



- 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 39.714328  
 Longitude -105.140163  
 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  
 Districts

### Water Project Overview

Major Water Use Type Education  
 Type of Water Project Education  
 Scheduled Start Date - Design 4/1/2024  
 Scheduled Start Date - Construction  
 Description  
 Denver's One Water Plan (OWP) was published in 2021 as an integrated land use and water resources plan through a partnership between CWCB, City and County of Denver, Mile High Flood District, Denver Water, Metro Water Recovery, and The Greenway Foundation. The OWP provides a unique and innovative approach for how agencies responsible for managing Denver's urban water cycle can collaborate to address challenges and

holistically manage watersheds to achieve multiple benefits.

Initially funded by a CWCB Water Plan Grants in 2019 and 2021 the OWP has established a framework for critically needed water management policies. With the Plan in place, the One Water Leaders group (OWLs) are now implementing the Plan's recommendations through a deliberate, prioritized work plan.

Proposed funding for further implementation of the OWP will be used to continue to retain a team of consultants to support One Water Project tracking, monitoring progress toward the OWP's defined goals, executing the OWP's implementation actions, and ongoing communications and outreach.

Implementation of the Plan addresses the South Platte River and its tributaries in Denver. Moreover, continued successful implementation of the OWP will continue to provide a template and inspiration for collaborative, integrated water management for watersheds across Colorado. In the second implementation phase detailed in this application, the OWLs will extend the reach and impact of the OWP to areas outside the Denver metro area through activities such as:

Development of a regional One Water Day symposium event (to bring in and engage potential further partners, assist other entities in the state with developing their own One Water efforts, etc.)

Collaboration With Outreach Partners: Provide consulting support for OWL partnership with Water Education Colorado and/or similar groups to promote development of collaborative education and outreach materials and campaigns that are applicable to metro area and statewide water literacy (for example, water conservation, water footprint awareness).

### 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)
116,000	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)
	Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)
	Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement (acre-feet)
700,000	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning
700,000	Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity
	Other

Coloradans Impacted: While the project originated in Denver, mailing lists of the OWL agencies (e.g., Mile High Flood District and Greenway Foundation) and project partners (e.g., Water Education Colorado, CSU Spur campus, and conference and seminar events) reach a significantly broader audience.

Stream Impacted: The South Platte River and Cherry Creek comprise over 22 miles of stream that is protected via the OWP. Tributaries and other channels in Denver are in addition to this total.

### Water Project Justification

The Vision, Goals, and specific Strategies and Implementation Actions that make up the OWP are entirely consistent with and supportive of the goals of the Colorado Water Plan and the Metro Basin Implementation Plan.

The Denver One Water Plan has a very broad reach. By paying for analysis and policy development for just one city, the CWCB, CCD and MHFD have a positive impact on Front Range entities and waterways, extending to as many as 41 communities that fall within the MHFD boundary, leveraging the funding significantly.

A primary goal of the Colorado Water Plan is to address the State's supply and demand challenges while protecting the health of rivers, streams and watersheds.

Relevant Colorado Water Plan Sections can be provided if needed.

### Related Studies

The OWP facilitates the OWLs' efforts to integrate several previous and ongoing City planning efforts, including:

Denverright Comprehensive Plan

Storm Drainage Master Plan

Water Quality Management Plan

Green Infrastructure Implementation Strategy

Ultra-Urban Green Infrastructure Guidelines

Sanitary Sewer Master Plan

River South Master Plan

River North Master Plan

River Vision Implementation Plan

Game Plan

Blueprint Denver

2020 Sustainability Goals

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Emergency Management Plan

Various Neighborhood Plans

Continued implementation of the OWP will also help integrate the City's role and its water-related projects in its partners' plans, including:

Colorado's Water Plan (CWCB) and the South Platte and Metro Basin Implementation Plans

Various MHFD master plans

Denver Water plans

Metro Water Recovery plans

### **Taxpayer Bill of Rights**

There are no known TABOR issues that would affect this application