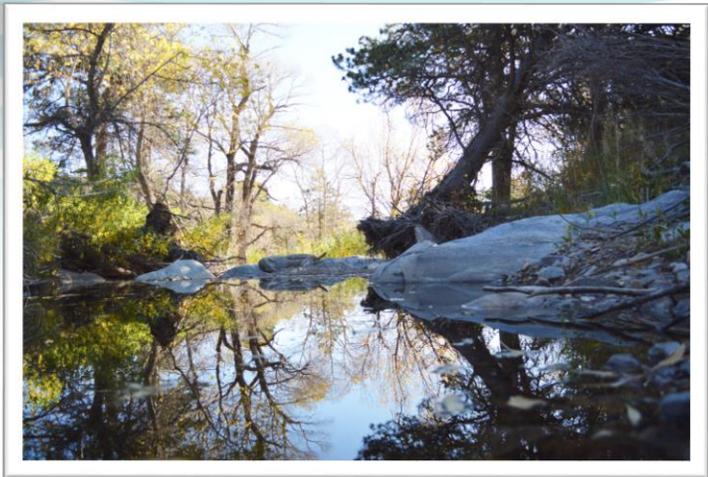


Watershed Moment

Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership Monthly Update

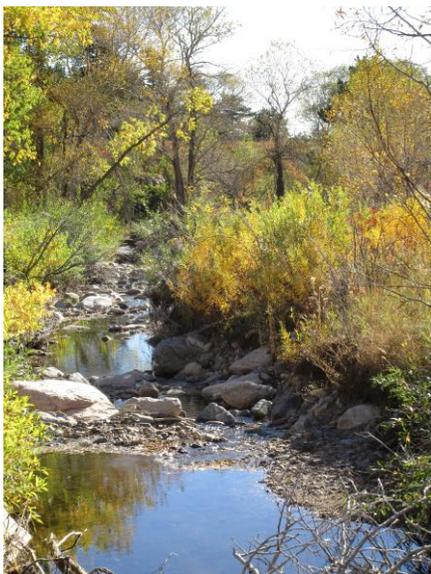


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Introducing the New Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Newsletter!

Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership (CCCWP) would like to introduce our new monthly newsletter. In this space CCCWP will update you on events, grants, and projects within Coal Creek Canyon. We hope to become a watershed resource to the canyon community and assist in providing current technical, scientific, biological, and regulatory information. We hope that this newsletter becomes a public space to discuss Coal Creek Canyon Watershed.



Save the Date!

Board Meeting
November 18
7PM-8PM
CCCIA Hall
 Public Welcome!

Public Workshop:
Floodplains
November 12
5:30PM-6:30PM
CCCIA Hall

Public Workshop:
Topic TBD
December 10
7PM-8PM
CCCIA Hall

If you have a topic you would like us to present on or want more information on please email at david@cccwp.org or call 303-586-1491.



Why is it a Watershed Moment for Coal Creek Canyon?

CCCWP decided to name our newsletter “Watershed Moment” for many reasons. We hope that you take a moment once a month to sit down, reflect and learn about your beautiful and unique watershed. CCCWP hopes to provide you with those moments of watershed education and updates.

Secondly, CCCWP feels that this moment in time is without a doubt a “watershed moment” for Coal Creek Canyon. A watershed is not only “an area that separates waters flowing to different rivers,” it is also “a time when an important change happens.” What happened in Coal Creek Canyon was devastating. Residents now have a chance to complete additional restoration activities with our assistance. Not only restore, but to make their properties more resilient through forward thinking, proper design, and infrastructure upgrades to withstand future flooding. It’s a moment to plan for the future, because this is not the first time this area has flooded, and it won’t be the last.

We have a chance to be part of a new kind of disaster relief funding. Normally after an emergency situation, federal money is spent to rebuild a structure or to put things back exactly the way they were before the emergency. In Coal Creek Canyon, there is a new kind of thought process occurring, a Watershed Moment. The idea is to start from the ground up, getting landowners involved to voice what they want done and plan preemptively for future events. When floods come again, the canyon will be better prepared and money is not constantly wasted by quick fixes and poorly designed restorations.

CCCWP asks you to join us in this moment in the Coal Creek Canyon Watershed. We ask you take a little time to do some planning for the future. Please stop in to discuss how CCCWP can help you, your home, and land become safer and resilient for the next flood.



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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10AM-4PM

Thursday 3PM-7PM

Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership Projects

CDBG-DR Planning Grant for Reach 8

This grant is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR). The 1.1 mile section described as Reach 8 is located roughly between the intersection of SH72 and Twin Spruce Road and the intersection of SH72 and Crescent Park. The objectives of this Planning Grant are to evaluate the specific flood, geomorphic, ecological, structural and human risk within Reach 8, as well as contributing drainage ways and infrastructure within the reach, and provide a preliminary design plan for the restoration of this reach. CCCWP is in the midst of an outreach campaign where every landowner and responsible party within Reach 8 is identified and contacted for their input on what they would like to see happen on their property. A landowner meeting was held on October 21, and currently a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an engineering design team is being developed by CCCWP, to be approved by landowners.

CDBG-DR Demonstration Project: Twin Spruce Junction

This project will expand upon a stream restoration demonstration project that has currently received funding from Colorado Water Conservation Board. Working with landowners, CCCWP will design and implement a watershed restoration project to complement some of the structural flood repair work conducted by CDOT. The existing post-flood channel has degraded ecological habitat as well as channel capacity. This reduced capacity puts the nearby

housing as well as the commercial developments upstream at risk of flooding in smaller storm events. The upstream expansion of this project will allow for an additional stream section to be restored and provide better access for the public with a possible area for parking and a logical safer path down to view the restored stream channel. This project is still awaiting release of grant funds

CDBG-DR Grant for Reach 12

This project is designed to add flood conveyance and flood protection for homes and properties along Beaver Creek, a tributary to Coal Creek following Twin Spruce Road, starting at Highway 72 and extending upstream to near Burke Road. Up to 21 properties will receive direct benefit from stream improvements in this area, although the entire watershed will also benefit from stabilizing these reaches tributary to Coal Creek, as well as helping to manage flow adjacent to Twin Spruce Road where emergency access is needed. CCCWP is currently in the process of contacting all landowners and holding landowner meetings in order to design and implement a plan with the interested homeowners along Beaver Creek.

MEET DAVID KAMIN

David holds a B.A. in History from Carleton College and a M.S. in Watershed Science from Colorado State University. His experience includes two years working for a large non-profit agency in Washington, D.C. and six years working in Natural Resource Management for the U.S. Forest Service and the City of Boulder. He has lots of experience working with contractors to meet community goals, and is excited to serve Coal Creek Canyon as the Watershed Coordinator. David loves to ski, hike, and play ultimate frisbee in his spare time.



MEET JACKIE DAOUST

Jackie is the Watershed Program Assistant. She holds a B.S. in Integrated Environmental Science from Johnson State College and a M.S.L in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law. Jackie grew up in Florida and New Jersey, then lived all over New England for 15 years. Her experience includes working for many small environmental nonprofits, most recently serving as the Land Steward for Mountain Area Land Trust in Evergreen, CO. She has also worked at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and in the private environmental sector. In most of these roles, she has taken on an outreach position and enjoys engaging communities to meet environmental goals. In her spare time you can find her walking everywhere with her dogs, Hall and Oates, or skiing.

