



Colorado Water Conservation Board

Water Plan

Water Project Summary

Name of Applicant	Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership, inc	
Name of Water Project	Community Engaged Stream Management Plan	
Grant Request Amount		\$211,270.42
Primary Category		\$211,270.42
<i>Watershed Health & Recreation</i>		
Total Applicant Match		\$53,881.83
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>		\$47,483.83
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>		\$6,398.00
Total Other Sources of Funding		\$47,483.83
<i>Adams County Open Space</i>		\$9,848.56
<i>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</i>		\$9,200.00
<i>Colorado Healthy Rivers</i>		\$19,862.42
<i>Little Man Ice Cream</i>		\$5,000.00
<i>Xcel Energy</i>		\$1,754.33
<i>Suncor</i>		\$1,818.52
Total Project Cost		\$312,636.08

Applicant & Grantee Information

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Description of Grantee/Applicant

No description provided

Since 2022, SCRGP's Community Science program has been engaged in gathering crucial environmental data along the Greenway. Over this period, the program has amassed over 500 data points concerning water quality, organized or participated in eight community birding events, conducted three vegetation studies, identified over 100 macroinvertebrate species inhabiting the area, and removed more than 4,000 pounds of litter from the Greenway.

Funds from the Colorado Water Plan grant will be utilized to expand and enrich community-led data collection endeavors. Additionally, these funds will be used to contract with a consultant to lead a comprehensive assessment of the Greenway. These results will support the development of a stream management plan geared towards ensuring the long-term sustainability of this vital urban water system. This project represents a significant step towards fostering environmental stewardship, community engagement, and equitable access to outdoor resources within the Greenway.

Measurable Results

	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
	New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive
	Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)
	New Storage Created (acre-feet)
68,640	Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)
	Length of Pipe, Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)
	Efficiency Savings (dollars/year)
	Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year)
10	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement (acre-feet)
	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning
1,000	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
Other	
	Pounds of trash to be removed: 4000 lbs
	Pounds of weed to be removed: 1000

Water Project Justification

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership is seeking support for its Community Engaged Stream Management Plan. This project will engage local high school and college students in the collection of natural resource data at 10 established testing points along the 13-miles Sand Creek Regional Greenway and in the Creek. Also, this project will support the contractual work of a consultant to assess the Sand Creek Regional Greenway. Which the results of will assist the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership and its Denver, Aurora, and Commerce City city partners in creating a long-term stream management plan (page 49 of the Colorado Water Plan).

This project supports the goals of the Colorado Water Plan through a) engaging diverse populations in the collection of data through our Community Science Program b) creating a long-term stream management plan with the goal of ensuring the Sand Creek corridor is healthy and thriving for wildlife and the people of recreate on it c) by having a healthy outdoor corridor this project will lead to supporting vibrant communities who are more likely to protect the environment.

The goals of this project align directly with the South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtable Goals as listed on page 122 in the Colorado Water Plan.

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway (SCRG) holds significant ecological importance as a critical east-west tributary and urban waterway. Confluencing with the South Platte in Commerce City, it faces challenges, being listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waters for E. coli and dissolved selenium. Recognized as a vital wildlife corridor in northeast metro Denver, improving water quality along the Greenway is imperative for the well-being of both communities and wildlife relying on this ecosystem.

Moreover, the Greenway intersects numerous diverse communities, some of which have been underrepresented in outdoor activities. SCRGP's Community Science Program works to address these disparities by reducing barriers to outdoor engagement. Through this program, members of historically marginalized communities are educated about water quality, sustainable practices, and actively involved in data collection efforts.

Related Studies

No Related Studies provided

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

No Tax Bill of Rights provided