

EXHIBIT A

GRANT APPLICATION CHECK LIST

MANDATORY:

- Signed letter of resolution from Governing Body
- Exhibit A - Application
- Exhibit B - Budget (Unprotected Excel CPW form)
- Environmental Forms (not required for Regional Trails Planning grants)
- Maps/Photographs/Graphics (5 page max, pdf, letter sized pages)
- Letters of Support (maximum of 5). No letters from clubs or groups specifically working on the project
- Project can be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant
- Required MATCH funding is secured, including CASH match funds
- CPW Area Wildlife Manager has been contacted and informed of construction projects by July 1st. Note that ALL projects will be reviewed by CPW for wildlife impacts
- (Construction only) Project area is owned by public land agency or has easement that designates the area to be open to public outdoor recreation for at least 25 years
- (Construction Only) Formal Environmental Assessment (EA) or NEPA has been completed with final approval for the project area (federal lands only).

ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Youth Corps or youth organization will be used on the project (name of organization)
- Volunteers will be utilized on the project (name organization)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED, FLOOD CONTROL,
AND GREENWAY DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A
PLANNING GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT
OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND AND THE COMPLETION OF
FOUNTAIN CREEK CORRIDOR GREENWAY MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District supports the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant application for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan and if the grant is awarded, the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District has requested \$100,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to complete the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District that:

Section 1: The Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District strongly supports the completion of the project.

Section 3: The Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded.

Section 4: If the grant is awarded, the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District hereby authorizes the Board Chair to sign the grant agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

**FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED,
FLOOD CONTROL, AND GREENWAY
DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

By: _____

Terry Hart, Vice Chair

By: _____

Longinos Gonzalez, Chair

COLORADO THE BEAUTIFUL REGIONAL TRAILS PLANNING APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name: Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District

Mailing Address: PO Box 26373 Colorado Springs, CO 80936-6373

Applicant Lead Contact Name: Larry Small

Title: Executive Director

Telephone: (719)447-5012

Email: fountainckdist@aol.com

Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO**PROJECT MANAGER (this person will have day-to-day responsibility for the project)**

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Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO**PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Partner Contact Name:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO

Project Title: Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan

Grant Request: \$ 100,000

Required Match: \$ 30,000

Total Project Cost: \$ 206,000

Project Summary: Please write a short (1-paragraph) summary of your project. This information will be posted online and in grant application and reviewer information packets.

Detailed Project Description: Please write a 3-4 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where.) **This is your scope of work.** (This section is not the place to talk about the project background, the benefits, the funding, or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #1 of the Selection Criteria.)

WHO? Who will complete the work and who will oversee the project? Provide a description of your community or organization, highlighting its mission and purpose.

WHAT? Explain what you are going to do or accomplish. What is the goal or the reason for your project? Break down the project into a list of specific activities to be completed. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the categories on your budget page. Include quantity or quality as part of your description of work to be performed. How long? How many? How many feet? How many miles? What materials will be used? Is a specific standard or guideline being used?

WHERE? Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/ BLM Field Office? Provide the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed. What agency manages or is responsible for the land where the project is located?

DEFINITIONS? Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.

Project Summary:

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- Promote stewardship as part of the bigger goal to protect the Fountain Creek Corridor.
- Identify segments of the trail that have been constructed or planned (currently there is approximately 12 miles of the 46 miles planned or constructed); complete a final alignment for the remaining Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Trail (Front Range Trail) complete with GIS mapping
- Connecting existing and planned environmental stewardship/recreational areas including Eco-Fit Education Park (Attachment C) & The Fountain Creek Center at Pueblo Springs Ranch (Attachment D)
- Coordinating with potentially 76 different private property owners concerning necessary easements (it could be less depending on final trail alignment)
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- Develop a funding and implementation plan

Detailed Project Description:

The Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway is part of the larger Colorado Front Range Trail, one of the 16 priority trail segments identified as part of the Colorado the Beautiful Initiative. The concept of the trail is to create a multi-purpose recreational paved and unpaved system of trails that run all the way through Colorado from the border with Wyoming in the north to the border with New Mexico in the south. The idea is for the trail to connect the 15 major cities and travel through the 14 counties along the Front Range. It is also the goal to connect designated Open Spaces, smaller communities, parks, historic sites and to preserve areas with especially scenic landscapes.

The District

The Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District was created in 2009 under SB09-141, established under Title 32 of the CRS. The boundaries, governance, and powers and duties of the District are established through this legislation. The District consists of the counties of El Paso and Pueblo and is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a representative from the cities of Colorado Springs, Fountain, and Pueblo; El Paso and Pueblo counties; small municipalities in El Paso County; the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; and the FCW Citizens Advisory Group. A Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Group provide input to the Board on various projects.

The District is authorized to manage, administer, and fund the capital improvements necessary in the Fountain Creek Watershed to:

- Mitigate flooding, erosion and sedimentation
- Address water quality issues
- Improve drainage
- Protect open space
- Develop public recreational opportunities including open space

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The Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway is located along the central Front Range of Colorado and is a major segment of the Front Range Trail. The Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan will include a 46 mile segment of greenway that connects Colorado Springs and Pueblo. The Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway is part of the longer greenway network within the Fountain Creek Watershed.

The area is characterized by extremes in temperature and precipitation, large elevation changes, steep gradients, diverse ecosystems, and a multitude of water uses. Portions of El Paso, Teller, and Pueblo counties make up the greenway, which encompasses eight municipalities: Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Woodland Park Palmer Lake, and Monument.

EXHIBIT A

LAND OWNERSHIP

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: Fee Simple Lease Easement License Right-of-Way
 Other:

USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Access
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Running	<input type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Line Skating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-Country Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

TRAIL SURFACE

<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)

Nearest Town or City: Fountain, CO

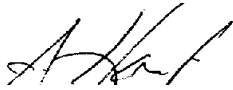
County: El Paso & Pueblo

Latitude & Longitude Coordinates: 38°40'54.99"N 104°42'03.76"N

State Senate District #: 2 & 3 Refer to <https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>

State Representative District #: 21 & 47

Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail grooming	
Miles of new trail construction		Miles of trail being planned	40
Miles of trail maintenance		Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail reconstruction		Miles of inter-connecting trail	
Miles of trail to be signed		Other	
Miles of trail restoration		Other	

Applicant Authorized Signature:  Date: 8/1/19
(From Applicant Organization)

Land Agency Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____
(From project location land agency, if different from applicant)

1. COMMUNITY NEED & BENEFIT (20 points) Summarize the community need for the project. Letters of support should clearly document this need. How will this project specifically address the needs described? What are the benefits of this effort to trail user groups in the communities, region and/or state? Describe how the planning project will involve local community connectivity and how communities will benefit from the project. How will community health benefits be considered, evaluated, and prioritized in the plan? Will marginalized communities be involved in decision making processes (i.e. where trails will be located, what they will look like, etc.) through citizen advisory boards or other means of public involvement? Will the planning project address the health and equity of marginalized communities or the prevalence of health conditions (i.e. obesity)?

The Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway

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The positive economic impacts and environmental impacts of this trail cannot be overstated. Securing easements and strategically designing access to Fountain Creek ensures the continued health of the watershed. Economically, this trail has the potential to be as impactful as the Cherry Creek Trail and Highline Canal Trail have been for the Denver Metropolitan Area. Linking Denver's second largest city, Colorado Springs, with the City of Fountain, Pueblo and the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway will only help increase recreational activity and tourism. This will not only spur increase sales and lodging taxes, but also encourage healthier lifestyles for two of Colorado's least healthy counties (El Paso County and Pueblo County ranked 35 and 54, respectively, out of 60 Colorado counties ranked by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute's 2019 County Health Report).

2. URGENCY (5 points) Why is it important to undertake this planning effort now, instead of at a later time? Please describe any elements that make this project urgent or timely.

There are several factors that make the timing of this planning effort urgent:

Factor 1: Private Property Easements

Much of the 46 mile Greenway resides on private properties. This means that additional easements must be secured in order to provide a feasible and enjoyable trail experience.

The District has been working with private property owners for years to help maintain stable creek environments and protect against the impacts of flooding. As such, the District has been able to secure commitments for several trail and access easements as a part of floodplain work with private property owners. This effort has helped the District form strong relationships with private property owners and has created a window of opportunity to negotiate additional easements in good faith. Additionally, although large stretches of the trail are on private property, many groups of properties are owned by single owners, meaning that there are fewer actual owners with whom negotiations will be required.

Factor 2: Protection from Encroachment & Development

Much of the proposed trail alignment resides along some of the most naturally preserved and healthy stretches of Fountain Creek. The need and desire to develop along Fountain Creek will expand as population bases in Fountain, Pueblo and Colorado Springs continue to grow. In El Paso County alone, the population has grown almost 14% in the last 8 years (almost double the national average), with the largest growth rates occurring from 2016 – 2018 (US Census Data, 2019 World Population Review). This unprecedented growth will put a strain on both transportation and recreation infrastructure, and if not properly planned for, could negatively impact the health and sustainability of the natural environment and wildlife in and around Fountain Creek.

The District strives to connect and educate people to the importance and natural beauty of the Fountain Creek Watershed. The best way to do that is to strategically develop the areas nearest the creek to provide managed access. This can only be accomplished by securing large enough easements that can provide both access and conservation. While much of the private properties that will be identified through the planning effort are relatively affordable now, this will not be the case as demand for development increases. If the District does not act now to identify and secure easements, it is likely higher prices will make the acquisition of easements in the future unattainable. This will likely lead to irresponsible development along Fountain Creek that could harm healthy stretches of the Fountain Creek Watershed.

Factor 3: Funding

The District receives funds from each municipality that resides on its board. However, most of the funding must go toward creek stabilization and floodplain management projects. This leaves very little left for recreational and economic development projects.

The District has prioritized funds over the next 2 years to help complete the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan. Priority was given to the master plan in order to take advantage of the aforementioned window of opportunity with specific private property owners.

Also, while the District has limited funds for recreational planning efforts, there is an opportunity to leverage funds for implementable projects because of the Southern Delivery System Project (SDS). The SDS project is the largest of its kind to be undertaken in Colorado (Attachment C). The project will carry Arkansas River water from the Pueblo Reservoir to the cities of Colorado Springs and Fountain, as well as to the Pueblo West and Security Water districts. The project will have a direct impact on the Fountain Creek Watershed. **The District has been given \$50 million over 5 years to mitigate these impacts** (timeline began in 2016). The Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Trail will play an integral role on how mitigation projects are designed and constructed. Besides the obvious recreational benefits that the trail provides, it will also provide needed access for the maintenance of the floodplain and helping to sustain the health of the Creek. The District's goal is to leverage the \$50 million to help design & build priority segments of the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway.

3. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS (15 points) Explain the extent to which this project focuses on large scale, regional trail and resource planning. How will the plan evaluate multiple trail systems' cumulative impacts together in a comprehensive plan? How will trail development be evaluated and balanced with existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, and long-term maintenance?

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Ultimately, the Master Plan will assist the District to secure necessary easements for the completion of the trail while constructing portions of the trail that are already in public right-of-way.

The District has already completed a number of studies in relation to the proposed Greenway Master Plan. These plans will be used to help guide and inform the alignment and constructability of the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway and include:

- US Army Corps of Engineers Fountain Creek Watershed Study 2009
- Fountain Creek Watershed Strategic Plan 2009
- **Fountain Creek Corridor Restoration Master Plan 2011**
- US Geological Survey Flood Study 2014
- Fountain Creek Corridor Assessment of River Stability and Sediment Supply (WARSSS) 2017

4. WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES (10 points) How will wildlife habitat fragmentation be evaluated and considered in the planning process? What factors will be considered to avoid large blocks of less disturbed sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the planning process? What aspects will be considered to evaluate wildlife connectivity across the landscape?

The District completed the Fountain Creek Corridor Restoration Master Plan in 2011. The Fountain Creek Corridor Restoration Master Planning effort helped unify support from project stakeholders including property owners, municipalities, counties, state and federal agencies, utility providers, conservation districts, legislators, parks and recreation organizations, non-profit organizations concerned about environmental issues and local citizens living in proximity to Fountain Creek. The Master Plan defined the elements that are included in a relatively stable reach of the Creek vs. an unstable reach of the Creek. The Master Plan identified sensitive habitat and wildlife areas and established a series of restoration techniques that are intended to be the toolbox of techniques used as a part of revitalizing Fountain Creek. One of the key techniques was to encourage stewardship of the Fountain Creek Corridor by providing public access to the Fountain Creek Corridor that currently, is mostly privately owned. Constructing the Front Range trail along Fountain Creek is the main design concept for providing public access.

The Plans Wildlife and Sensitive Habitats maps will be verified with CPW to ensure that information is still applicable and accurate. As trail alignments are identified, they will be compared against the verified maps to ensure that environmental impacts are being identified and prioritized.

5. COLLABORATION (15 points) Explain the extent to which the project demonstrates unique, innovative, and/or important multi-agency, organization, and/or private partnerships. Describe how these partnerships will be a benefit to the planning project, development, and long-term management of the trail systems. Partnerships may include public agencies, environmental groups, non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, individuals or other non-governmental groups.

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This unique Board composition allows the District to coordinate with several different agencies on issues ranging from environmental impacts through economic development strategies. It also allows the District to coordinate directly with schools for educational purposes.

Besides its Board, the District coordinates with several groups throughout the Fountain Creek Corridor, including: The Greenway Fund, Colorado Springs Health Foundation, multiple trails and recreation groups, the Fountain Creek Foundation and many others.

6. IMPLEMENTATION (15 points) Describe how the planning project will lead to trail system improvements, the development of tangible trails, trailheads, amenities or recreation projects in the area. How will it demonstrate a significant improvement to community trail systems and larger connectivity throughout Colorado? How will the plan be implemented in the future? What are potential sources of funding?

Once the Master Plan is complete, the District plans on engaging various agencies, including Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Trust for Public Land (TPL), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to help secure easements for trail construction.

Concurrently, sections of trail or trailhead locations that do not have ownership issues will be prioritized for final design and construction. Partnering with nearby local municipalities, the District will continue to pursue grant funds through several agencies including GOCO, CPW, DOLA, HUD, CWCB, People for Bikes, El Pomar Foundation, the Greenway Fund and others. Also, funds from the aforementioned SDS project will be used to help with implementation and grant matches.

Ultimately, the Master Plan will be shared with all of the municipalities that are impacted by the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway as well as with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to ensure continued support for design and construction of this segment of the Colorado Front Range Trail. As projects are funded, press releases will be issued to the local communities and on the project webpage. Since many of the stakeholders comprise the District's board, all of the affected municipalities will still have a representative to help continue to identify implementation opportunities or other factors that could affect Master Planning efforts.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT & INVOLVEMENT (10 points) Public comment is mandatory for all projects. Describe the involvement of user groups and/or communities that are within the project's region. Have any potential user group conflicts been identified? If so, how will they be addressed/managed? What process(es) will trail enthusiasts use to identify key strategies and criteria to accomplish the objectives of the plan project? What stakeholders will be consulted to help decide upon objectives, strategies and criteria? How will you engage stakeholders, land agency staff and CPW wildlife staff in the planning process? Do you anticipate public opposition to this plan or its implementation? Will a professional consultant be hired?

The Project Team will host several events throughout the planning process. Given the 46 mile stretch that the Greenway spans, meetings will be held in various locations so that each community impacted can provide input. These locations could include: **Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Fountain, and Security**. Some participants of these events may help to form local advisory groups as the project progresses. A project webpage will also be built and maintained to help the MPAC and the community stay informed of the most up to date information and also provide necessary feedback and insight into the project.

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8. PLANNING PROCESS & OUTCOME (10 points) Describe the strategy for monitoring and evaluating project planning, including how success of the planning effort will be defined and measured. What tangible or measureable products will result from this planning project? List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief, specific description for each:

The planning process for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan will be a comprehensive effort that will include multiple stakeholders and private property owners. As such, it is the District's intention to hire consultants to guide and prepare the Master Plan. The following tasks and deliverables outline the proposed process.

Task 1: Forming a Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)

As previously mentioned, the District's Board is comprised of representatives from **Colorado Springs, Fountain, City and County of Pueblo, El Paso County, small municipalities in El Paso County, the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District and the Fountain Creek Watershed Citizens Advisory Group**. This group along with members of the District's Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Group will form the core of the Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC). It is anticipated that this group will meet on average of once per month for the duration of the project.

As the Master Plan progresses, smaller, more local advisory groups may be developed to help inform the District and the MPAC about opportunities and concerns that are less regional and more concentrated specific areas. An example would be including members from Colorado Springs Utilities (who own large parcels of land along Fountain Creek) to participate in discussions about the trail and connections through areas specifically in El Paso County.

Deliverables:

- *MPAC Member List and Meeting Schedule*

Task 2: Existing Conditions

The District and its consultants (Project Team) will prepare base maps that will outline some of the opportunities and constraints of proposed trail alignment options and connector spurs. These maps will identify property ownership, floodplains, recreational amenities, access, completed trail segments and other environmental considerations. This step will help the Project Team understand some of the options for trail alignments so that once the public outreach process begins the Project Team can ask and answer informed questions.

Deliverables:

- *Compilation of previous studies*
- *Project base maps*

Task 3: Public Outreach Effort / School Engagement

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Deliverables:

- *Project webpage*
- *Community contact list*
- *Interactive curriculum & youth input*
- *Opportunities and constraints map*

Task 4: Meeting with Private Property Owners

Many of the potential trail alignments are on private property. The Project Team will meet individually with all 76 potentially affected property owners to determine the willingness and impacts associated with possible trail easements. Discussions will include options for easements including fee ownership, conservation easements or permanent access easements. The District intends to obtain letters-of-intent to allow public access from all affected private property owners.

Deliverables:

- *Property owner contact list*
- *Willingness to grant easement map*
- *Letters-of-intent*

Task 5: Trail Alignment and Associated Amenities

The Project Team will finalize preferred trail alignments and connectors. This will include locations for trailheads, river access and other associated trail infrastructure. The alignment and associated amenities will be GPS located and input into GIS map layers. Should easements through select private properties not be secured, alternative trail alignments will be explored and mapped to ensure complete connectivity through the entire greenway corridor.

Deliverables:

- *Preferred alignment and associated amenities map(s)*
- *GIS data base layers*

Task 6: Project Phasing & Prioritization

Upon agreement on the preferred trail alignment and associated amenities, the Project Team and the MPAC will divide the Greenway into implementable projects based on several factors including cost, funding, engineering/permitting, connections/access, economic impact, community buy-in and property owner willingness.

Deliverables:

- *Project list*
- *Cost estimates*
- *Prioritization plan*

Task 7: Maintenance and Management Plan

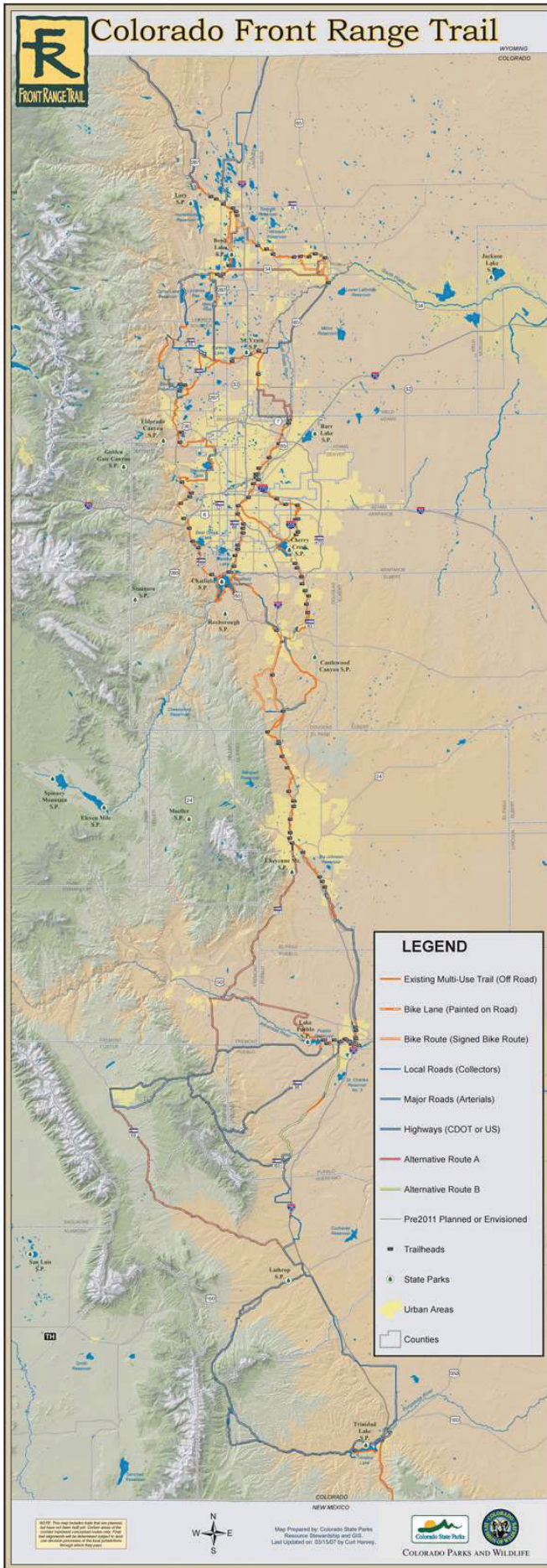
The project team will create a maintenance and management plan based on the projects identified in Task 6. This plan will detail necessary maintenance activities for the trail, trailheads, restrooms and other trail amenities. A management section will also be created to explain operational features of the trail including equestrian use, leash laws, parking restrictions, camping regulations and other activities.

Deliverables:

- *Maintenance and Management Plan*

Exhibit B
Budget Form - Project Name: Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
CPW Funds					\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	
Fountain Creek Greenway District	Jan-19					\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
City of Colorado Springs	Jan-19					\$ 53,245.00	\$ 53,245.00	
El Paso County	Jan-19					\$ 22,798.00	\$ 22,798.00	
City of Pueblo	Jan-19					\$ 12,554.00	\$ 12,554.00	
Pueblo County	Jan-19					\$ 6,277.00	\$ 6,277.00	
City of Fountain	Jan-19					\$ 3,412.00	\$ 3,412.00	
Town of Monument	Jan-19					\$ 732.00	\$ 732.00	
City of Manitou Springs	Jan-19					\$ 609.00	\$ 609.00	
Town of Palmer Lake	Jan-19					\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00	
Town of Green Mountain Falls	Jan-19					\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00	
IN-KIND								
							\$ -	
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TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 100,000.00	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 206,000.00	
[CASH] Description of Work								
	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance (should be 0)
CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Task 1: Advisory Committee Meetings	120	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	0
Task 2: Existing Conditions and Mapping	360	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00		\$ 36,000.00	0
Task 3: Public Outreach / Engagement with Schools	310	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	0
Task 4: Private Property Owners/Easement Negotiations	460	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	0
Task 5: Trail Alignment and Amenities	470	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 47,000.00		\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	0
Task 6: Project Phasing & Prioritization	220	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 22,000.00		\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	0
Task 7: Maintenance & Management Plan	120	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
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USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 100,000.00	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 206,000.00	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work								
	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance (should be 0)
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Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
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Category 3 - Materials/Tools								
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Additional Categories								
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
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IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 100,000.00	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 206,000.00	
30% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 30,000.00		



Colorado Front Range Trail

NORTH SECTION

- 85 miles completed
- 59 miles planned
- 125 miles envisioned
- 187 Proposed Road Links
- 122 Proposed Trail Links
- 419 Section Total
- 32 Trail Head Total

263 Total Miles of Trail with 32 Trailheads

MIDDLE SECTION

- 201 miles completed
- 20 miles planned
- 28 miles envisioned
- 92 Proposed Road Links
- 48 Proposed Trail Links
- 34 Section Total
- 59 Trail Head Total

249 Total Miles of Trail with 59 Trailheads

SOUTH SECTION

- 22 miles completed
- 12 miles planned
- 331 miles envisioned
- 457 Proposed Road Links
- 78 Proposed Trail Links
- 1320 Section Total
- 19 Trail Head Total

365 Total Miles of Trail with 19 Trailheads

TOTALS

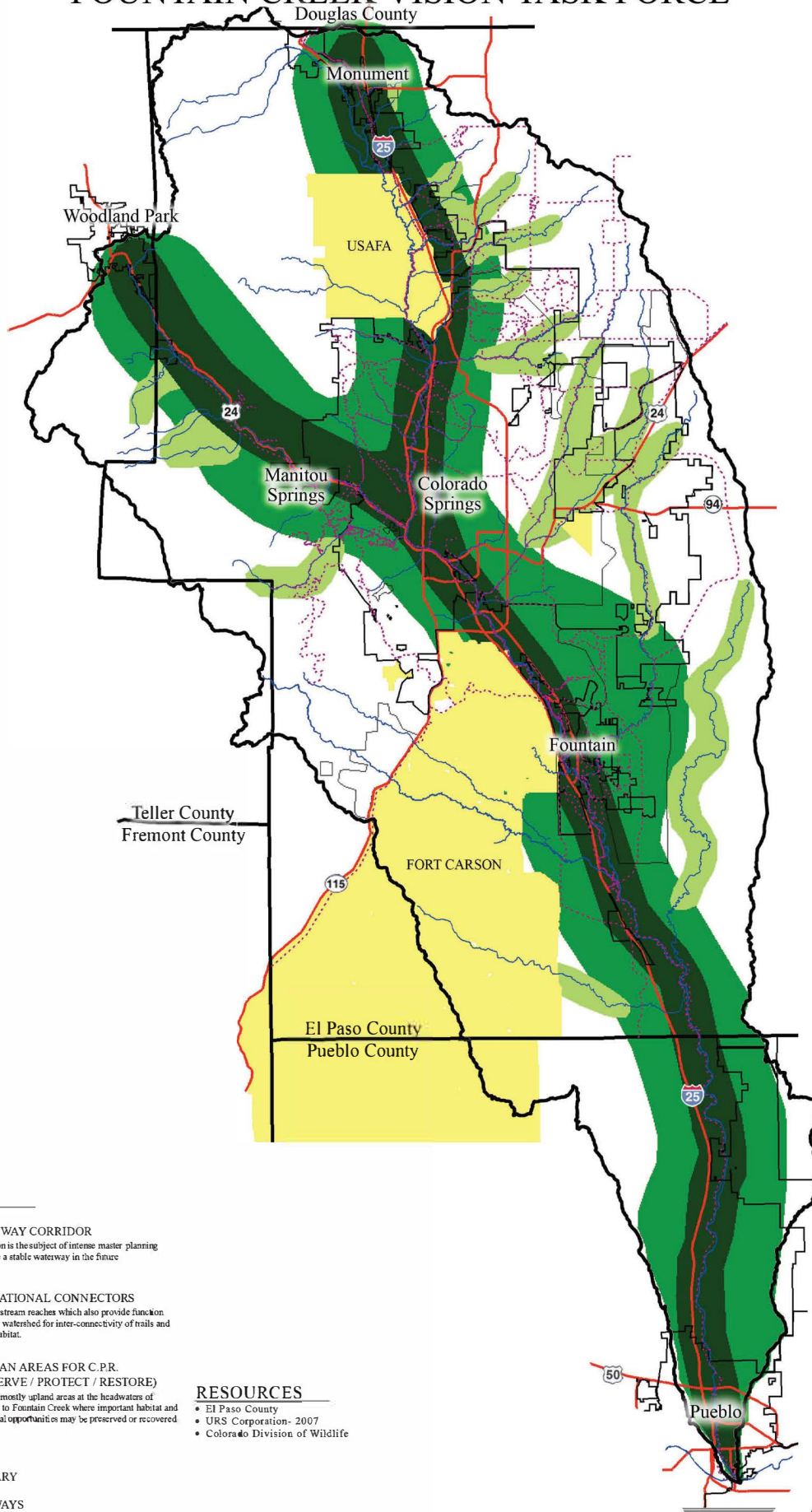
- 295 Miles Completed Trail
- 93 Miles of Planned Trail
- 488 Miles Envisioned Trail

Total Colorado Front Range Trail Miles at Completion:

876 with 110 trailheads.



FOUNTAIN CREEK VISION TASK FORCE



LEGEND

- GREENWAY CORRIDOR**
This region is the subject of intense master planning to achieve a stable waterway in the future.
- RECREATIONAL CONNECTORS**
These are stream reaches which also provide function within the watershed for inter-connectivity of trails and riparian habitat.
- RIPARIAN AREAS FOR C.P.R. (CONSERVE / PROTECT / RESTORE)**
These are mostly upland areas at the headwaters of tributaries to Fountain Creek where important habitat and recreational opportunities may be preserved or recovered.
- MILITARY**
- HIGHWAYS**
- MAJOR STREAMS**
- EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILS**

RESOURCES

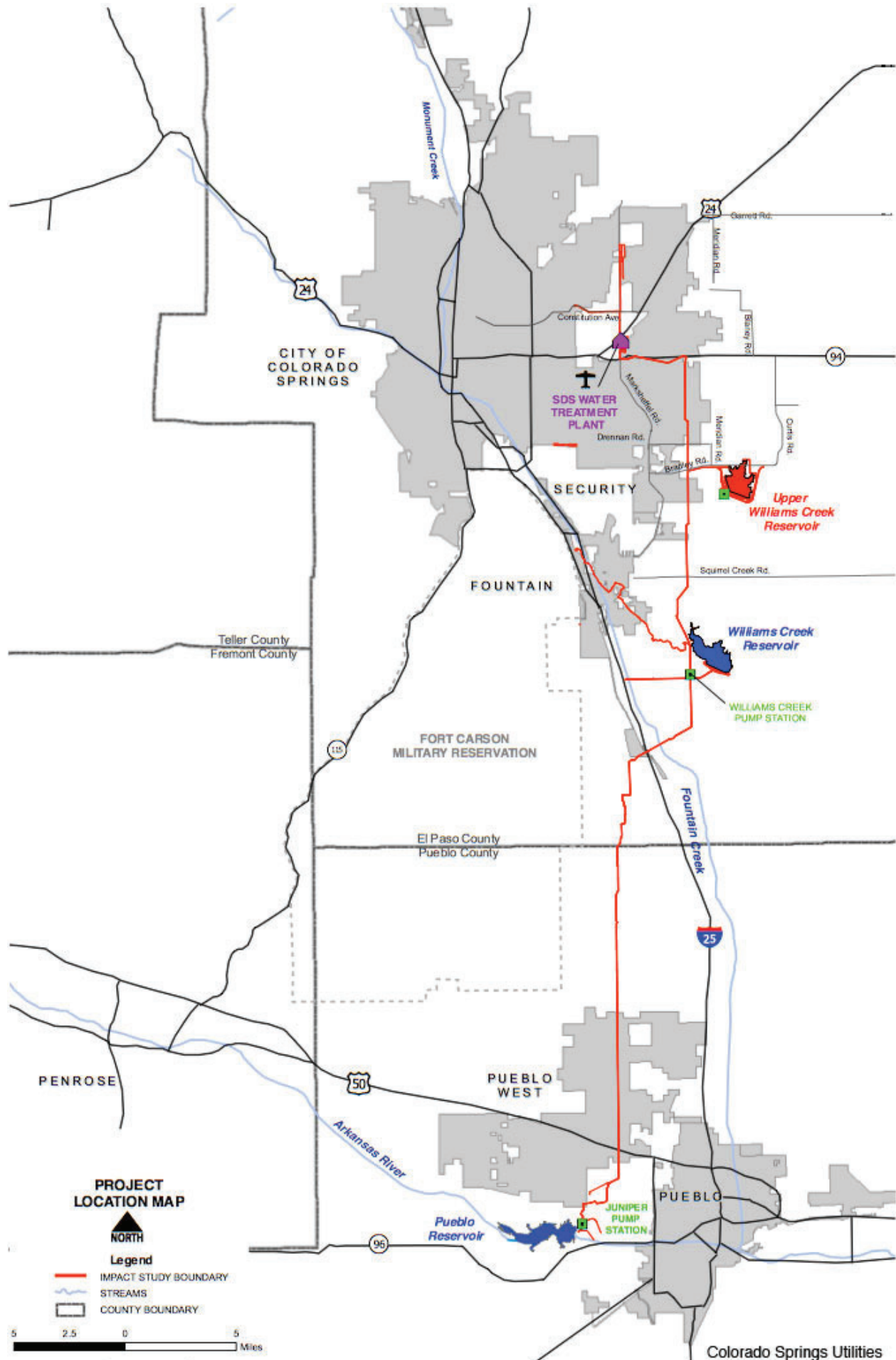
- El Paso County
- URS Corporation - 2007
- Colorado Division of Wildlife

Vision Corridor Map



Sept 26, 2008

THOMAS THOMAS



Attachment D: Aerials of the Fountain Creek Watershed and Greenway Corridor



Attachment E: Existing informal trail & clean-up event by University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) Students





RICHARD SKORMAN
Councilmember
District 3

June 12, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

Colorado Springs is pleased to endorse the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District's Grant Application for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan. We are a represented government of the District and have provided \$106,347 in 2019 to support District projects such as this.

Colorado Springs enjoys a very extensive system of trails that includes the Front Range Trail from the Town of Palmer Lake on the north to the City of Fountain on the south. Completing the Front Range Trail along the 51-miles of Fountain Creek from Colorado Springs to the Arkansas River in Pueblo represents the best opportunity to connect us to our neighbors south of Fountain and provide regional recreational opportunities for bicycling, running, fishing, tubing, kayaking and horseback riding. The District's proposed Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway is the best solution to achieving this goal.

I appreciate your support in helping the District in its efforts to improve the Fountain Creek Corridor and encourage your approval of this Grant Application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Skorman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard Skorman
President
Colorado Springs City Council



From the Desk of Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.

Board of El Paso County Commissioners

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Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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June 17, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

I am pleased to endorse the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District's Grant Application for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan.

El Paso County is a represented government of the District and have provided \$45,596 in 2019 to support District projects such as this.

El Paso County's Fountain Creek Regional Trail, starting at the El Pomar Youth Sports Complex in Colorado Springs and continuing south along Fountain Creek, through the Fountain Creek Nature Center and into Fountain Creek Regional Park is in my Commissioner District. Connecting this regional trail to the proposed Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway along the 51-miles of Fountain Creek from Colorado Springs, Colorado to the Arkansas River in Pueblo, Colorado represents an opportunity to create regional recreational opportunities and economic stimulus in one of Colorado's most historic areas.

I appreciate your support in helping the District in its efforts to improve the Fountain Creek Corridor and I encourage your approval of this Grant Application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L Gonzalez Jr'.

Longinos Gonzalez Jr, Lt Col, USAF (retired)

El Paso County Commissioner District 4

KEN SALAZAR

June 21, 2019

I am pleased to offer my support to the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District's Grant Application for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan. Since the early 1990's, I have envisioned the Fountain Creek Corridor between Colorado Springs and Pueblo as a crown jewel great outdoors opportunity for Colorado. The Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan fulfills that vision.

As a United States Senator from Colorado, I published the "Crown Jewel Paper" that encouraged the region to work together to create a "Crown Jewel" that will bring unmatched recreational opportunities, create an environment for plants and wildlife to flourish, ensure that agricultural lands remain productive, and address the flood control and water quality issues on Fountain Creek. The State Legislature created the District in in 2009. Since then, the District has provided leadership, expertise and funding for the research, development and implementation of resilient solutions to help achieve these goals.

The work that will be performed by the District under this Grant, in cooperation with its member governments and other partners, and will create a detailed master plan for completing the Front Range Trail in the Corridor to improve the recreation, scenic and environmental aspects of the Corridor by providing access to the trail and connecting the trail to the creek. The timing for this project could not be more opportune.

I appreciate your support in helping the District in its efforts to improve the Fountain Creek Corridor and encourage your approval of this Grant Application.

Respectfully,



Ken Salazar

Kennethsalazar@gmail.com

SECRETARY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
2009-2013

U.S. SENATOR
REPRESENTING COLORADO
2004-2008

ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF COLORADO
1999-2004



June 12, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

Palmer Land Trust is pleased to offer support for the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District's Grant Application for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan. The District has provided leadership, expertise, and funding for the development of a master plan that will encompass the 51-mile Fountain Creek Corridor, which stretches from Colorado Springs to the Arkansas River in Pueblo. Once optimized through this planning process, the Corridor will be a renowned community and state-wide asset, one that will be enjoyed by citizens for many years to come.

The Fountain Creek Corridor represents the very best of what defines Colorado's recreational opportunities-- bicycling, running, fishing, tubing, kayaking, horseback riding, and much more. Coupled with its proximity to the I-25 corridor, the Fountain Creek Corridor represents an opportunity to create recreational opportunities, as well as the resulting economic stimulus, in one of Colorado's most historic areas.

The District, in cooperation with its member governments and other partners, will use the grant to create a detailed master plan for completing the Front Range Trail in the Corridor. The plan's goal will be to improve the recreation, scenic, and environmental aspects of the Corridor by providing new access to the trail, as well as connecting the trail to the creek. Thanks to the District's ability to leverage partnerships with the governments of Colorado Springs, Fountain, El Paso County, Pueblo County and Pueblo, as well as many other organizations, we view this project as a potential win-win-win for all community stakeholders.

I appreciate CPW's support of the District in its efforts to improve the Fountain Creek Corridor, and I encourage its approval of this Grant Application.

Sincerely,

Ed Roberson
Conservation Director

Protecting southern Colorado's lands for present and future generations.

June 17, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

The City of Pueblo is pleased to endorse the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District's Grant Application for the Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan. We are a represented government of the District and have provided \$25,252 in 2019 to support District projects such as this.

Pueblo has a variety of parks and recreation facilities to include 24 Miles of Bicycle and Walking Trails. Most notably is Pueblo's portion of the Front Range Trail that extends from the North end of Pueblo to the southern city limits. Much of this trail is on Fountain Creek. The District's proposed Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway along the 51-mile Fountain Creek Corridor from Colorado Springs to the Arkansas River in Pueblo represents a way to create regional recreational opportunities with our neighbors in El Paso County and complete the Front Range Trail in the Corridor from Fountain to Pueblo to improve the recreation, scenic and environmental aspects of the Corridor.

I appreciate your support in helping the District in its efforts to improve the Fountain Creek Corridor and encourage your approval of this Grant Application.

Sincerely,



Nick Gradisar,
Mayor