

THE GREENWAY

CURRENT

2017





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GREETINGS!

We are excited to present and celebrate The Greenway Foundation's (TGF) 2017 Annual Report – The Greenway Current! This past year has been another year of promise, progress, activity and achievement on so many fronts!

The River Vision Implementation Plan (RVIP), first envisioned in 2007, continues to provide critically needed improvements to Denver's South Platte River and surrounding area along ten different locations up and down the entire River corridor in the City. Additionally, partnerships are in place to create new enhancements to numerous watersheds along the front range and beyond.

South Platte River Environmental Education (SPREE), TGF's youth education initiative, provided outdoor environmental learning experiences to thousands of young people throughout the Metro Denver area, ranging in age from pre-school to college-aged students during the traditional school year, summer months and weekends.

The Water Connection (TWC), TGF's water policy initiative, continues to expand TGF's involvement in areas of improved water policy and enhanced water resource endeavors. TWC engages the public, private, and political communities to create innovative programs and policies that further allow the South Platte watershed to one day realize the desired status of a "swimmable and fishable" waterway.

TGF continues to provide numerous outreach and community events to encourage Metro Denver citizens of all ages to engage with the River and its tributaries in a direct and personal manner, allowing for an increasingly healthier and more vibrant natural resource while also providing TGF with financial support that aids its mission to Revitalize Rivers and Reconnect Communities.

Finally, TGF continues to reach out to fellow River advocates throughout the Metro Denver community and beyond to become members of Friends of Greenway (FrOG), commit to TGF's Planned Giving initiative as well as other pending initiatives that will allow for critically needed ongoing and sustainable sources of support for our South Platte River Watershed.

We encourage you to take the time to enjoy The 2017 Greenway Current. We offer our heartfelt appreciation for your support of TGF's 40+ year effort to preserve, protect, enhance and engage our community's Great Natural Resources!

Onward!

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Chairman

Jeff Shoemaker
Executive Director



REVITALIZING RIVERS.

Since 1974, The Greenway Foundation (TGF) has led the effort to reclaim the South Platte River and its numerous tributaries from a virtual cesspool to a place of environmental and recreational pride.

The mission of TGF is to advance the South Platte River and its watershed as a unique environmental, recreational, cultural, scientific and historical amenity that uniquely links our community's past with its future.

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES.

THIS MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED BY

- Creating ongoing environmental and riparian enhancements
- Holding property, when needed, in conservation easements
- Utilizing the River as an outdoor and historical learning resource
- Hosting free cultural events promoting the relationship between the River and music, art and theatre
- Providing youth employment opportunities through the Greenway River Ranger program
- Promoting good stewardship through hands-on South Platte River Environmental Education (SPREE) programs
- Facilitating innovation in thought and practice by employing emerging technologies for the benefit of healthy watersheds
- Convening cross-sector partners for innovative and collaborative work for the protection and regeneration of our water resources and watersheds

PROJECTS

RIVER VISION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (RVIP)

by Michael Bouchard, Assistant Director of Design and Construction, Denver Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

CONFLUENCE DEDICATION • GLOBEVILLE LANDING PARK • HERON POND MASTER PLAN • RIVER NORTH PARK • RINO PROMENADE

CHERRY CREEK STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS

by Casey Davenhill, Watershed Coordinator

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TRAIL DESIGN PROJECT

by David Howlett and Marge Price, Capitol Representatives

CHERRY CREEK AREA GREENWAY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

by Dean Pearson, PLA, FASLA, Architerra Group, Inc

CONFLUENCE DEDICATION

The grand re-opening of Shoemaker Plaza at Confluence Park was the highlight event of 2017 for Denver's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and The Greenway Foundation (TGF). After many trials and tribulations, the City and County of Denver, along with the support of TGF and the project's dedicated contractor, ECI Site Management Inc, were able to complete this critical and historic project in the heart of the City and at the very birthplace of Denver. On a glorious October day, Mayor Michael B. Hancock and other project stakeholders cut the ribbon on the renovated Plaza with hundreds of supporters cheering from the new concrete terraces in one of the greatest celebrations in recent River history.



PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improved bike and pedestrian flow
- Better access to the River
- Series of vibrant new gathering spaces along the South Platte

BY THE NUMBERS

Construction Budget

\$9,500,000 (originally \$4,250,000)

Construction Schedule

Spring 2015 – Fall 2017



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Grand re-opening of Shoemaker Plaza!
- Restoration of the lawn terrace at Confluence East after the flooding of 2015

GLOBEVILLE LANDING PARK

As one of the first parks built along the South Platte River in the late 1970s, Globeville Landing Park is being redesigned and updated for the 21st century. The new park design converts portions of a concrete parking lot into a major water quality feature: a 600' open channel lined with native vegetation. This piece of green infrastructure will provide water quality services for runoff from a large portion of northeast Denver.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Channel lined with vegetation to provide water quality services for runoff
- Channel providing educational function, explaining that what happens to stormwater in a city directly affects water quality in a downstream River
- Upgrades to the regional trail
- Better access to the River
- New playground & climbing wall
- Improved picnic & gathering areas



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Environmental cleanup and site preparation
- Construction of storm water infrastructure & water quality basin

BY THE NUMBERS

Construction Budget
\$5,500,000

Construction Schedule
Fall 2018 – Summer 2019

UP NEXT IN 2018

- Completion of storm water & water quality infrastructure
- Breaking ground for park construction!

HERON POND MASTER PLAN

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC) are leading an effort to re-envision ~80 acres of city property and existing open space within and around Heron Pond. This community-driven effort will develop a plan for future recreation amenities and provide the opportunity for residents to engage with nature along the River.

The Heron Pond Master Plan will shape ideas for how the property can:

- Improve wildlife habitat, community access and safety
- Enhance connections to the South Platte River corridor and surrounding neighborhoods
- Unify Heron Pond Natural Area, Heller Open Space, Carpio-Sanguinette and adjacent city properties

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed Heron Park Master Plan

BY THE NUMBERS

Construction Budget
TBD

Construction Schedule
TBD



The first phase of construction will include improvements to the banks of the River and provide better connections to the existing Greenway trail infrastructure as well as other important improvements.

UP NEXT IN 2018

- Phase 1 detailed design & construction documents
- Budgeting for Phase 1 Construction

RIVER NORTH PARK

River North Park (Park) is designed to be integrated seamlessly with its adjacent neighborhoods. The Park will reconnect the urban neighborhood to the Greenway corridor, the ecology of the River and the regional trail system. The Park will have standard programmatic elements (fields, playground, gathering spaces) but the design and material selection will express the neighborhood's contemporary aesthetic. The design takes an adaptive reuse approach to the existing buildings, transforming them into flexible spaces for community gatherings, cultural programming and even a public art studio 'Maker's Space.' The RiNo Arts District's engagement with the Park will result in an experience unlike anything else in Denver.

BY THE NUMBERS

Construction Budget
\$6,000,000

Construction Schedule
Summer 2018 – Summer 2019



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Secured additional funding to construct entire park
- Solicited proposals from partners to operate on-site buildings to activate park

UP NEXT IN 2018

Construction begins!

RINO PROMENADE

The RiNo Promenade (Promenade) is envisioned as a linear walkway along the east bank of the South Platte River in the River North Neighborhood. The Promenade will use a 6-8 block stretch of the existing Arkins Court Right-of-Way to create a series of spaces, including:

- an Urban Residential stretch
- a Park and Open Space segment
- a Mixed-Use/Entertainment zone which will include food/beverage and arts/cultural uses

The Promenade is intended to blend with adjacent land uses, blurring the edges to create a seamless pedestrian experience along with a lively and interesting corridor to walk, sit, eat and be entertained, all in the heart of Denver's funkiest neighborhood overlooking the South Platte River Greenway.



BY THE NUMBERS

Construction Budget
\$5,500,000 (Phase 1)

Construction Schedule
TBD



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed conceptual design for entire 8 blocks
- Held three Public + Stakeholder Meetings with hundreds of attendees
- Secured GO Bond funding for Phase 1 Construction

UP NEXT IN 2018

Complete design and Phase 1 construction documents!

CHERRY CREEK STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS

The Cherry Creek Corridor is a lively, natural open space with native grasses, forbs and shrubs, and home to hundreds of bird, insect, reptile and mammal species. For nearly 20 years, the Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners' (CCSP) mission has been to engage area residents to become active stewards for the Cherry Creek Watershed. The CCSP has been at the center of some of the most innovative stormwater and flood control projects in Colorado, bringing students of all ages and area residents out to the Creek to learn the history and ecology of the Cherry Creek watershed.



17-Mile House Farm Park is a prominent open space park along the Cherry Creek that hosts many programs. In 2017, events hosted at the park by CCSP included:

- Bringing 500+ school age students and their parents to explore the cultural and natural history as seen through the lens of an 1860's era farm
- The CCSP's Annual Fall Festival, which connects thousands of local residents with their farming heritage
- Monthly open-house events with tours of the House and barn

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY GREENWAY TRAIL DESIGN PROJECT

The Greenway Foundation (TGF) is the Project Manager for the Clear Creek County Greenway Trail Design Project. 2017 has been a great year for the project with several sections of the trail project moving forward to final design. The entire 14 mile section of the Creek, from Hidden Valley west to the town of Empire, has witnessed the completion of preliminary design and environmental clearance. Collaboration between Clear Creek County, the Clear Creek Greenway Authority, TGF, and the design and engineering consultants has allowed the Clear Creek Greenway Trail to increase its opportunity to become an even bigger asset for the county, the region and the state.



UP NEXT IN 2018

Fundraising for several ready-to-go projects will move forward!



CHERRY CREEK AREA GREENWAY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Cherry Creek Area Business Alliance and its partners – Denver Parks and Recreation and The Greenway Foundation – conducted a planning study to create a vision to activate the Cherry Creek Greenway between University Blvd and Colorado Blvd.

THE PLAN RECOMMENDS IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL:

- Provide clear and convenient connections from the Greenway to the surrounding community and vice versa for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Make the trail more enjoyable and safer for the variety of daily users
- Activate the parks along the Greenway
- Enhance the character of the Greenway, i.e. urban above and natural below



THE WATER CONNECTION



THE WATER CONNECTION OVERVIEW

APPLIED INNOVATION • WATERWAYS AND ECONOMICS • POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION

ENVIRONMENTAL POOL & CHATFIELD REALLOCATION PROJECT

CLEAN RIVER DESIGN CHALLENGE

GREENWAY UNTAPPED

THE WATER CONNECTION OVERVIEW

THE WATER CONNECTION (TWC) is the water resources and policy initiative of The Greenway Foundation, fostering civic action and technological innovation for resilient Colorado watersheds. TWC brings academic, industrial, environmental and governmental leaders together as a catalyst for innovative and collaborative work. TWC is a place for ideas and projects to take hold, moving beyond thinking to action by facilitating and implementing tangible and visible projects.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2017

- Fulfilled Environmental Pool Funding Challenge
- Developed new collaborations for urban watershed health
- Expanded impact of program by joining Metro Roundtable
- Launched economic study on Denver's waterways
- Expanded Clean River Design Challenge, introducing 2 new universities and 5 new partners



APPLIED INNOVATION

TWC moves beyond thinking to action with projects such as trash removal, increased flow in the river and providing resources and outlets for demonstration of new products and practices.

UP NEXT IN 2018

- Continue coordinating with the City and County of Denver for the acquisition and installation of innovative and effective devices for the prevention and removal of trash and other storm water pollutants.
- Continue working with partners to implement a pilot project for in-stream waterway trash removal device in Cherry Creek.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2017

- TWC "pitched" the problem of urban waterway trash to innovators and entrepreneurs at the "Tap-In" event that was sponsored by the Colorado Water Conservation Board to facilitate solutions to complex environmental problems. The result? A connection between TWC and a start-up business owner that has resulted in a pilot project testing a new stormwater filtration device.
- Developed partnerships allowing initiation of construction of a prototype in-stream waterway trash removal device.

WATERWAYS AND ECONOMICS

The economic benefits of resource systems such as our water resources and urban waterways are often overlooked, and not considered holistically in development, infrastructure and financing policy decisions. TWC seeks to provide tools, independent analysis and experiences that support a greater understanding of this connection.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2017



- Initiated a Return on Investment Study, evaluating ROI of improvements in the Denver sections of the South Platte River and Cherry Creek.
- Working to connect innovative Triple Bottom Line analysis tools for use on projects which could impact the watershed.

POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION

All water in a watershed moves through a cycle of use and reuse in a closed system. This closed system reflects the concept of “One Water.” TWC is working with cities, utilities, businesses, environmentalists and the agriculture community to protect water resources and advance dialogue and progress around this One Water System.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2017

- Expanded impact of program by joining Metro Roundtable as At-Large Representative implementing the Colorado Water Plan
- Member of One Water Task Force for City and County of Denver
- Continued community engagement through participation on Denver’s Sustainability Advisory Council

UP NEXT IN 2018

Continue engagement through these and other forums for advancing holistic and progressive water resource projects and practices with a focus on action

ENVIRONMENTAL POOL & CHATFIELD REALLOCATION PROJECT



FUNDING PARTICIPANTS IN THE 250 AF OF STORAGE IN CHATFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL POOL

City and County of Denver
Walton Family Foundation
Adams County
Arapahoe County Open Space
Weld County
Gates Family Foundation
City of Englewood
City of Littleton
Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
South Suburban Parks & Recreation
The Greenway Foundation
The Colorado Parks Foundation
The Shoemaker Family
Denver Trout Unlimited
City of Sheridan
Columbine Valley
South Metro Land Conservancy
Capitol Representatives
Evan and Kim Ela

The expansion of Chatfield Reservoir through the Chatfield Reallocation Project allows the reservoir to store more water for use by growing cities in the metro area and farmers in northeastern Colorado. Through the work of The Greenway Foundation (TGF), Denver Water, and many funding partners, 2,100 acre feet (AF) of this additional storage will be designated as an Environmental Pool, for release into the river at critical times during the year for the benefit of fish, habitat and the river ecosystems. This project is a model of watershed management that can be replicated in other Colorado basins.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

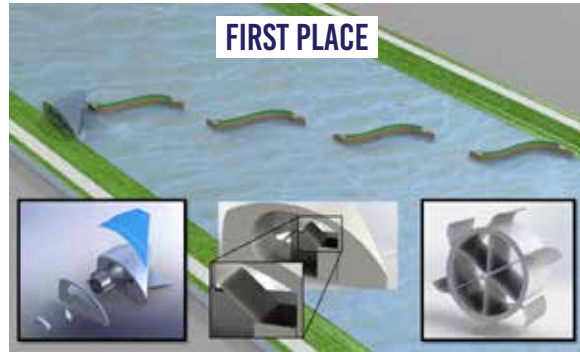
TWC/TGF met the fundraising challenge for 250 AF in Chatfield Environmental Pool, which will be matched by 250 AF funded by Denver Water, increasing the potential size of the pool to 2,100 AF.



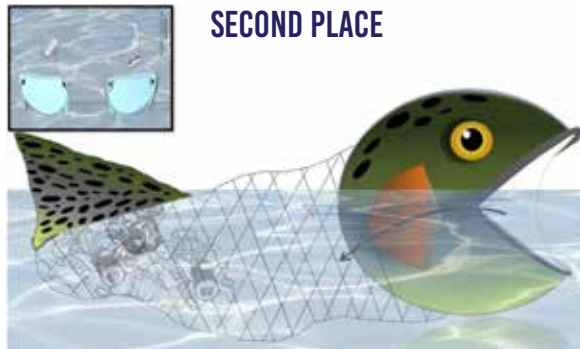
UP NEXT IN 2018

TWC will lead a stakeholder process to develop governance guidance for the Chatfield Environmental Pool.

CLEAN RIVER DESIGN CHALLENGE



Team Dream Stream from Colorado School of Mines



MSU Trash Getters from Metro State University



Go with the Flow from Colorado School of Mines

In 2017, teams of students from local universities were tasked with designing an in-stream trash removal device for Cherry Creek. Eight teams from three different institutions participated in Round 1, and three winners were selected!

All eight teams are invited to Round 2 in the spring, **BUILDING A SCALED MODEL OF THEIR DESIGNS** for testing at the US Bureau of Reclamation Hydraulics Lab in Lakewood, CO.



SPONSORS

Denver Water, Denver Department of Public Health and Environment, ECI Construction, DHM Design, Wright Water Engineers, STEAM on the Platte

JUDGING PANEL

Confluence Kayaks, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Denver Department of Public Health and Environment, ECI Construction, DHM Design, CDM Smith, Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment, US Bureau of Reclamation

GREENWAY UNTAPPED

Greenway Untapped is a series of thematic happy hour events put on by The Greenway Foundation (TGF) through the The Water Connection (TWC) initiative, focusing on water-related environmental topics connected to Colorado waterways. Individuals are invited to engage and network about TGF and TWC, their urban waterways, and current environmental opportunities and challenges within our community.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS GREENWAY UNTAPPED: CLIMATE CHANGE

- Partnered event with One World One Water
- Panel of experts from Metro State University and Denver Water
- Over 70 attendees came to learn about how climate change will impact water in Colorado!



UP NEXT IN 2018

We have even more learning happy hours planned for 2018. Come out and join us for these fun events!

SPREE PROGRAMS

(SOUTH PLATTE RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION)



SPREE EXCURSIONS
SUMMER CAMP
JUNIOR RIVER RANGERS
HOLIDAY CAMP
SPREE CAMPOUTS
WEEKEND FAMILY EVENTS
HIGH SCHOOL RIVER RANGERS
GREENWAY LEADERSHIP CORPS





SPREE EXCURSIONS



OVERVIEW

South Platte River Environmental Education (SPREE) Excursions provide an opportunity for Denver’s urban children to get outdoors, have fun, and discover “nature in their own back yard”. Seven grade-specific Excursions are offered for students in preschool - 5th grade. Each year, students visit a different Denver park along the South Platte River to learn through games, exploration and investigation. These school-year field trips are also aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards to build upon the learning objectives of the classroom. Children leave the program excited about nature and inspired to care for their parks and River.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Nearly 6,000 students participated in a SPREE Excursion in 2017
- 145 Excursions were run in 2017 = Over 500 hours of environmental education
- 13 elementary schools partnered with SPREE to bring all of their students on an Excursion
- The 4th grade Excursion program returned to the newly renovated Grant Frontier Park!

UP NEXT IN 2018

- Increasing capacity to serve nearly 7,000 students in 2018
- Hallett Academy will become the 14th elementary school to partner with SPREE to bring all of their students on an Excursion each year
- The Kindergarten Excursion program will be run at the newly renovated Pasquinel’s Landing Park

“Thank you for teching us so much about nachere. It means so much to me.

IT WAS SO FUN!”

LETTER FROM 2ND GRADER AT JOE SHOEMAKER SCHOOL

“This truly was the
**BEST GUIDED
FIELDWORK**

I have experienced in my
10 years of teaching!”

2ND/3RD GRADE TEACHER
JOE SHOEMAKER SCHOOL

**“THESE ACTIVITIES
WERE WONDERFUL.**

They were very active and
tied directly into a lot of
our standards.”

2ND GRADE TEACHER
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY

“You guys have the
**BEST FIELD TRIP IN
THE CITY.**

Nice work. You all
deserve an award!”

1ST GRADE TEACHER
CORY ELEMENTARY



FRIENDS OF GREENWAY

Become a Friend of Greenway (FrOG) by signing up for a recurring monthly donation to TGF. Your donation will help support TGF's mission to "Revitalize Rivers and Reconnect Communities."

IMPACT OF YOUR MONTHLY GIVING

- \$1** per month Sends a student on a unique Riverside field trip
- \$5** per month Supports the ongoing reclamation of the South Platte River Watershed
- \$10** per month Gives a deserving student a scholarship to attend camp
- \$20** per month Sends an entire class on a grade-specific field trip
- \$50** per month Ensures the future of TGF's ability to restore rivers and reconnect communities
- \$100** per month Employs a high school educator for a month



PERKS OF BECOMING A FrOG!

STREAM SAVERS

(\$20 and below per month)

- TGF Sticker
- Early access to Summer Camp registration
- Early Event Registration for Spring & Fall RiverSweep

CREEK CRUSADERS

(\$21-50 per month)

- All Stream Savers benefits
- 25% state income tax credit (for Colorado Residents)

RIVER RESCUERS

(\$50+ per month)

- All Creek Crusaders benefits
- Special recognition in TGF's Annual Report
- An invite to the invitation-only Reception on the River

YOUR DONATIONS HELP OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO

- Create park, trail, water quality, habitat, and recreational improvements along Denver's urban waterways.
- Provide award-winning youth education and employment programs to children and young adults.
- Produce unique and engaging community events along the River and its tributaries for citizens of all ages.
- Support the advancement of innovation and collaborative water resource management for the benefit of the South Platte River watershed.

OTHER WAYS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

DONATE YOUR CAR

Wondering what to do with your used car or truck? You can donate your vehicle today! We will arrange to have your donation towed, and provide you with a tax-deductible receipt, all at no charge to you. Call 1-866-628-2277 to get started.

DONATE WHEN YOU SHOP

Looking for another way to support TGF? Go to smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to The Greenway Foundation. Use your same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.



Learn more at www.GreenwayFoundation.org/Donate



SUMMER CAMP



OVERVIEW

South Platte River Environmental Education (SPREE) summer day camps offer 10 week-long sessions where Denver kids get active, get outside and learn throughout the summer. Every week has a unique theme that ties to our City's urban environment, nature, and the South Platte River. Students entering 1st- entering 5th grade love coming year after year to SPREE's adventure-filled camps for experiments, games, hands-on learning, and exploring!

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Three camp locations: SPREE HQ, Cherry Creek Train & Joe Shoemaker School (JSS)
- Nearly 1,000 children attended camp in 2017
- Expanded capacity at JSS & SPREE HQ camps
- Record number of scholarships awarded to Denver kids in 2017



“This is the best camp I have ever done! I can’t wait to come back!”

- CAMPER



“I bought workbooks for the summer to keep her mind sharp this summer, but we didn’t need them. She learns something new here every day- and is having so much fun she doesn’t even realize it!”

- PARENT





JUNIOR RIVER RANGERS



The Junior River Ranger (JRR) program offers former South Platte River Environmental Education (SPREE) campers the opportunity to become young leaders and educators at SPREE camp programs while continuing to learn and have fun! These talented middle school students use their experience as campers to mentor younger kids, lead by example, and assist camp staff. They receive training and mentoring from staff over the course of the two week summer program to set goals, hone leadership skills, and even teach a lesson to the SPREE campers.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- 28 program participants
- JRRs received leadership training, mentoring, career exposure, and teaching experience

“HE CAME HOME SO EMPOWERED!”
- JRR PARENT

“ONE OF THE ONLY PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS THAT OFFERS HIGH-QUALITY CARE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT”
- JRR PARENT

UP NEXT IN 2018

Expanding capacity in 2018 to allow for 3 JRRs at each week-long camp session.



“I LOVED HELPING THE TEACHERS & CAMPERS. I GAINED SELF-CONFIDENCE.”
- JUNIOR RIVER RANGER



HOLIDAY CAMP



OVERVIEW

Holiday camps are held on days when Denver Public Schools has scheduled days off of school. Kids love coming to a day of camp during the school year. They get active with hands-on learning experiences that supplement what they are learning in school.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- 14 days over 2016-17 school year
- 15 days over 2017-18 school year
- Each holiday camp has its own unique themes and activities

SPREE CAMPOUTS



FAMILY WEEKEND EVENTS

The Greenway Foundation (TGF) has the unique opportunity to host the only overnight campouts allowed within the City of Denver. These events provide Denver's urban children and families with opportunities to set up tents, cook outdoors, and sleep under the stars in a setting that is familiar and easily accessible. In 2017, TGF held two campouts at Johnson Habitat Park (JHP) - one for families of South Platte River Environmental Education (SPREE) summer campers, and one for families from the Westwood neighborhood.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- 19 youth and 12 adults participated in the Westwood Family Campout in July 2017.
- SPREE hosted its 4th annual campout with 24 attendees during the last weekend of July 2017.

UP NEXT IN 2018

Three campouts will be hosted at Johnson Habitat Park in the summer of 2018!



2017 was a great year for our five SPREE (South Platte River Environmental Education) Family Events: Art on the River, Family Fishing Day, Pioneering on the Platte, and our two Family RiverSweeps. Families were able to create art, learn how to fish, re-enact life as a pioneer, and take care of our parks! Thank you to our 2017 sponsors and partners: Publication Printers, Xcel Energy, Riverfront Park Community Foundation, Denver Department of Parks and Recreation, Denver Public Works, and Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK).



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Pioneering on the Platte was able to return to the newly renovated Grant Frontier Park
- Largest turnout at Family Fishing Day ever
- Families donated over 150 hours of work to Denver parks



UP NEXT IN 2018

- We are very excited to announce Art on the River will be returning to Confluence Park!
- Check out our Calendar of 2018 Events on the back page of the Current!

HIGH SCHOOL RIVER RANGERS

INTERNSHIP

The Greenway River Ranger program is designed for high school students to develop their leadership and communication skills, as well as knowledge of the environment and environmental education. Students in the school-year internship participate in 4 excursions, 1 day of holiday camp, and attend 2 GLC events. In 2017, the program expanded to now include students from two Denver high schools.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

- 6 high school students hired as environmental educators
- Program includes hands-on teaching experience, leadership development, and daily environmental education professional development workshops



GREENWAY LEADERSHIP CORPS



OVERVIEW

The Greenway Leadership Corps (GLC) is a youth program offering outdoor adventures, stewardship projects, and professional and personal development for high school students. To decrease barriers to students who do not usually have access to such activities, our monthly events are always free and no previous experience is necessary.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- More partnerships with local youth organizations
- Average of 4.5 more participants at each event
- One third of participants have attended more than one event

EVENTS

CH2M SPRING RIVERSWEEP PRESENTED BY NOBLE ENERGY, DAVITA & THE NATURE CONSERVANCY ON COMCAST CARES DAY

FALL RIVERSWEEP PRESENTED BY NOBLE ENERGY & L.L. BEAN

COORS LIGHT SOUTH PLATTE RIVERFEST PRESENTED BY ELITCH GARDENS

CDM SMITH RECEPTION ON THE RIVER PRESENTED BY MILLERCOORS

BLUE MOON AFTER PARTY ON THE BRIDGE PRESENTED BY THE FANG LAW FIRM

NOBLE ENERGY GALA ON THE BRIDGE PRESENTED BY REVESCO PROPERTIES & MILLERCOORS



CH2M SPRING RIVERSWEEP

PRESENTED BY NOBLE ENERGY, DAVITA &
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY ON COMCAST CARES DAY

FALL RIVERSWEEP

PRESENTED BY NOBLE ENERGY & L.L. BEAN

Spring RiverSweep fell on Earth Day this year (April 22) and over 450 volunteers came out to help the South Platte River. Fall RiverSweep (September 23rd) had over 125 volunteers. Volunteers removed plant debris, repaired crusher fine trails, repaired/painted park fixtures, and removed trash from our local parks. In total, over 1,200 hours were donated to the parks over the course of these two events!



We also hosted several volunteer days for smaller groups throughout the year. If you or your organization would like to know more about volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Volunteer and Events Coordinator Lauren Berent at lauren@greenwayfoundation.org.

COORS LIGHT SOUTH PLATTE RIVERFEST PRESENTED BY ELITCH GARDENS



For the fifth consecutive year, this two-day, family-focused festival was Denver's premier urban river celebration! The 2017 Coors Light South Platte RiverFest presented by Elitch Gardens attracted attendees of all ages to Confluence Park for free standup paddleboard (SUP) demos, live music, children's activities, and numerous food trucks and vendors. Originateve also returned, and with the help of festival-goers, built a sculpture of a beaver with recycled cans! South Platte RiverFest provides an opportunity to explore water focused recreational activities right in the heart of our city.



UP NEXT IN 2018

With the recent completion of the renovation of Shoemaker Plaza, RiverFest 2018 will return to the waterfront!

Over
2,000
participants in
**SUP, CLIMBING
WALL & SLACKLINE**
activities

24 HOURS
of live music
including
14 BANDS & 2 DJs
on 2 stages

SUP
WHITEWATER
slalom & flatwater
RACES



CDM SMITH RECEPTION ON THE RIVER

PRESENTED BY MILLERCOORS

The CDM Smith Reception on the River is an annual celebration of The Greenway Foundation's ongoing efforts to reclaim, enhance and preserve Denver's urban waterways. While raising funds for The Water Connection, leaders in the business, political, environmental and water communities attend each year to discuss the ongoing challenges and opportunities that face Denver's greatest natural resources - its urban waterways. Held near the banks of the River at Centennial Gardens, noted civic leaders attend as featured speakers to provide their perspective on the significance of the South Platte River and its tributaries to the environmental and economic vitality of Denver.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017's featured speaker Dr. Anthony A. Frank, President of Colorado State University and Chancellor of the Colorado State University System
- Largest attendance to date, over 400 attendees

UP NEXT IN 2018

Keep an eye out for our plans for an exciting new venue in 2018 - it promises to be the best yet!



BLUE MOON AFTER PARTY ON THE BRIDGE

PRESENTED BY THE FANG LAW FIRM

After Party on the Bridge is The Greenway Foundation's highest attended fundraising party each year, taking place on the historic 19th Street Bridge over the South Platte River. The Blue Moon After Party aims to raise awareness among lovers of the River of the ongoing efforts of TGF to reclaim, enhance and preserve Denver's urban waterways. The Blue Moon After Party features live music, DJ's, cocktails, local restaurants and food trucks, silent disco, and always a surprise or two!



2017 HIGHLIGHT

A surprise performance by Denver-based percussion-centered electronic performance band, Itchy-O, made the night one to remember.

UP NEXT IN 2018

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The Noble Energy Gala on the Bridge presented by Revesco Properties and MillerCoors is The Greenway Foundation's signature fundraising event, held on the 19th Street Historic Pedestrian Bridge over the South Platte River in the Central Platte Valley. This evening offers stunning views of the River with attendees enjoying live music, cocktails, dinner and celebrating the annual Hero of the River Award winner.



HERO OF THE RIVER

2017 Hero of the River- Jon Kahn, the owner of Confluence Kayaks which is celebrating it's 20th anniversary this year.

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