

**COLORADO**Colorado Water
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

Colorado Water Conservation Board**Water Plan****Water Project Summary**

Name of Applicant	Confluence Colorado
Name of Water Project	Fishable and Swimmable South Platte River
Grant Request Amount	\$228,000.00
Primary Category	\$228,000.00
<i>Watershed Health & Recreation</i>	
Total Applicant Match	\$171,000.00
<i>Applicant Cash Match</i>	\$57,000.00
<i>Applicant In-Kind Match</i>	\$114,000.00
Total Other Sources of Funding	\$171,000.00
<i>Colorado Health Foundation</i>	\$25,000.00
<i>Confluence Colorado Individual Donor</i>	\$57,000.00
<i>Adams County</i>	\$35,000.00
<i>CASR</i>	\$49,000.00
<i>GES Incentive Fund</i>	\$5,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$570,000.00

Applicant & Grantee Information

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Description of Grantee/Applicant

Confluence Colorado works to restore the South Platte River watershed to a fishable and swimmable recreational resource for all people.

Type of Eligible Entity

- ☐ Public (Government)
- ☐ Public (District)
- ☐ Public (Municipality)
- ☐ Ditch Company
- ☐ Private Incorporated
- ☐ Private Individual, Partnership, or Sole Proprietor
- ☒ Non-governmental Organization
- ☐ Covered Entity
- ☐ Other

Category of Water Project

- ☐ Agricultural Projects
Developing communications materials that specifically work with and educate the agricultural community on headwater restoration, identifying the state of the science of this type of work to assist agricultural users among others.
- ☐ Conservation & Land Use Planning
Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning.
- ☐ Engagement & Innovation Activities
Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website.
- ☒ Watershed Restoration & Recreation
Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation.
- ☐ Water Storage & Supply
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.

Location of Water Project

Latitude 39.739200
 Longitude 104.990300
 Lat Long Flag Default/Proponent headquarters: If the location cannot be defined with flags above, use location of project proponent headquarters
 Water Source South Platte River
 Basins South Platte
 Counties Denver; Adams
 Districts 2-South Platte: Denver Gage to Greeley

Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type Municipal
 Type of Water Project Education
 Scheduled Start Date - Design 11/1/2025
 Scheduled Start Date - Construction
 Description
 Our project anchors in two projects along the South Platte River. Riverdale Park water quality, park and riparian area improvements for recreational use and the Hermanas Del Rio River Sisters partnership to celebrate the

South Platte River's health and wellness recreational resources for all Denver people.

The Hermanas Del Rio River Sisters Project aims to improve water quality while building a turquoise necklace of parks and improving riparian area for recreational use along the South Platte River in Denver, Colorado through Segment 14 in the Metro Area.

Riverdale Park's Master Plan in Adams County aims to have a fishable and swimmable waterway for swim based recreation in Adams County which is Segment 15 of the South Platte River.

We will employ and engage youth and young adult leaders from the local communities adjacent to the river in watershed planning, riparian area improvements, water quality sampling and community outreach and engagement for these two projects.

We will educate and employ youth in the planning and implementation of water quality improvement projects for a healthy South Platte River Watershed for recreational use.

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)
126,720	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)
126,720	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
1,249,942	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
Other	
Coloradans impacted include the populations of Denver and Adams County. Acres and linear feet improved include the South Platte River corridor from the southern border of Denver to Riverdale Park.	

Water Project Justification

Page 2 of the Colorado Water Plan Executive Summary lists four Water Plan values that guide the approach.

1. A productive economy that supports vibrant, sustainable cities, agriculture, recreation, and tourism.
2. An efficient and effective water infrastructure system.
3. A strong environment with healthy watersheds, rivers, streams, and wildlife.
4. An informed public with creative, forward-thinking solutions that are sustainable and resilient to changing conditions and result in strong, equitable communities that can adapt and thrive in the face of adversity

The values that most closely reflect our work are 3 and 4.

3. We are working towards a fishable and swimmable South Platte River for all people in the Denver Metropolitan Area. We understand that there is a multitude of benefits for people and nature in achieving our goal.

4. We work directly with youth, families and neighbors who are most affected by the issues of a polluted South Platte River. We recognize that the voices of those most affected are necessary to find appropriate solutions.

This vision is presented in the South Platte River Advisory Youth Council "Our River, Our Voices, Our Future" Plan to restore the South Platte River that will be updated in August of 2025.

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This approach reflects the Colorado Water Plans goals of "An inclusive vision for cities, farms, streams and people".

Page 10 of the Colorado Water Plan Executive Summary suggests we should respond to challenges in our Colorado watersheds by:

"Engaging all voices, restoring and enhancing environment, increasing recreation opportunities and waterway access, protecting and enhancing water quality."

We employ local youth to work with stakeholders to restore and enhance the South Platte River in the Denver Metropolitan Area. It is a great honor and we are proud to align so completely with the goals of the Colorado Water Plan.

Related Studies

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<https://sites.google.com/view/spray-projects/home>

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