



GOCO UPDATE.

CPW COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 13, 2024

INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

OVERVIEW

The Constitution requires GOCO to allocate funds in a manner that is substantially equal over time to achieve outcomes across four areas:

OUTDOOR
RECREATION

LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS

WILDLIFE

OPEN SPACE

GOCO makes up approximately 10-15% of CPW's annual budget

CPW manages over 200 different revenue streams

GOCO is one of the most flexible.

Constitutional requirements

Provide clear direction for GOCO funds, while maintaining flexibility.

CPW GOALS

GOCO VALUES

WILDLIFE & HABITAT
CONSERVATION



RESOURCE CONSERVATION



OUTDOOR RECREATION



OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY



COMMUNITY VITALITY



INCREASED AWARENESS



EQUITABLE ACCESS



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
THE OUTDOORS



YOUTH CONNECTIONS



WILDLIFE PURPOSE

Funding Objectives



HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Protect crucial wildlife habitats through the acquisition of lands, leases, or easements and restore critical areas.



WILDLIFE HERITAGE

Provide appropriate programs for maintaining Colorado's diverse wildlife heritage.



WILDLIFE EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Implement educational programs about wildlife and wildlife environment.



WILDLIFE VIEWING

Develop wildlife watching opportunities.

WILDLIFE PURPOSE

GRAND TOTAL	\$13,901,552
Habitat Management	\$7,048,358
Wildlife Heritage	\$5,228,475
Wildlife Education and Environment	\$1,479,820
Wildlife Viewing	\$ 144,899

OUTDOOR REC PURPOSE

Funding Objectives



ESTABLISH & IMPROVE STATE PARKS

Establish and Improve state parks and recreation areas throughout Colorado.



PUBLIC INFORMATION & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Develop appropriate public information and environmental education resources on Colorado's natural resources at state parks and recreation areas.



TRAILS & RIVER GREENWAYS

Acquire, construct, and maintain trails and river greenways.



WATER FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

Provide water for recreational purposes through the acquisition of water rights or through agreements with holders of water rights.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

PURPOSE

GRAND TOTAL	\$17,762,564
Establish and Improve State Parks	\$13,471,468
Public Information and Environmental Education	\$1,869,040
Trails and River Greenways	\$2,400,000
Water for Recreational Purposes	\$22,056

INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

HIGHLIGHTS

Increase of GOCO Investments – Outdoor Recreation:

Parks Capital Program

Education & Youth programs

State Trails Program

Increase of GOCO Investments – Wildlife Purpose:

Acquisition of High Priority Habitat

ADDITIONAL CPW INVESTMENTS

CPW & GOCO collaboration on Centennial Program

Total \$43.2 million

Colorado's Outdoors Strategy

\$1.5 M – Statewide Plan and CO-OP Consulting

Regional Partnerships Initiative

\$3.5 M through CPW for Regional Partnerships and Agency Capacity

ANNUAL REPORT GOCO INVESTMENTS.

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Great Outdoors Colorado

FY 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



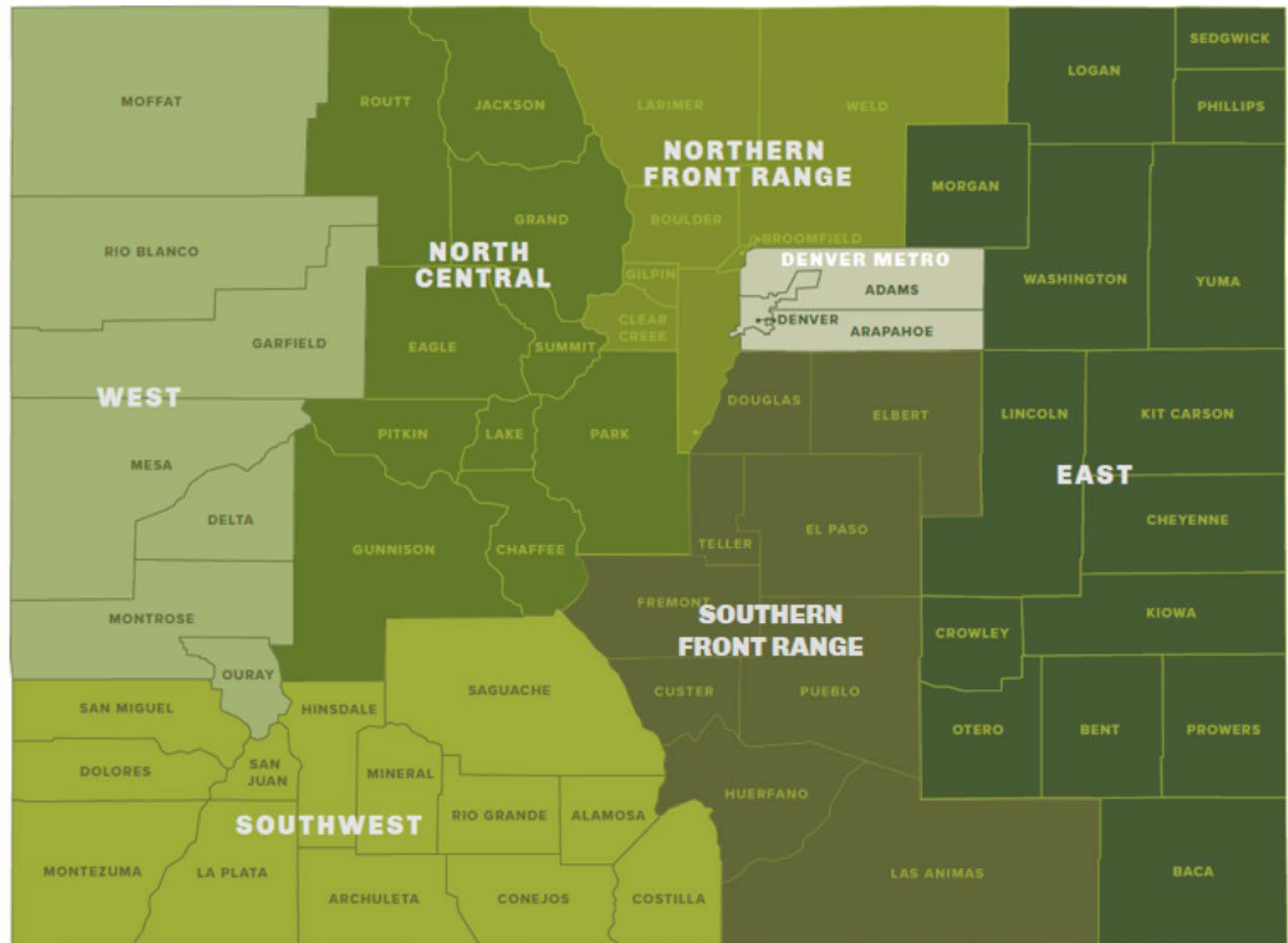
**GOCO METRO DENVER
REGION.**

DENVER METRO REGION
PROGRAM OFFICER

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WHAT IS THE REGION?



UNIQUE CHALLENGES TO THE REGION

- Project prioritization
- Maintenance backlog
- Working with the land you got
- Eastward expansion



OTHER REGIONAL UPDATES

DENVER METRO REGION

- Recent Awards (FY23/24)
 - High Line Canal Conservation Easement – HLC Conservancy (\$350K)
 - Reynolds Landing Phase I – City of Littleton (\$950K)
- Current Recommendations (March 15)
 - Bluff Lake Nature Center – City and County of Denver (\$500K)
 - High Line Canal Northeast Improvements – HLC Conservancy (\$7M)



REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

METRO DENVER NATURE ALLIANCE

Pilot Grants Update

- RFP posted in October 2023
- Deadline November 2023
 - 17 applications requesting ~\$450K
- Peer Review Process
- Awards made in January 2024
 - 6 awards at ~\$150K total



REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

METRO DENVER NATURE ALLIANCE

- Tierras Verdes Community Property Acquisition – GES Coalition, Inc.
- Urban Tree Research along the HLC – Denver Botanic Garden
- Daniels Park Grassland Demonstration Garden – Denver Zoo
- Urban Farm Open Space Restoration – The Urban Farm
- Healthy Waters, Healthy Communities – Groundwork Denver
- Northwest Access Entrance Project – Bluff Lake Nature Center



ONWARD!

- Director's Innovation Fund
- GOCO Board Meeting
- Partners in the Outdoors
- Colorado's Outdoors Strategy



THANK YOU.

