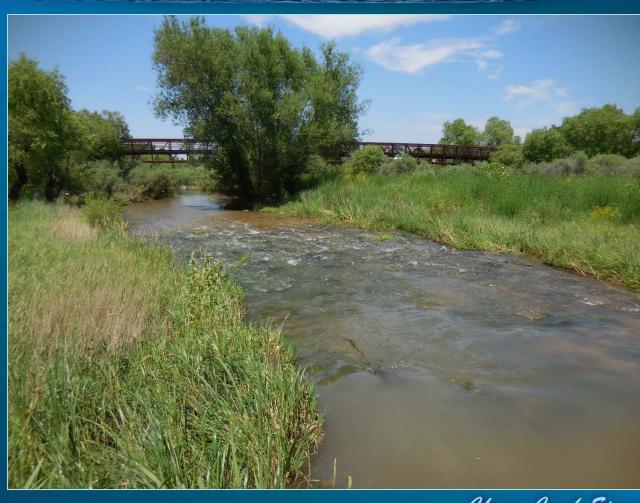
# Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park Improvement Project

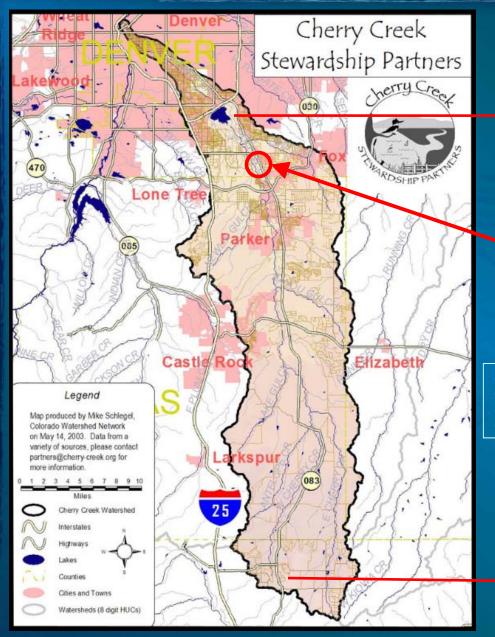


## **Project Location**



Park Area = 75 acres, Reach Length = 5,100 feet

### **Cherry Creek Watershed**



Cherry Creek Res.

**Project Location** 

- Drainage Basin Area = 350 sq mi
- 100-yr Flow Rate = 47,000 cfs

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# Cherry Creek Regional Trail System



**Cherry Creek Trai** 



-Cherry Ck Regional Trail = 42 mi -Eco Park Trails = 12,000 ft, 2 trailheads Cherry Creek Stream Reclamation



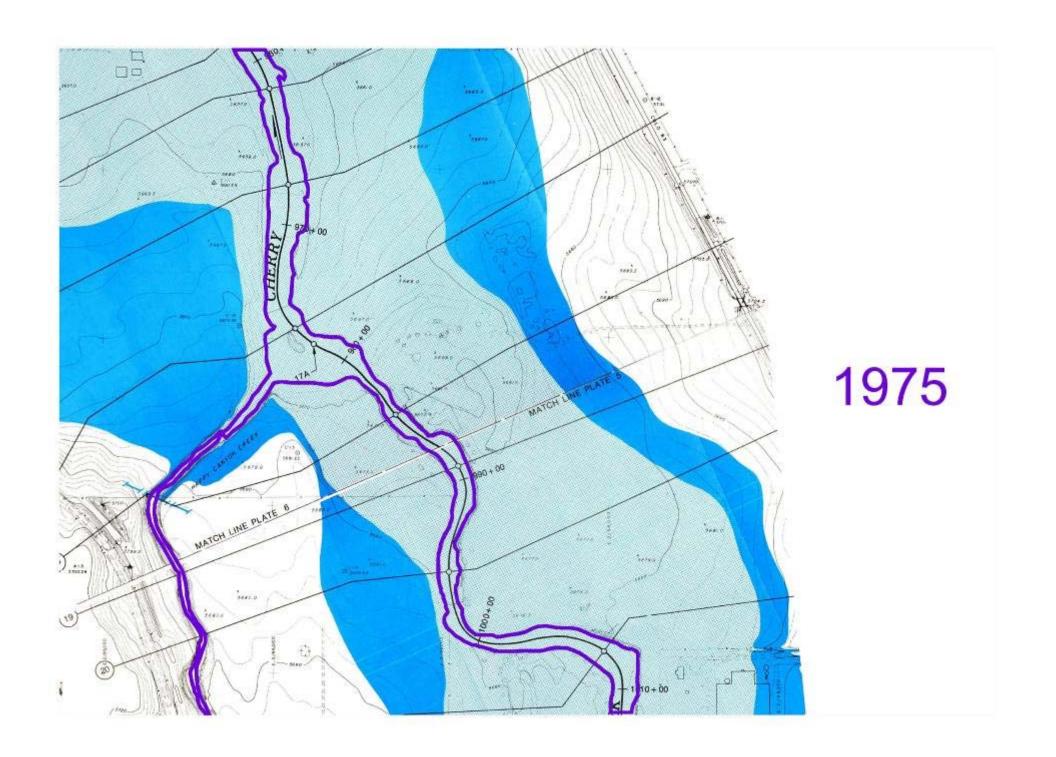








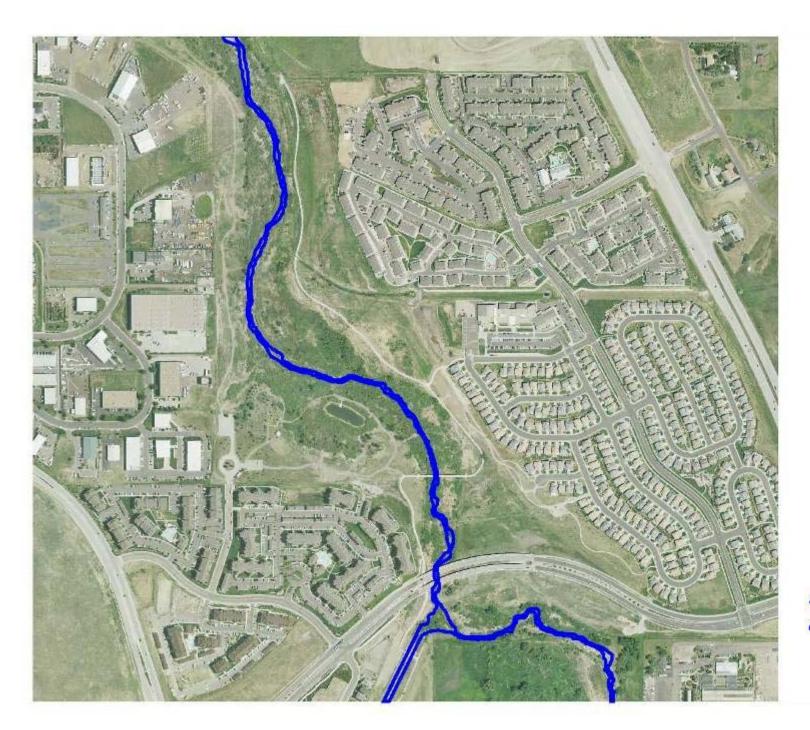


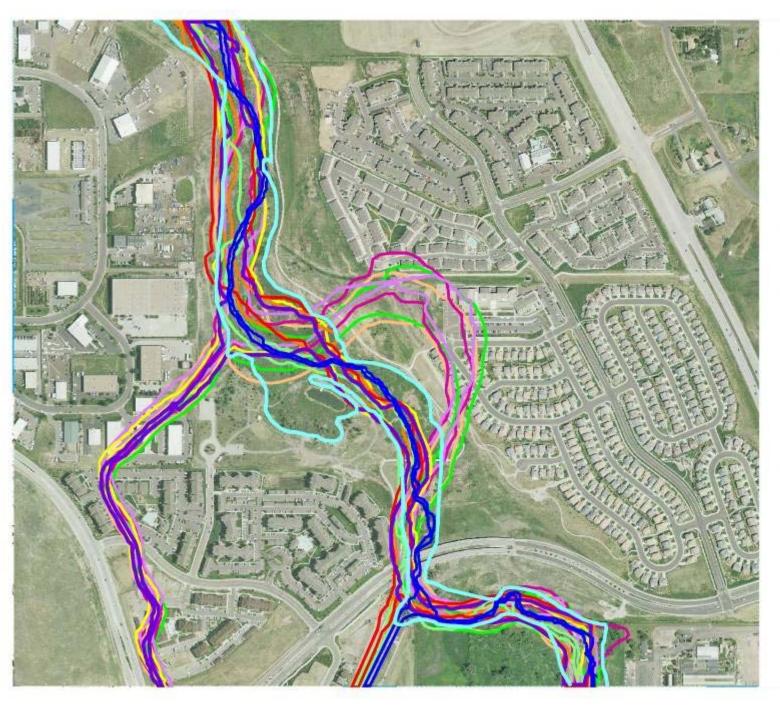


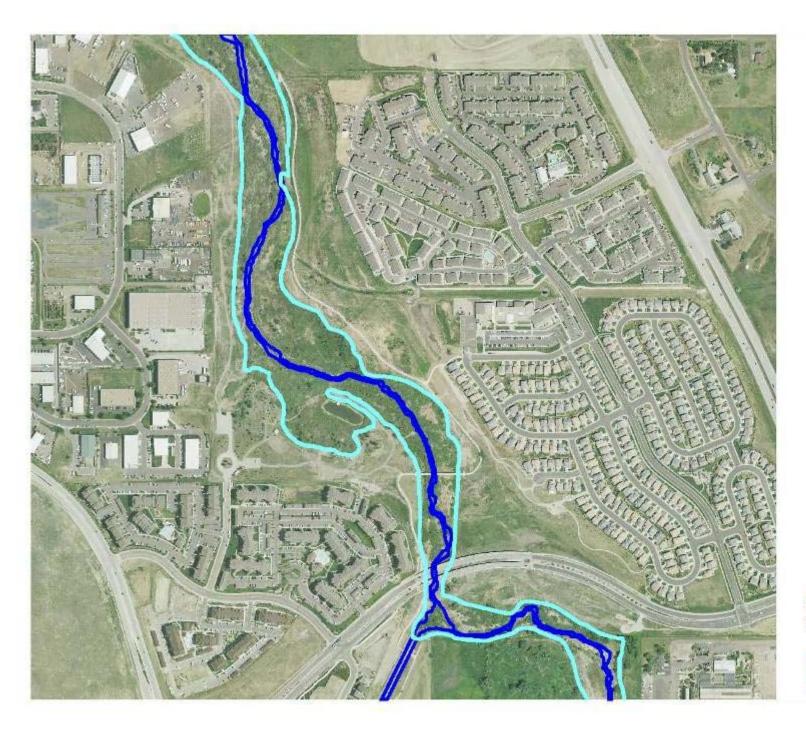






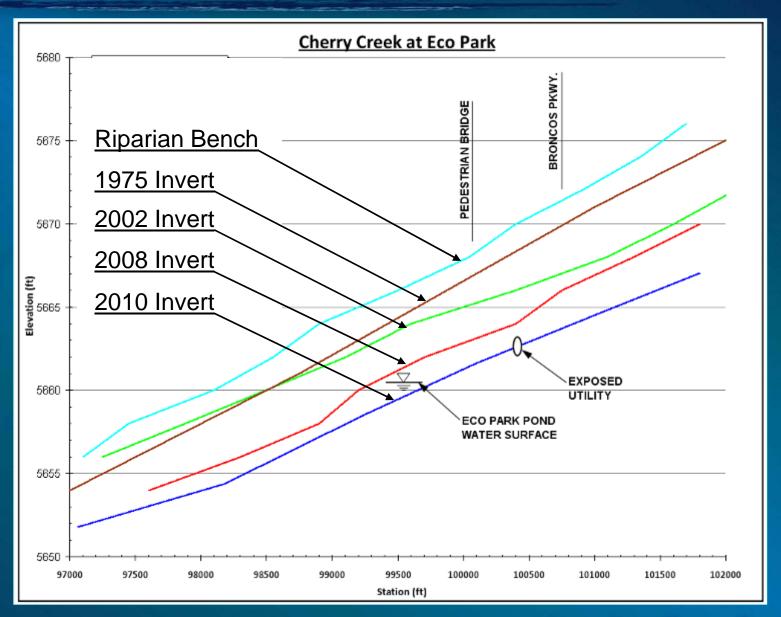






2007 Bench

## Project Reach History





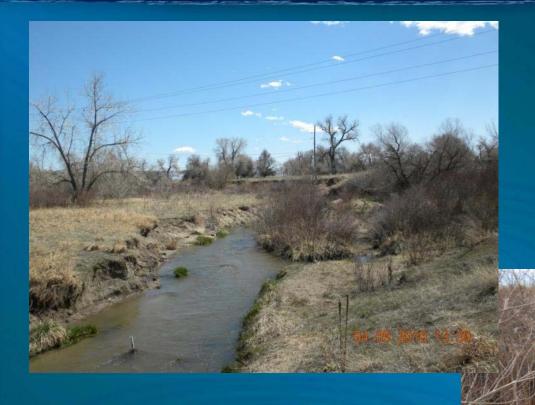
Continual Downcutting
Caused by Development





More Downcutting...





More Downcutting...

Trash/Debris in Stream





More Downcutting...

**Exposed Utilities** 





More Downcutting...

**Eroded Tributaries** 





Stressed/Dying Vegetation







Pond suffering from lowered water table

**Establish Project Vision** 



### **Holistic Definition**

...the significance of the parts can only be understood in terms of their contribution to the significance of the whole; the idea that the whole is more than merely the sum of its parts...

What type of project do you want? What tools can help shape the project?

#### **Building a Team**



























Who is already on the team? How can we make the rest of the team better?

#### **Partnering**



### Holistic Partnering Definition

...a close group of people who have developed a trusting relationship, who enjoy working together, and who are passionate and persistent about working on projects that take care of the community and surrounding environment until the project is successfully completed...

How much time, energy, and effort is needed to meet the project vision?

### **Project Funding**

#### **Funding Partners**

- >SEMSWA = \$1,885,000
- ➤ Arapahoe County = \$1,300,000
- >CCBWQA = \$955,000
- >UDFCD = \$885,000
- >PJMD = \$14,000
- >CCSP = \$8,000 (silent auction and match)



#### Total Cost = \$5,047,000

#### **Funding Categories**

- ➤ Cherry Ck. Channel Stabilization = 39%
- ➤ Water Quality = 28%
- > Education = 17%
- ➤ Tributary Stabilization = 17%

How do you stretch that budget?

What are your team members willing to do to git r done?

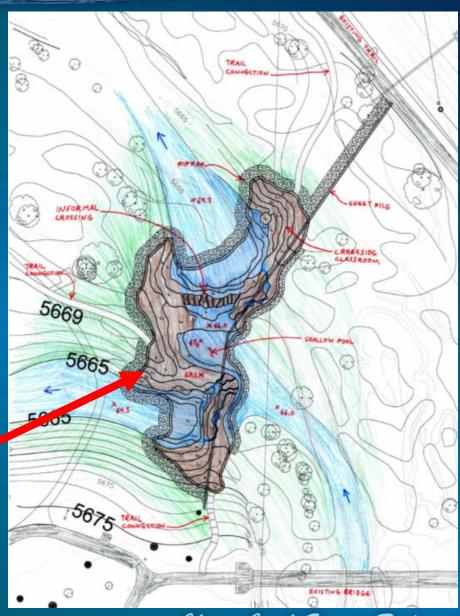
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On-budget, and worth every penny!

### **Project Funding**

Multi-purpose Design Improvements to accomplish multiple goals:

- Example 1: combined drop structure and trail crossing
- Example 2: combined drop structure and flow measuring flume
- Example 3: combined drop structure, split flow structure, trail crossing, creek-side classroom, and playscape



**Project Funding** 

					Cost Breakdown			Percentage Breakdown				
DESCRIPTION OF BID ITEM	QUANTITY	PAY UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST OF BID ITEM	Cherry Ck Channel Stabilization	Tributary Channel Stabilization	Water Quality	Education	% Cherry Ck Channel Stabilization	% Tributary Channel Stabilization	% Water Quality	% Education
Type H Void-filled Riprap (1' Riffle Drop Structure)	1,900	CY	\$70.00	\$133,000.00	\$79,800.00	\$0.00	\$39,900.00	\$13,300.00	60%	0%	30%	10%
Type H Void-filled Riprap (2' Riffle Drop Structure)	695	CY	\$70.00	\$48,650.00	\$29,190.00	\$0.00	\$14,595.00	\$4,865.00	60%	0%	30%	10%
Type H Void Filled Riprap Rundown (East Tributary)	87	CY	\$70.00	\$6,090.00	\$0.00	\$3,045.00	\$2,436.00	\$609.00	0%	50%	40%	10%
Type H Void Filled Riprap Outlet Protection (East Tributary)	235	CY	\$70.00	\$16,450.00	\$0.00	\$8,225.00	\$6,580.00	\$1,645.00	0%	50%	40%	10%
Splitter Drop Stracture - Scalpted Concrete	10,303	31	\$13.00	\$3 <del>4</del> 3,313.00	\$100,720.00	ψ0.00	\$104,734.30	\$104,734.30	<del>1</del> 0 /0	070	30 70	3070
Splitter Drop Structure - Sheet Pile	4,130	SF	\$30.00	\$123,900.00	\$49,560.00	\$0.00	\$37,170.00	\$37,170.00	40%	0%	30%	30%
Splitter Drop Structure - Buried Type M Soil Riprap	632	CY	\$60.00	\$37,920.00	\$15,168.00	\$0.00	\$11,376.00	\$11,376.00	40%	0%	30%	30%
Happy Canyon Creek Drop Structure - Sculpted Concrete	4,163	SF	\$19.00	\$79 7.00	\$0.00	\$51,413.05	\$19,774.25	\$7,909.70	0%	65%	25%	10%
Happy Canyon Creek Drop Structure - Concrete Cutoff Wall	34	CY	\$300.00	\$10,200.00	\$0.00	\$6,630.00	\$2,550.00	\$1,020.00	0%	65%	25%	10%
Happy Canyon Creek Drop Structure - Buried Type M Soil Riprap	145	CY	\$60 00	\$8,700.00	\$0.00	\$5,655.00	\$2,175.00	\$870.00	0%	65%	25%	10%
Broncos Parkway Drop Structure - Sculpted Concrete	7,653	SF	\$19.00	\$145,407.00	\$87,244.20	\$0.00	\$43,622.10	\$14,540.70	60%	0%	30%	10%
Bronc								\$12,810.00	60%	0%	30%	10%
Splitter Drop	Sh		t Pi		LITOT	t W/	11.	¢1 000 00	60%	00/-	2004	10%

40% Channel stabilization

0% Trib. Stabilization

30% Water quality

30% Education

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\$12,810.00	60%	0%	30%	10%
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\$2,052.00		0%	30%	60%
\$3,182.50		0%	30%	10%
\$540.00		0%	30%	10%
\$774.00		0%	30%	10%
\$2,820.00		0%	10%	10%
\$18,000.00	80%	0%	10%	10%

Intentional Scheduling

Proactive, get in there before its' too late!



Dying...



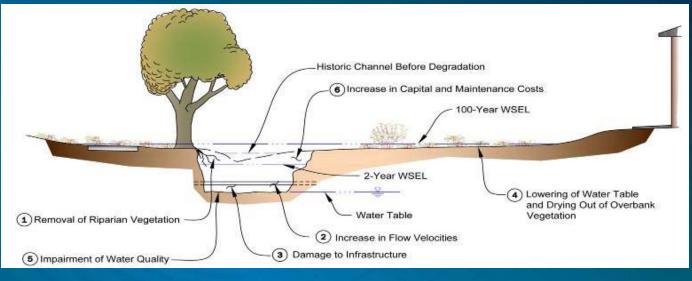
...Dead

### Intentional Scheduling

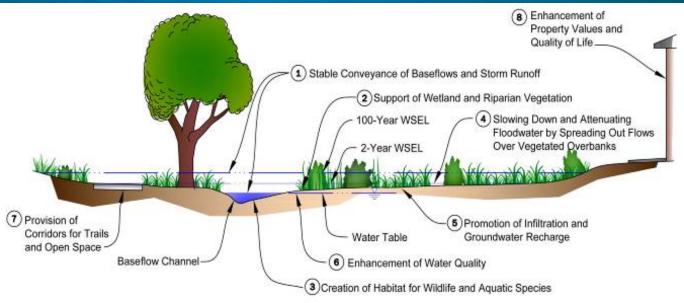
➤ January 2010 to December 2010	Preliminary Design
➤ January 2011 to June 2012	. Final Design
➤ January 2012 to June 2012	Environmental Permitting
➤ February 2012 to June 2012	. FEMA Floodplain Revision
➤ July 2012 to August 2012	Bidding/Award
>August 2012 to May 2013	. Heavy Construction
➤ March 2014 to April 2014	Supplemental Planting

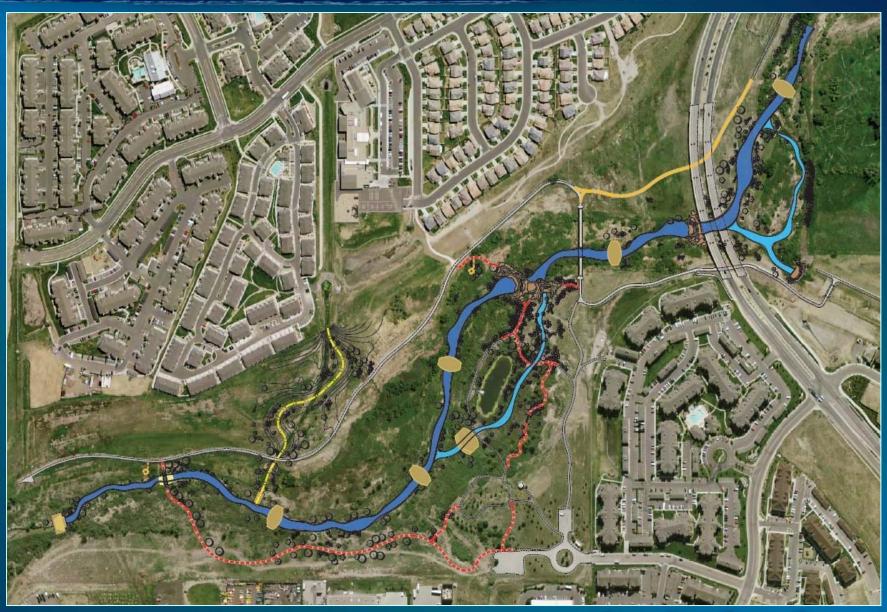


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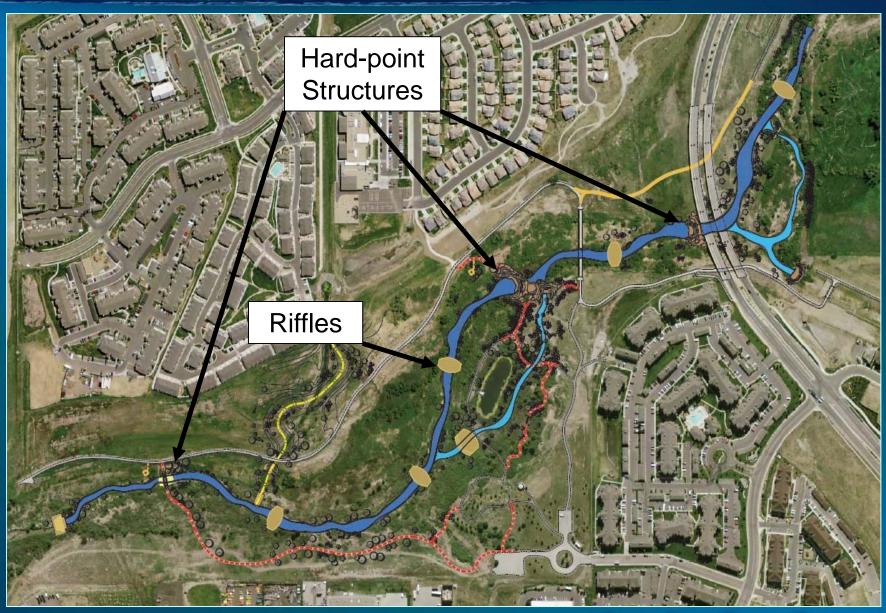


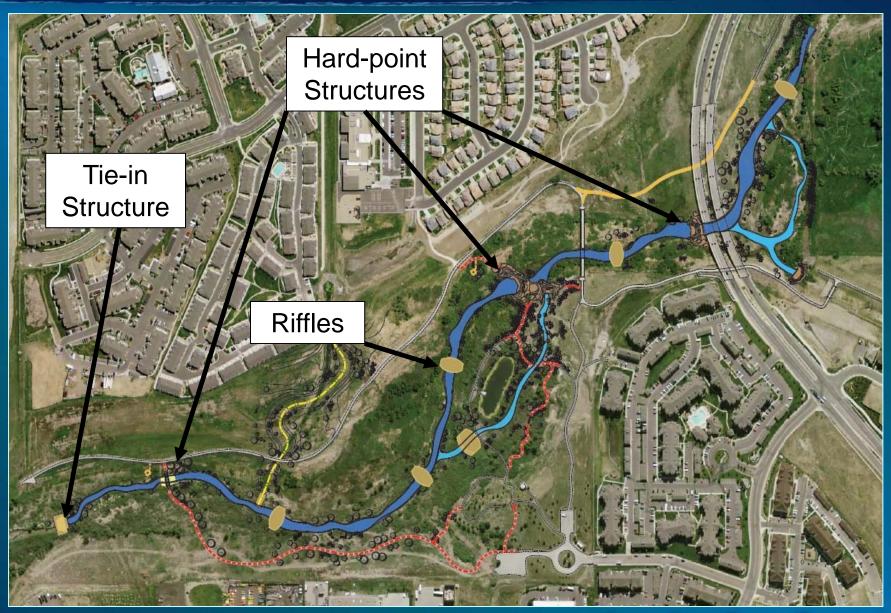
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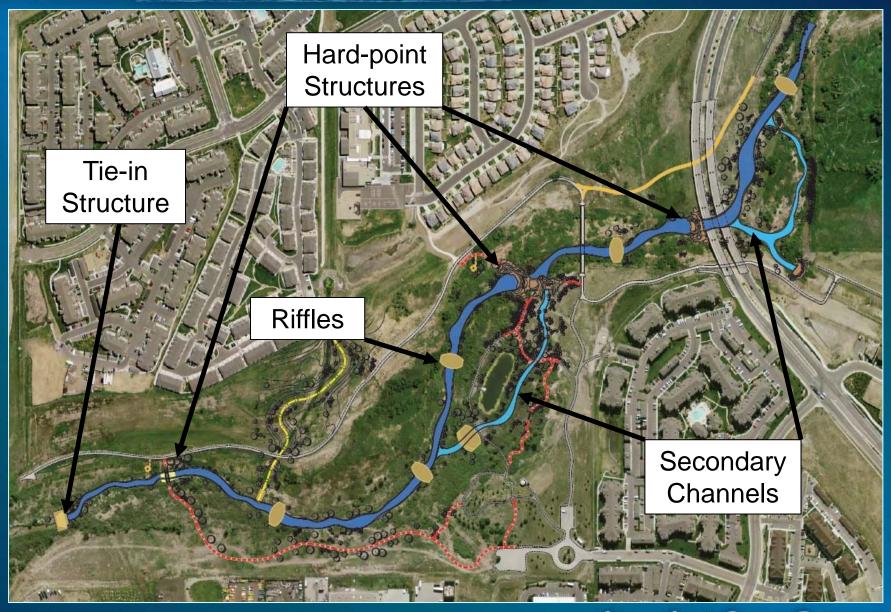




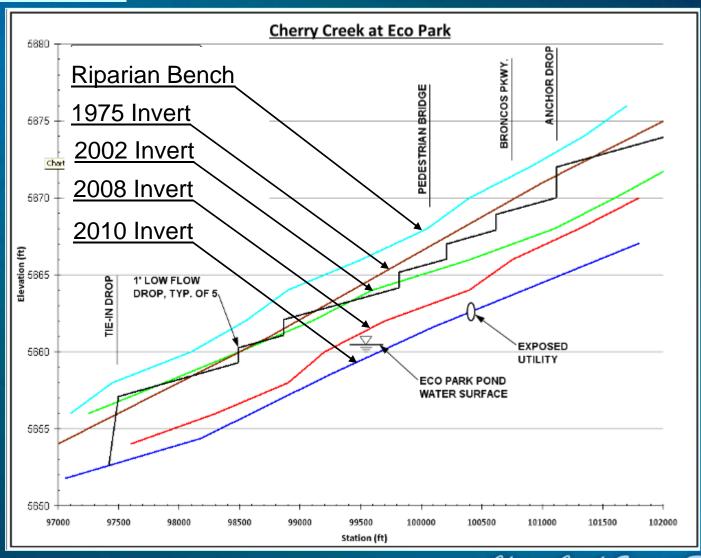






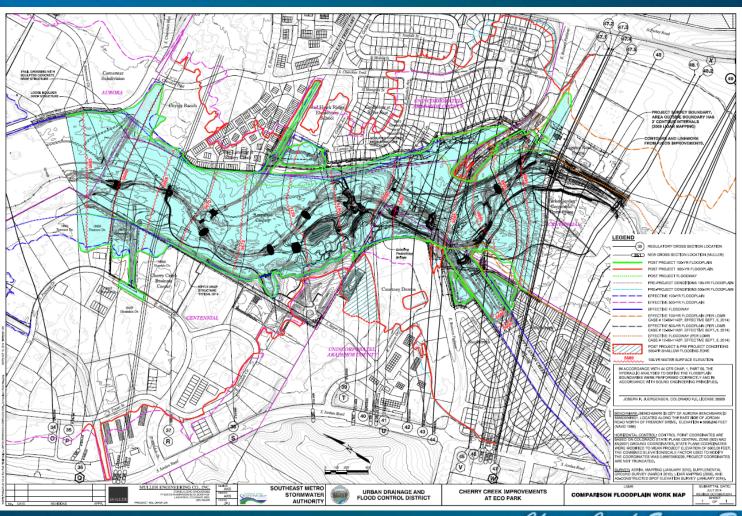


#### **Grade Control**



#### Floodplain

- > raise channel without raising FP
- improve FP in isolated locations



#### **Construction Process**





As good as it gets!!!



#### Raised Channel



Before

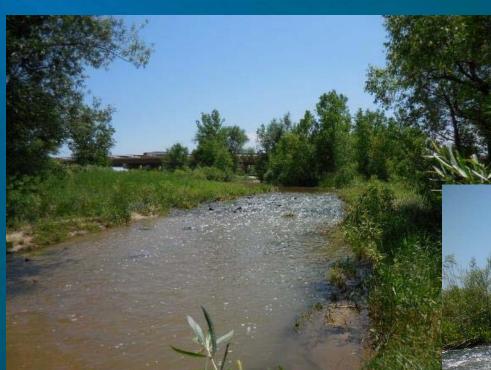
After

Riffle Structures



- Low-height
- Void-filled Riprap
- Relies on overbank veg

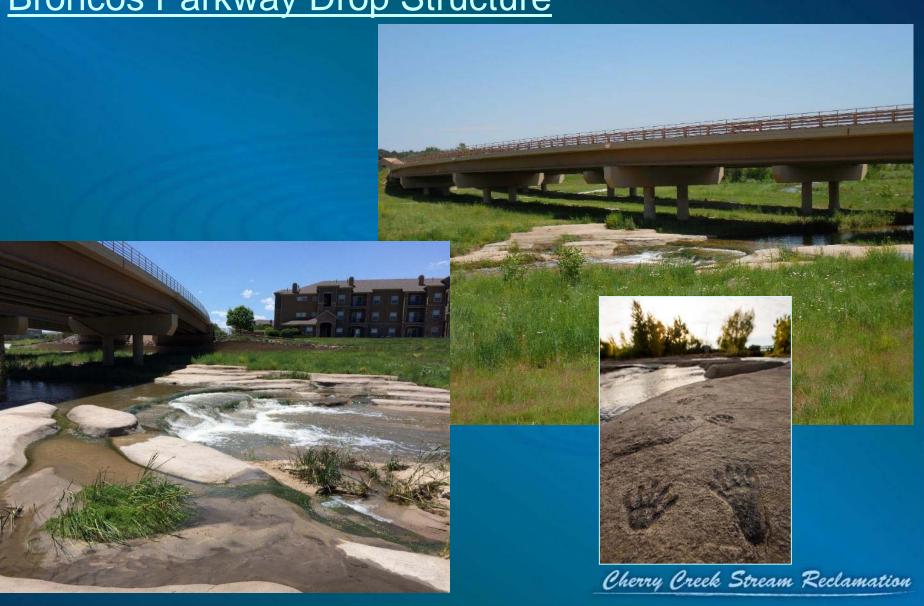
#### Riffle Structures



- Natural Look
- Caters to Fish/Wildlife
- Improves water quality
- Inexpensive



#### Broncos Parkway Drop Structure



#### Splitter Drop Structure

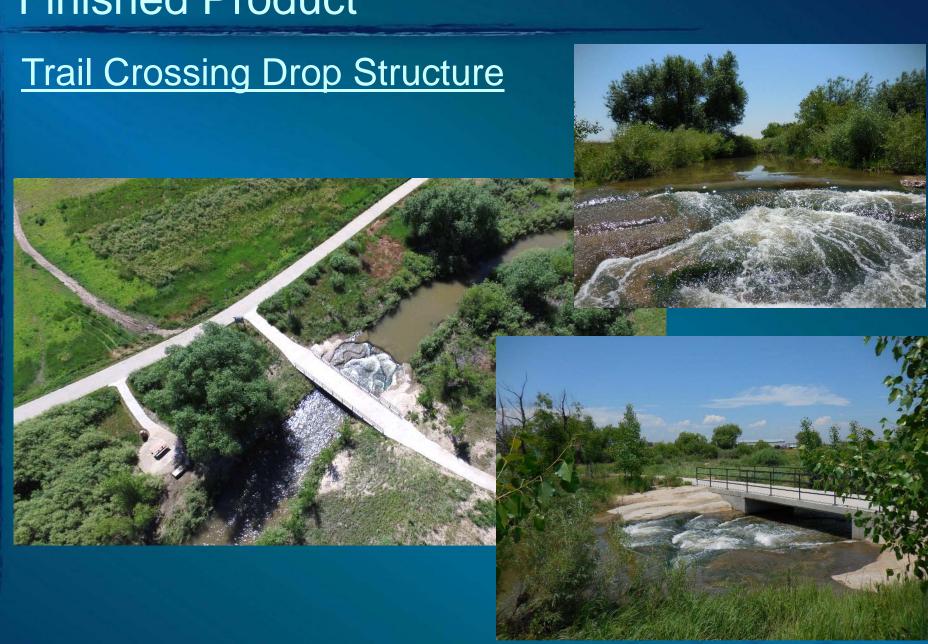


#### Splitter Drop Structure



#### Splitter Drop Structure





#### Tie-in Drop Structure / Gauging Station



#### Secondary Channels

Before





#### Secondary Channels





After

#### **Bank Protection**



Bioengineered Approach: 6,340 LF installed!

### **Pond**





Before



#### Planting Plan



- > 256 trees
- > 960 shrubs
- > 11,281 willow stakes
- > 10,315 grass plugs
- > 3925 LF willow logs
- > 28 acres of seed



# **Finished Product** Mission Accomplished!!! Improved water quality Stable/safe storm flow corridor Protected infrastructure Enhanced ecological function Enhanced educational and recreational amenities Sustainable/low maintenance stream system.

#### **Community Definition**

...a group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceiving itself as distinct from the larger society within which it exists...

#### **Healthy Community Definition**

...a community that encapsulates both the health of people and place...

#### Community with:

> stakeholders, clients, consultants, construction personnel, reviewing agencies, park users, regional trail users, students, businesses, surrounding public, wildlife, environment...

### Trails

Crusher fines (one-mile loop)

Concrete Regional



Boardwalks

#### **Amenities**



Signage

Picnic/Resting Areas



### **Amenities**







**Outdoor Classrooms** 

#### Public Involvement

- Public Meetings
- County Website Updates
- Mailings
- Email Announcements
- Flyers
- Facebook
- Elementary School Coord.
- Onsite tours
- Volunteer Efforts
- Eagle Scout Projects



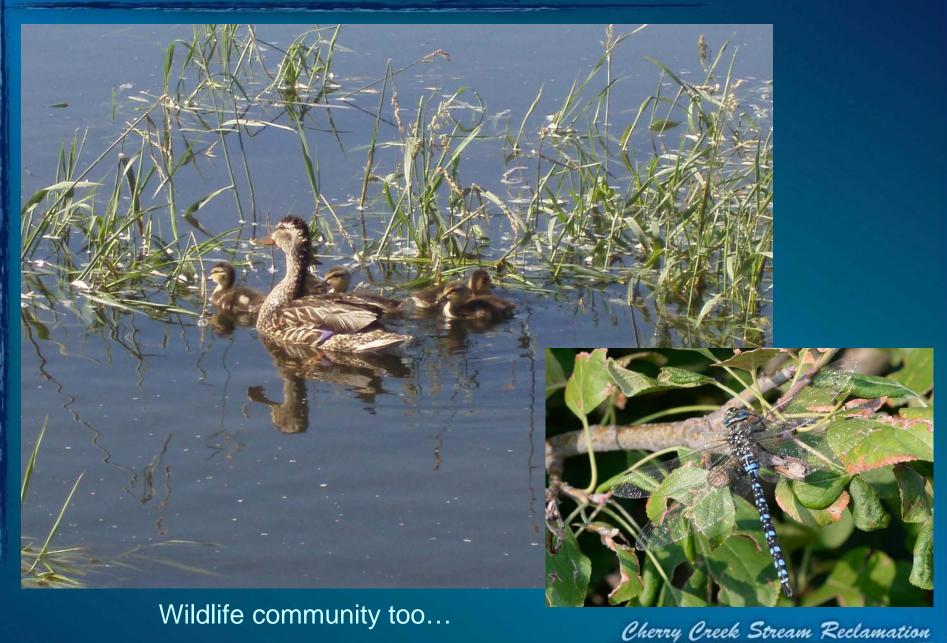
Strengthened bonds between the project and the community



Everyone matters...



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Adventure and Recreation...



Something for everyone...



Education...

Volunteering...





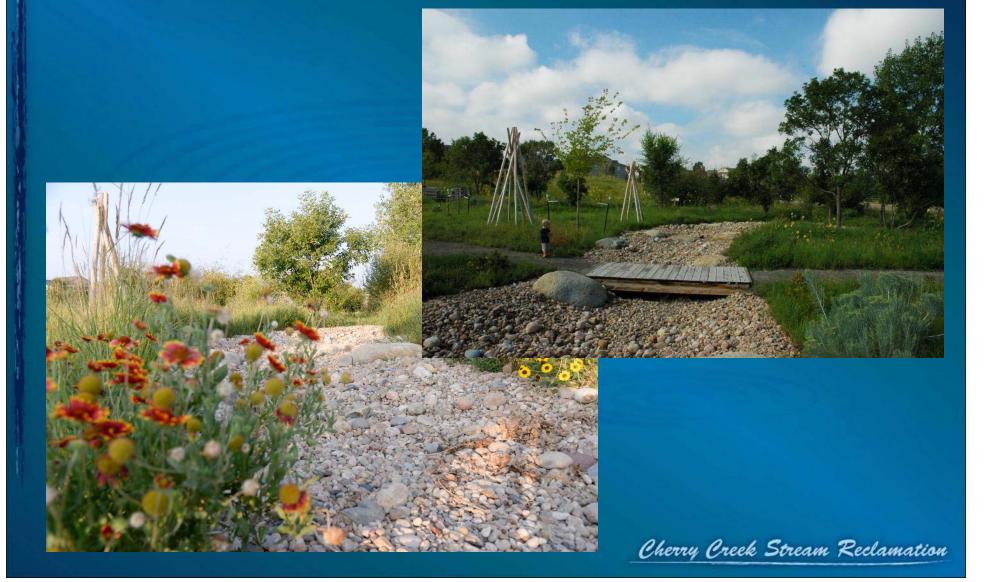
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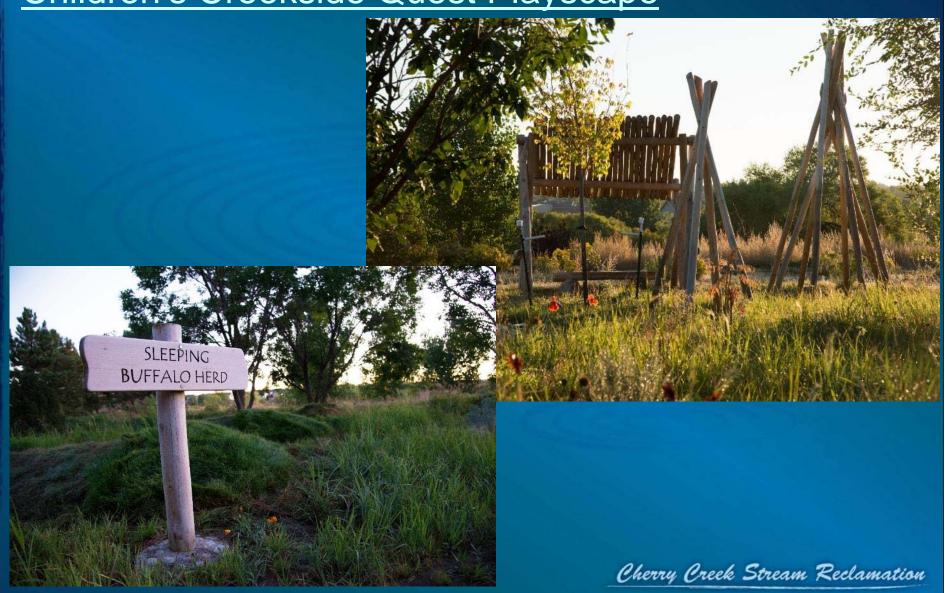
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# Virtual Tour

Video: 09-031.04 Cherry Creek at Eco Park v7.mp4



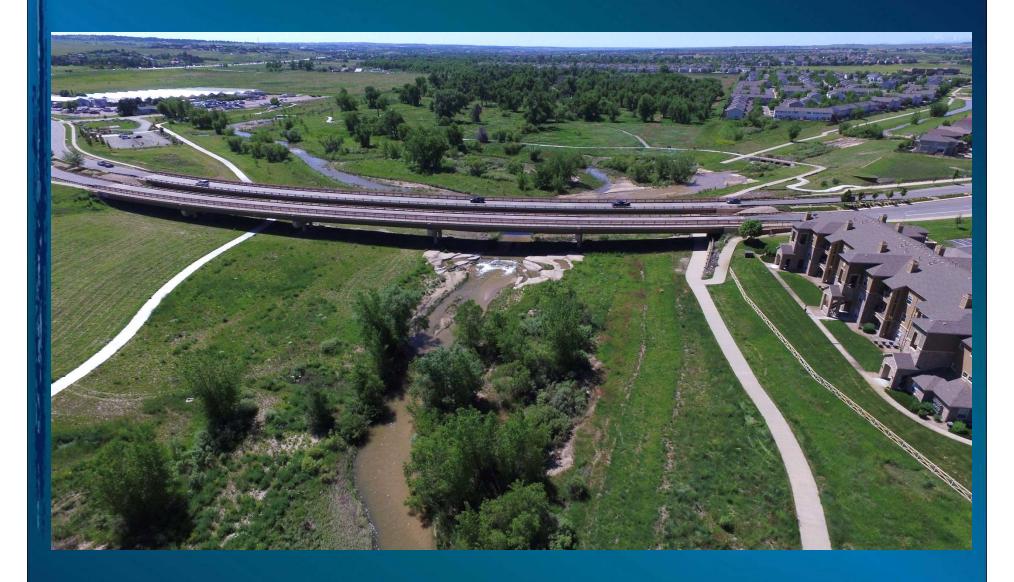






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#### Enhancement of Public Health, Safety and Welfare

- Safe stabilized channel
- Protected infrastructure
- Improved water quality
- Improved flood corridor
- Expanded educational and recreational opportunities

### **Enhancement of Surrounding Environment**

- Revitalized existing vegetation
- Extensive planting plan
- Enhanced wildlife habitat
- Fish friendly structures
- Improved water quality

### Creative, Unique, Innovative Solutions

- Multi-purpose improvements
- Variety of drop materials/techniques
- Expanded riparian/flood corridor
- Secondary channels
- Bioengineered bank protection
- Creekside Quest
- Volunteer efforts

### Multiple Objective Management

- Holistic Partnering
- Efficient dollars
- Protect infrastructure
- Improve water quality
- Safe open space
- Improved flood conveyance
- Enhance educational/recreational value
- Enhance wildlife habitat
- Provide flow monitoring

#### Problem Solutions, Budget Goals, and Time Schedule

- Survived 2013 storm
- Improvements functioning as intended
- Creative funding
- Intentional scheduling

### A Model for Other Communities and Projects

- Holistic partnering
- Healthy community
- Cost breakdown
- Dedicate wide open spaces
- Proactive implementation
- Be innovative

# Thank you

