf of the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative, it is our pleasure to inform you that a grant has been awarded to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation in the amount of \$32,500.

Please note that this is a single grant award for the project and purposes outlined in your grant application. In order to proceed with the grant, we ask that you sign and submit the Grant Agreement found on your online application dashboard within 14 days of this letter. **We can then disburse funds to you, according to the terms of and schedule outlined in the grant agreement. Note that we will send grant funds to the address above. If the funds should be sent to a different address, please notify us immediately.** By endorsing and depositing the check, you confirm your organization's intent to use these funds for the purpose designated in your grant application and updated via email on 3/27/2017, namely, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project 2017 Project Development. Additionally, you affirm that no goods or services have been provided in exchange for the grant award.

Also please note that per the Initiative guidelines, you will be required to submit an interim grant report by **September 15, 2017**. We also require a final grant report by **May 31, 2018**. These reports can be found on your online dashboard. Please login to complete and submit your reports in a timely manner.

In addition, we invite you to provide any input you may have regarding the application process to: atattam@westernrivers.org, so that we can continue to improve our process for the future.

Finally, we will appreciate your recognition of the "San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative" in any of your outreach, press and communications regarding your project. **Please be sure to review your Grant Agreement for further information on press communications.**

All of us at the Initiative are excited to partner with the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation and look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

The Grantmaking Committee of the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative:

Judy Lopez, Colorado Open Lands

Jake Caldwell, LOR Foundation

Rio de la Vista, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust

Dieter Erdmann, Western Rivers Conservancy

PS: Please note: If you are interested in applying to the Initiative in 2018, we will be reaching out to all applicants and interested parties with updated application date and deadline information in late 2017. Keep an eye on your email and www.westernrivers.org/slvcci for updates.



STATE OF COLORADO
Department of Natural Resources

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ORDER

*****IMPORTANT*****

Number: POGG1,PDAA,20180000980

Date: 5/24/18

Description:

Sev Tax Grant Del Norte Riverfront Project phase 1

The order number and line number must appear on all invoices, packing slips, cartons, and correspondence. Please review each line for its corresponding shipping/billing address and delivery instructions.

BUYER

Buyer:

Email:

VENDOR

COLORADO RIO GRANDE RESTOR FNDTN

623 4TH ST

ALAMOSA, CO 81101-2522

Contact:

Phone:

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

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Service To: 06/30/18

Delivery Instructions

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Delivery Date: -

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COLORADO WATER BOARD
CONSERVATION

COLORADO WATER BOARD CONSERVATION

1313 SHERMAN STREET, ROOM 718

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DENVER, CO 80203

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/osc/small-dollar-grant-award-terms-conditions>

DOCUMENT TOTAL = \$50,000.00

THE LAURA JANE MUSSER FUND

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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419
612-825-2024
ljmusserfund@earthlink.net
www.musserfund.org

June 24, 2016

Mr. Steve Russell
President
Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
623 4th Street
Alamosa, CO 81101

Dear Mr. Russell,

I am pleased to inform you that the Directors of the Laura Jane Musser Fund recently met and approved an Environmental Initiative grant of \$35,000.00 to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation in support of the Del Norte Riverfront Project.

US Bank will send the grant check to your organization within the next three weeks.

Within two weeks of receipt of the grant payment, please upload a signed Receipt of Payment Letter (including the grant amount) on your company's letterhead to the Fund's online application system. See attached instructions.

At the end of the grant period or not later than July 31, 2017, please upload a Final Report (including a final budget with actual income and expense detail and how the grant was allocated) to the Fund's online application system. See attached instructions.

This grant is to be used for the purposes described in your proposal to the Laura Jane Musser Fund. If you make significant changes from the original grant proposal or budget, you will need to first seek authorization from the Fund.

Congratulations and thank you for your important work.

Sincerely,



Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko
Grants Program Manager

Enclosure

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

www.ricograndecounty.org

625 6th St. Room 207
Del Norte, Colorado
81132
(719) 657-2744
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July 25, 2018

Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gene W. Glover
Chairman

Suzanna Bothell
Vice Chairman

Karla L. Shriver
Commissioner

Re: Colorado Water Plan Grant Application for the Del Norte Riverfront Project

The Rio Grande County Commissioners unanimously supports the grant application of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project for the Del Norte Riverfront Project and operations funds for the group. The County has financially partnered in the project by providing \$20,000 to purchase much needed rock for the project.

We believe in this project because it will:

- Enhance the health of the Rio Grande River by improving the fishery and water quality
- Encourage local community members to utilize recreation opportunities
- Create public access points on the Rio Grande River in the Del Norte area
- Promote recreation tourism, diversifying Del Norte's economic base which will in turn improve the county's over-all economic base.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Administrator

Paul K. Wiedorn

Human Resources/Payroll Administrator

Kristy Dennis

The Commissioners appreciate the work that the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project is doing all along the Rio Grande River to help the infrastructure of the river which had been derogating for years. This group is implementing the restoration improvement plan what was completed in the late 1990's, which has benefited Rio Grande County lands directly as well as land owners within the county.

Their willingness and commitment to implementing this valuable restoration plan will benefit us all; not only now but for the vision of our future. We hope you will favorably consider this application.

Appreciatively,

Gene Glover,

Rio Grande County Chairman

Cc/file

Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation
Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project
623 Fourth Street
Alamosa, CO 81101
(719) 589-2230
emma@riograndeheadwaters.org



July 29, 2018

CWCB Board of Directors
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Colorado Water Plan Grant Application for the Del Norte Riverfront Project

Dear Board of Directors,

I am writing this letter to confirm the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation's (CRGRF) financial contribution to the Del Norte Riverfront Project. The CRGRF has worked with Project partners and local businesses to host several fundraisers and community events, which collectively raised over \$7,000 towards the Project. This was a great vote of confidence from our small, rural community! These funds, plus an additional \$1,650 from the CRGRF have been designated for the Del Norte Riverfront Project. The CRGRF is committed to financial sustainability of this valuable community Project. Through a diverse range of partnerships, the CRGRF will continue to seek and secure the funds to complete the project components in the timeline spelled out in the grant application.

As the project lead, the CRGRF will work closely with the Project partners, engineers, and contractors to ensure that Project elements are designed and constructed in an environmentally sustainable way and will contribute to the resiliency of the Rio Grande and surrounding riparian areas. When completed, this Project will not only improve the health of the river ecosystem, but also create an inviting public space in which the community can connect with and enjoy our most precious natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration of this valuable, community project.

Sincerely,

Emma Reesor
Executive Director, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project



Water Plan Grant - Exhibit B

Project End Date: 12/31/2020

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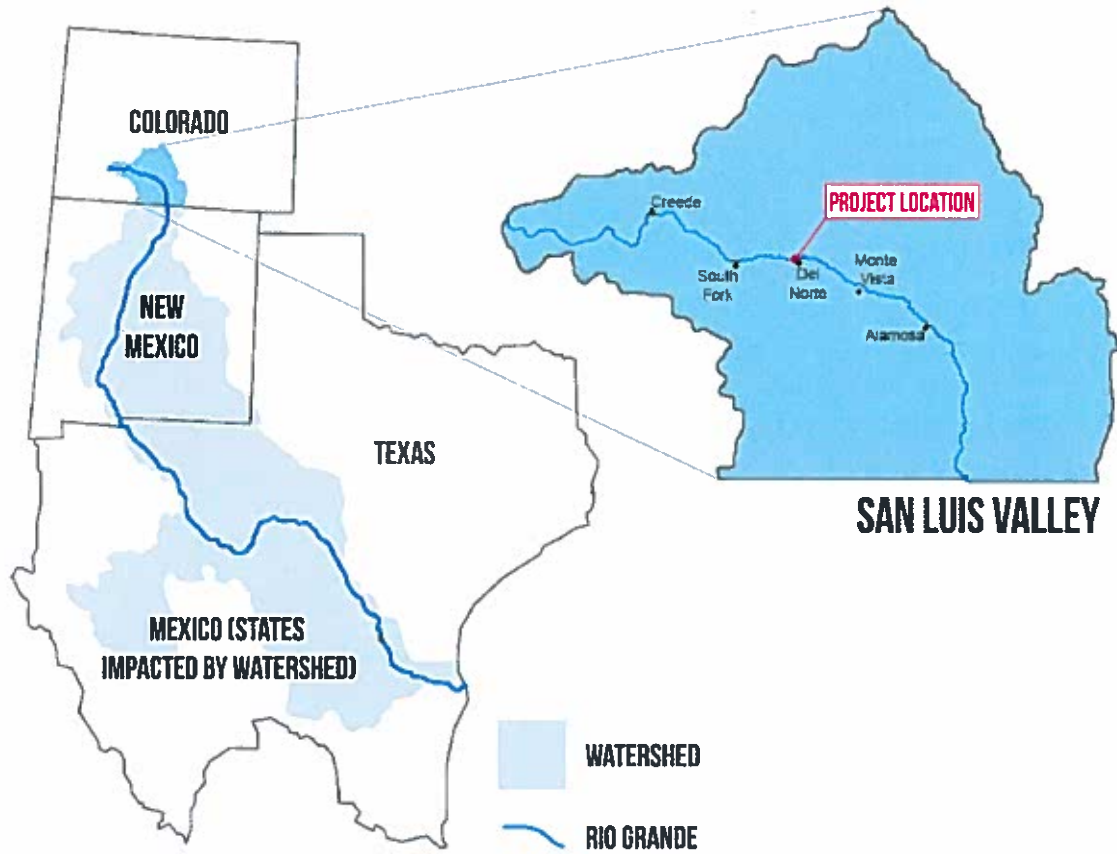
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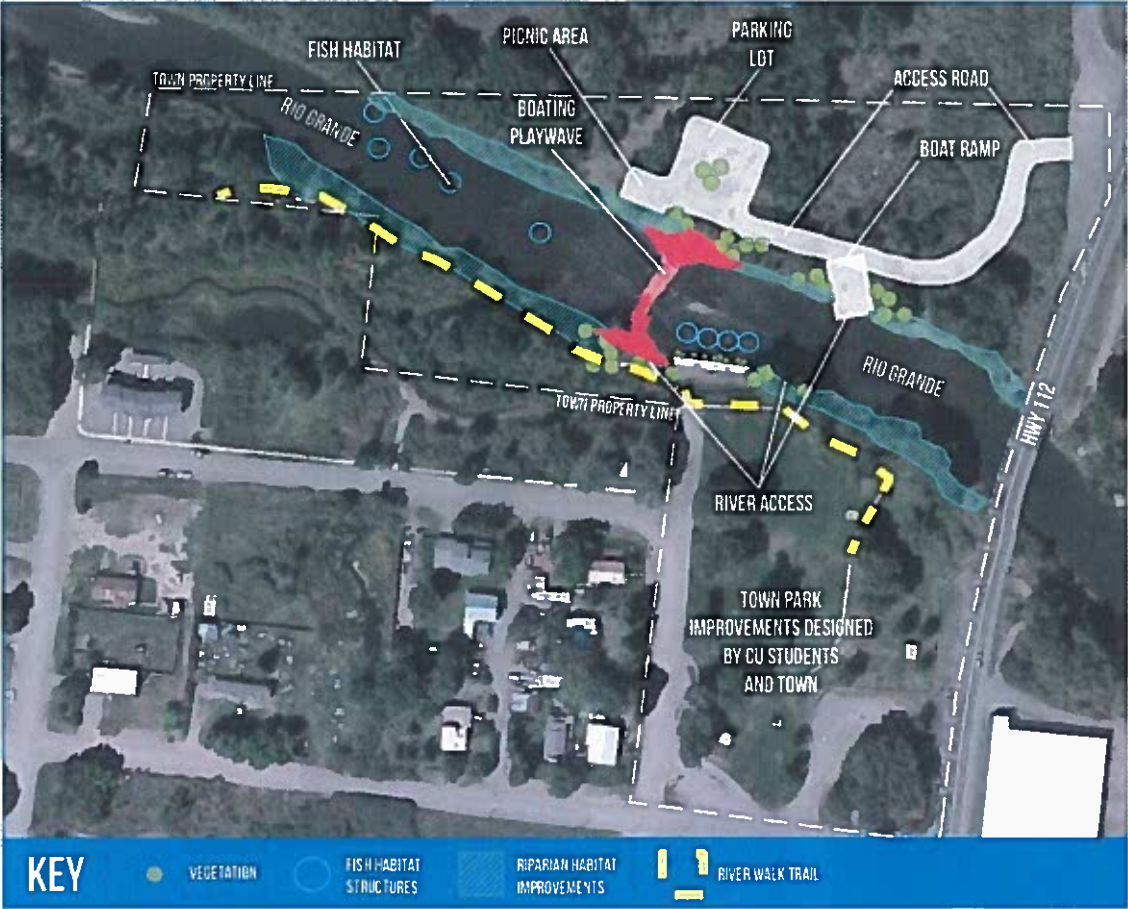
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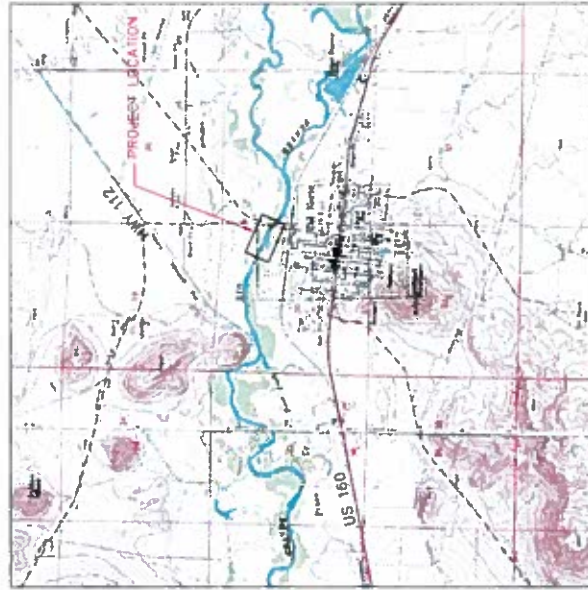
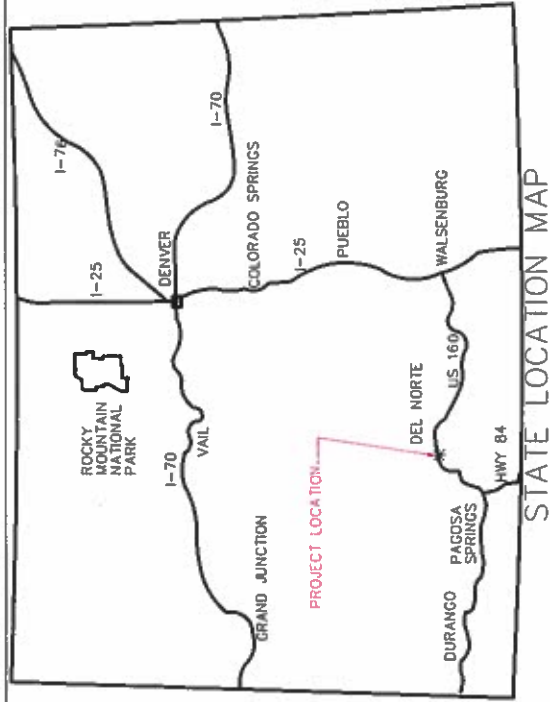
Map 2: Project Elements and Location within the Town of Del Norte, CO



Del Norte, CO
Town Map



**ENGINEER'S DESIGNS
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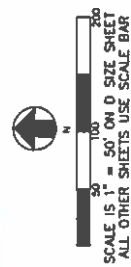
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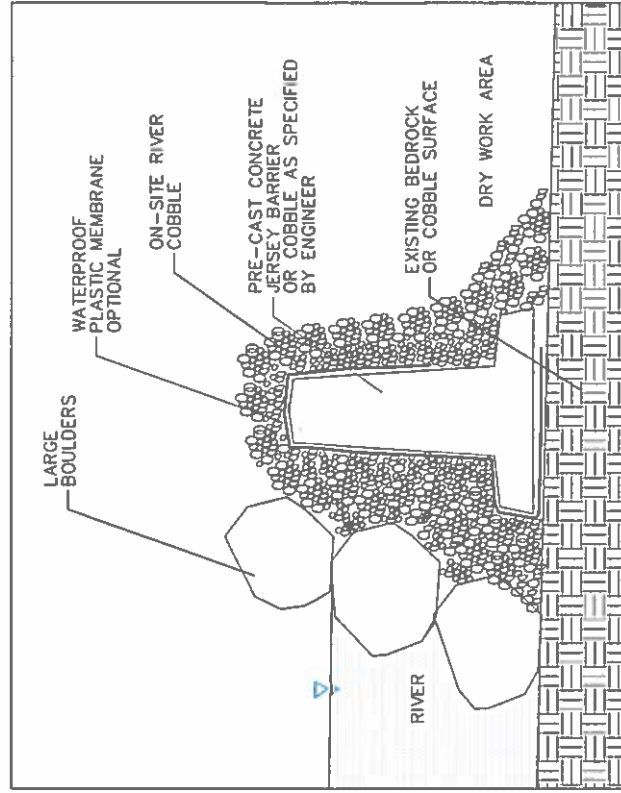
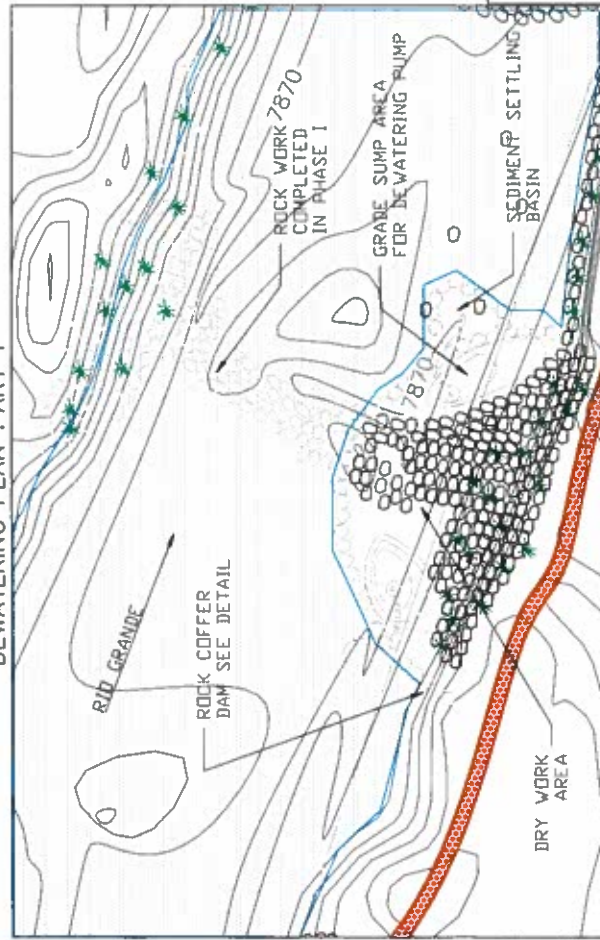


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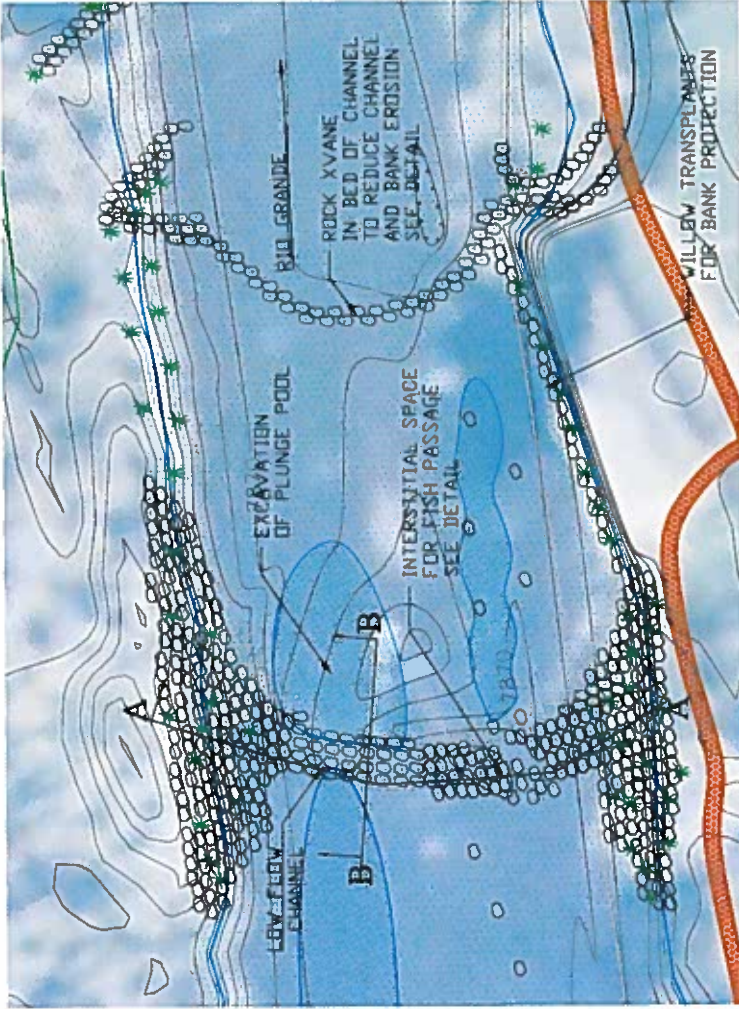
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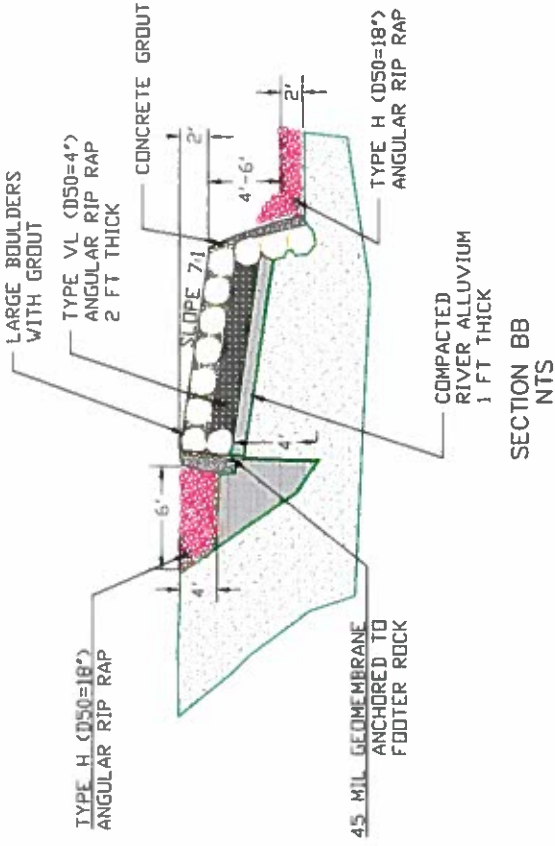
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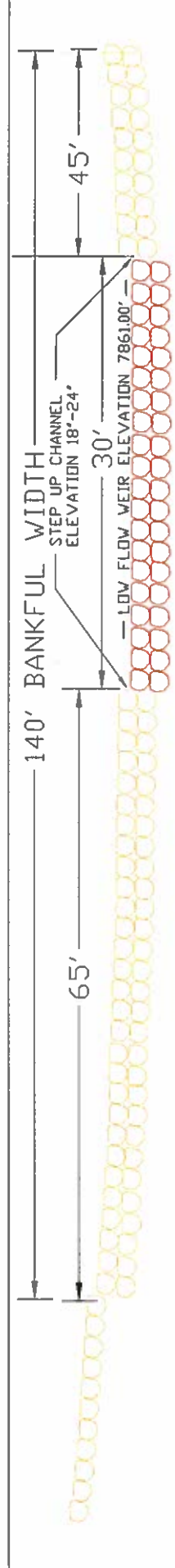
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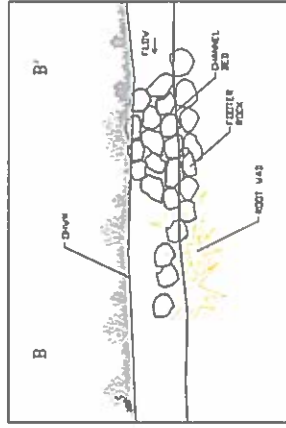
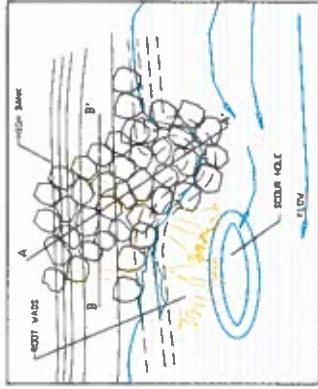
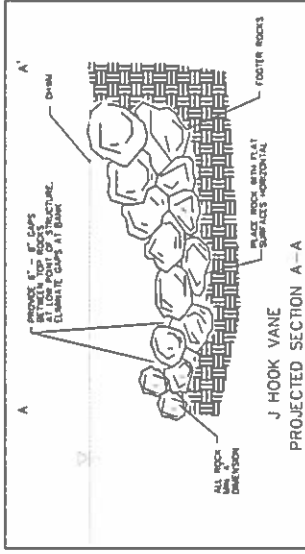
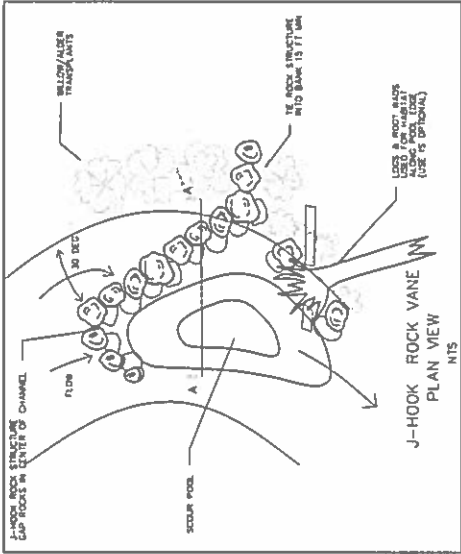
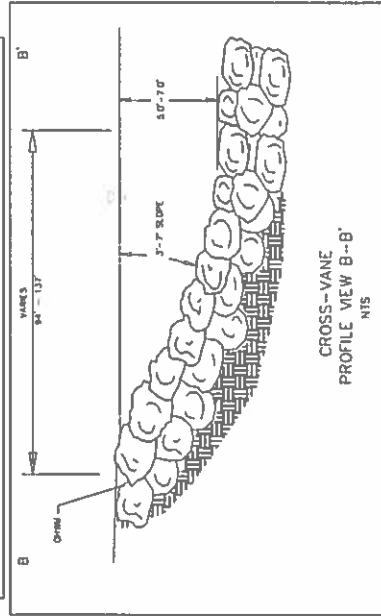
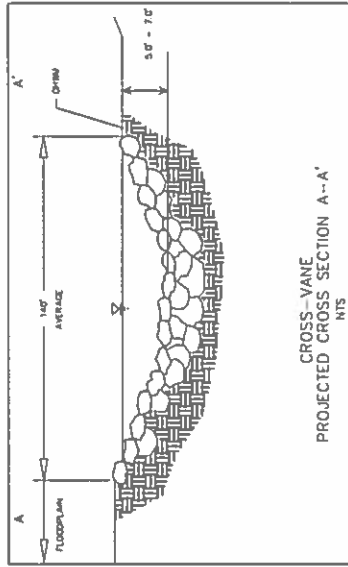
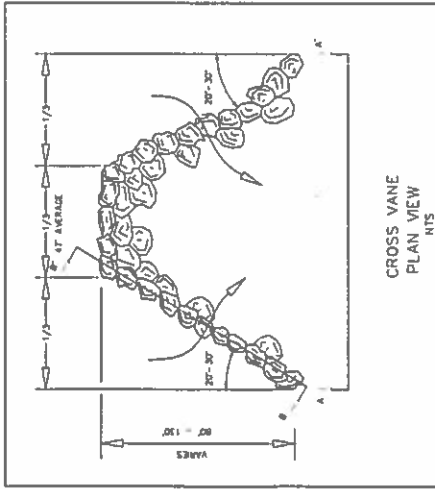


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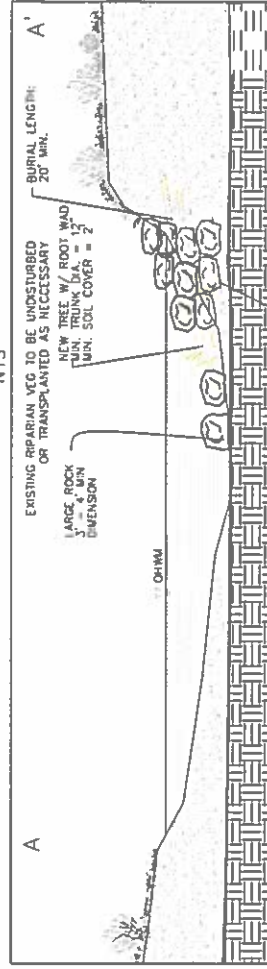


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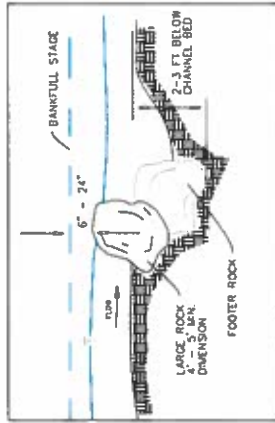
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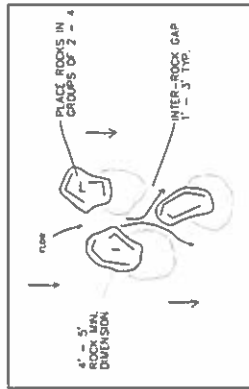
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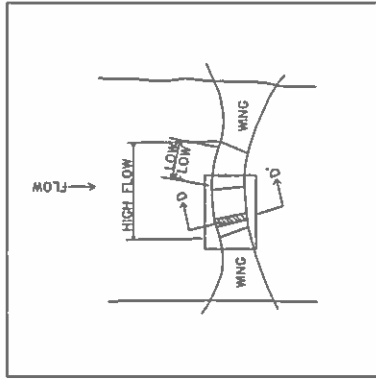
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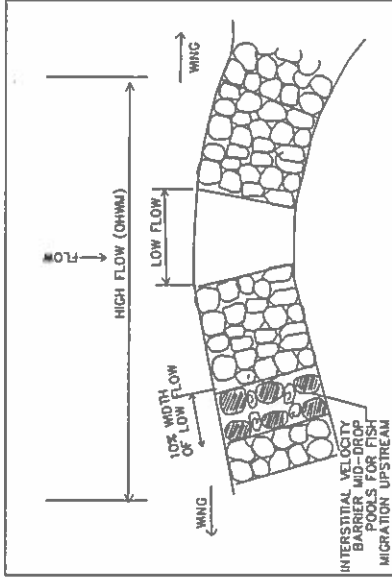
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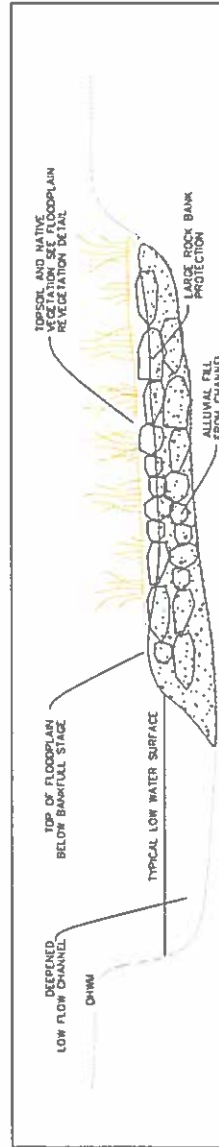
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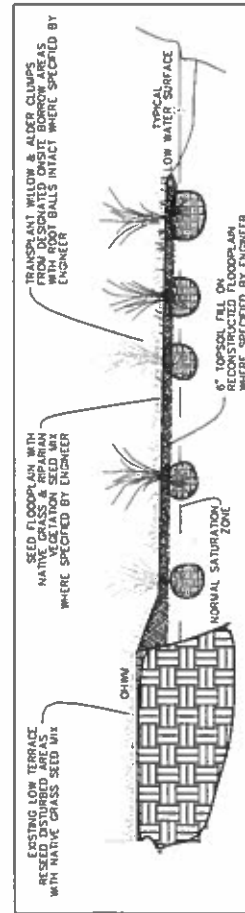
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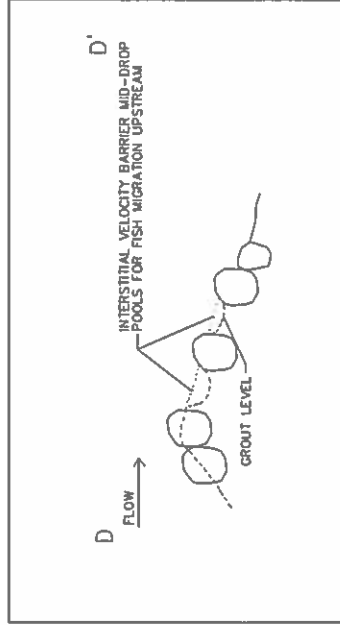
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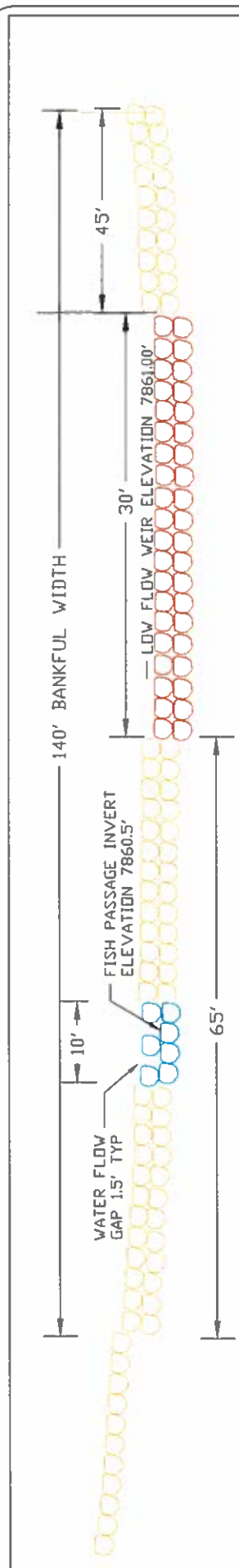
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PHOTOS



Figure 1. Looking upstream and towards the south bank, there is no access to the river. The Project will connect the park to the river by building formal access points and a boat ramp.



Figure 2. The existing fishing dock is the only river-related infrastructure in the park. The project will construct new aquatic habitat next to the dock, improving fishing opportunities in the park. In addition, the planned playwave will be constructed in the stretch of river seen above.



Figure 3. Current park condition with minimal infrastructure and poor connectivity to the river.



Figure 4. Informal river access has negatively impacted riparian areas, causing bank erosion, river sedimentation, and loss of habitat.



Figure 5. Because the Project is a community-led effort, several events have been held to give the public an opportunity to learn about and weigh in on project decisions.

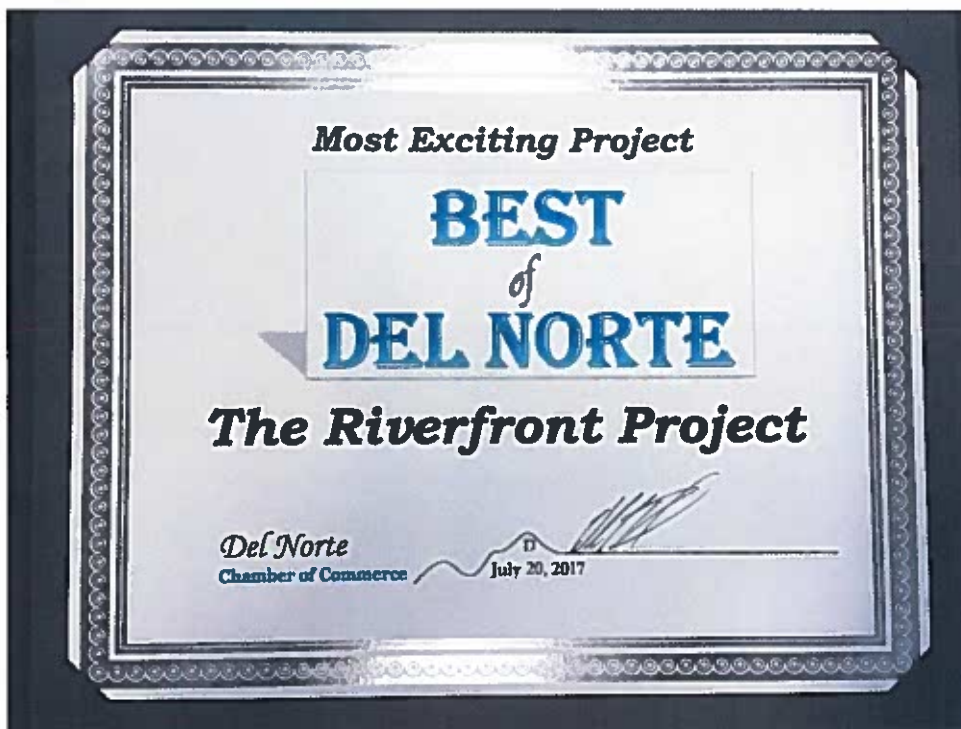


Figure 6. The Project has garnered a lot of community support, even being voted “most exciting project” by the town in 2018 (the date on the certificate is a typo).

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

GATEWAY TO ALL SEASON FUN

TOWN OF DEL NORTE

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PHONE NO (719) 657-2708
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July 24, 2018

Chris Sturm and CWCB Board of Directors
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Colorado Water Plan Grant Application for the Del Norte Riverfront Project

Dear Mr. Sturm,

The Town of Del Norte is partnering with the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) and other local organizations to plan and implement the Del Norte Riverfront Project. This project seeks to improve the Town's largest park, which is on the Rio Grande, to include river-based recreation that is missing in this region. The Town of Del Norte has a median income well below the Colorado State average and struggles to provide municipal amenities beyond its responsibility for water, sewer, public safety, roads, and maintenance. The Town Board is very supportive of this opportunity to create new public river access and recreation infrastructure, while improving fish and wildlife habitat.

In addition to supporting this valuable community project, the Town of Del Norte is looking into sponsoring a Great Outdoors Colorado Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant this fall, which will fund project construction. The Town is committed to working with the community and RGHRP to ensure the vision of the Del Norte Riverfront Project can be realized.

The Riverfront Project will expand on existing outdoor options and create a sense of place unlike anything the Town has known. We are proud of the natural features that surround us. Making stream improvements to Rio Grande as it comes through town, that also benefit the public's enjoyment, will enhance our community identity.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this grant request.

Town of Del Norte

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July 18, 2018

Chris Sturm and CWCB Board of Directors
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room 721
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Re: Colorado Water Plan Grant Application for the Del Norte Riverfront Project

Dear CWCB Board of Directors,

Please accept this letter as an expression of our enthusiastic support of the Del Norte Riverfront Project. The rural community of Del Norte is surrounded by incredible natural resources, yet there is a void in river access and recreational infrastructure on the iconic Rio Grande flowing through our town. Over the years, community members, businesses, and local organizations have come together discuss ways to address this need and lay the groundwork for the Del Norte Riverfront Project. This community driven effort will improve habitat, enhance water quality, expand public access, and create recreational infrastructure on the Rio Grande in Del Norte. The Del Norte Chamber of Commerce believes that these actions will provide a direct benefit to our town and residents, especially the underserved portion of our population. Safe access to recreational facilities and a healthy river will be tremendous asset to local families, businesses, and the broader San Luis Valley.

Del Norte is a small town with limited resources and capacity. Despite these limitations, community enthusiasm and input continue to highlight the importance of the Del Norte Riverfront Project and many benefits it will provide. This grant opportunity can offer the financial means to carry this momentum forward and break ground on a project that will connect the community to the Rio Grande for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration of this valuable project.

Sincerely,



William Kreutzer
DNCC President



DEL NORTE TRAILS
ORGANIZATION

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Colorado Water Conservation Board
Denver, Colorado

Re: Del Norte River Front Project

Dear Board,

Del Norte Trails Organization, Inc is a 501(c)(3) corporation advancing recreation and outdoor stewardship of our natural resources on the western side of the San Luis Valley. In 2007 we were integral in developing the Del Norte Trails Master Plan, funded by GOCO and Colorado State Parks, which included reference to some form of water recreation and was adopted in 2008 by the Town of Del Norte and Rio Grande County. We had a presence at most of Dick Wolf and Craig Cotton's valley meetings about Rules and Regulations for the Rio Grande Water Plan in order to learn the sensitivities, concerns, impacts, and needs of the Rio Grande water community.

When the opportunity arose, we purchased 14 platted town lots adjoining and under the Rio Grande on its north bank next to Colorado State Highway 112. We partnered these lots with lots owned by the Town of Del Norte, to our west, via an MOU creating the Del Norte River Front Park and effectively preventing any development of these combined properties. The properties will now be a municipal park where the residents of Del Norte and others can interact and create a personal relationship with the river which did not exist before.

We encourage and would appreciate a favorable review of this grant request. We know the trail work we have accomplished in town and in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management has had a very positive impact on the economy and health of our community and region. Making the Rio Grande a part of our community, and not just passing through it, will continue these improvements to life in our rural part of Colorado.

Sincerely,

Marty Asplin, Director
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Kevin Terry, Rio Grande Basin Project Manager, Colorado Water and Habitat Project

July 26, 2018

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Re: Colorado Water Plan Grant Application for the Del Norte Riverfront Project

Trout Unlimited (TU) is thrilled to support the application to your program for the Del Norte Riverfront Project. TU has been an active partner in the project since the beginning, and we believe that the project has the potential to impact our small community tremendously for many years to come. The theme has always been about connecting people to our most vital resource, the Rio Grande, in new and diverse ways. Fostering deeper relationships with the river through environmentally responsible infrastructure and educational messaging that delivers core stewardship values is key to the project. I believe that through access and diverse river-centric recreation these resources and messages ultimately mean more to people. The Rio Grande is literally the lifeblood of our economy. Caring for the resource is what provides certainty for our future. In the American West, water quality principles should be recognized as a common community value, and your average citizen should be able to speak to those values directly. Tangible on-the-ground examples are necessary to provide that familiarity and to build local support. In this project we set out to create and expand recreation alongside efforts to restore and enhance aquatic habitat and provide fish passage for wild brown trout associated with handicap fishing opportunities. Everyone stands to gain from this effort to combine conservation, stewardship, and recreation. Being around water is clearly healthy for people. Let's make sure we all have a stake in keeping our water and our people healthy. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Whole Heartedly,

Kevin Terry

Rio Grande Basin Project Manager, Western Water and Habitat, Trout Unlimited

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