



Sunnyside Park Ditch Piping

Sunnyside Park Ditch Company
Substantially Complete August 1, 2023

The newly installed 3,000 feet of pipe will carry irrigation water below grade, reducing the risk that sluffing from the river bank will impede flows.



Project Description

The Sunnyside Park Ditch Company was incorporated in 1884 and provides direct flow irrigation water to 17 shareholders 5 miles northwest of Salida. The water is used year round for stock water, and from April through October for irrigation of about 1,000 acres. The upper portion of the ditch runs along the Arkansas River for approximately 2 miles, and passes by two growing subdivisions south of SH 291.

The project piped approximately 3,000 feet of the ditch where it passes near the two subdivisions. The ditch had failed multiple times in this area prior to the project, and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) identified it as needing treatment. Piping the ditch in this area eliminated ditch failures and seepage losses, and reduce overall maintenance requirements. The project was primarily funded with NRCS grant funds, a Chaffee County Common Ground grant, Colorado State Conservation Board grant funds, and a WSRF grant approved at the March 2022 CWCB Board Meeting in the amount of \$127,300. The loan covered interim project costs. Construction began in September of 2022 and was completed in the spring of 2023.

P R O J E C T D A T A		
<i>Sponsor:</i> Sunnyside Park Ditch Company	<i>County:</i> Chaffee	<i>Water Source:</i> Arkansas River
<i>Type of Project:</i> Ditch Piping		<i>Board Approval Date:</i> July 2022
<i>Loan Terms: (Original)</i> \$654,480.00 <i>(Final)</i> \$510,915.02 @ 1.00% for 30 years		
<i>Design Engineer:</i> Natural Resources Conservation Service		
<i>Contractor:</i> H&T Construction, LLC.		