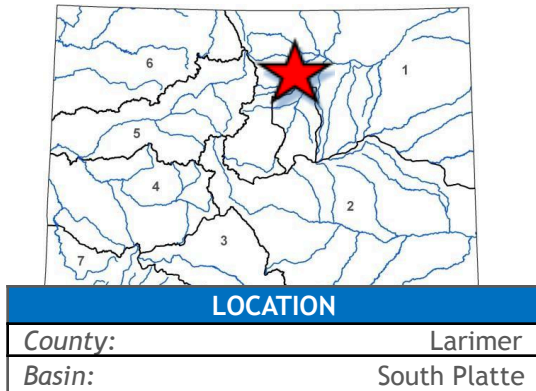




## Water Plan Grant Program



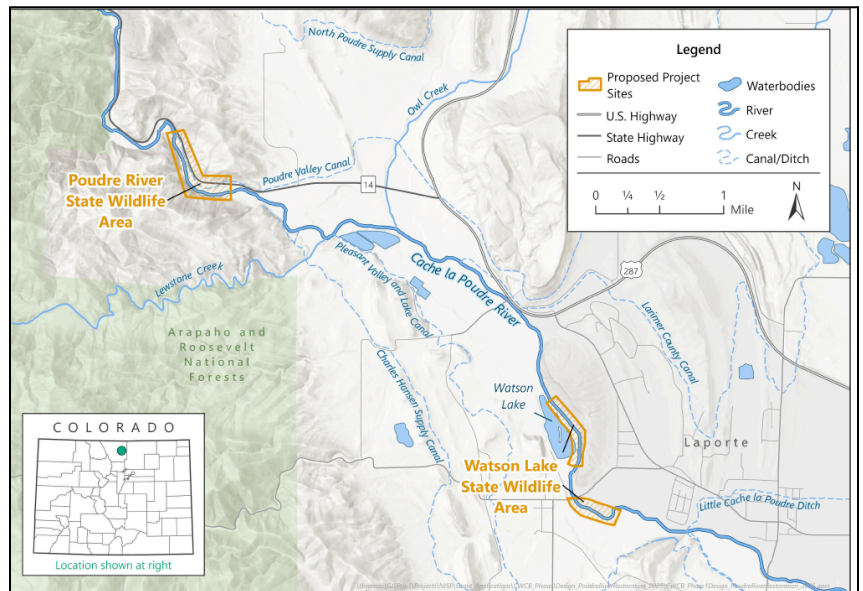
DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$650,000.00
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$487,500.00
<b>Recommended amount:</b>	<b>\$487,500.00</b>
Match Commitment:	\$162,500.00
Grant to Match Ratio	75/25
Project Type:	Design/Engineering
Primary Project Category:	Watershed Health & Recreation
Measurable Result:	10,200 feet of stream restored; 53 acres of habitat restored

Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) Water Activity Enterprise, which will supply 15 Northern Front Range water providers with new water supplies through the NISP pipeline project, is seeking Colorado Water Plan grant funding to support the design for the Cache la Poudre River Restoration in high-priority reaches of the Cache la Poudre River, from the Poudre Valley Canal to the South Platte River, including the Watson Lake and Poudre River State Wildlife Areas.

Grant dollars would be used to complete subsequent phases of the project, including 60%, 90%, and final bid-ready designs, as well as necessary state and federal permitting for stream channel and habitat improvements, which will improve aquatic habitat, water quality, and reduce flood risk.

It advances the Colorado Water Plan by promoting nature-based solutions, and rehabilitating streams to improve habitat and reduce erosion. The project aligns with the Water Plan Grant criteria by implementing stream restoration and riparian habitat improvement.

The stakeholders involved include Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) as both a landowner of the State Wildlife Areas and a regulatory agency to ensure the project is meeting the goals and objectives of the 2017 Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (FWMEP). The Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed has established a Lower Poudre River Steering Committee to guide river restoration efforts on the lower river that includes representatives from the Northern Water, the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed, City of Greeley, University of Northern Colorado, and Town of Windsor. The Lower Poudre River Steering Committee participates as a stakeholder. Additionally, an Adaptive Management group was formed to guide NISP mitigation efforts along the Poudre River. The Adaptive Management group includes representatives from the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW), the cities of Fort Collins, Greeley, Timnath, and Windsor, and Larimer and Weld Counties.



### Funding Recommendation:

Staff recommends a Water Plan Grant award not to exceed \$487,500.00 to Northern Integrated Supply Project Water Activity Enterprise for the Phase 1 Design: Cache la Poudre River Restoration project.